



# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

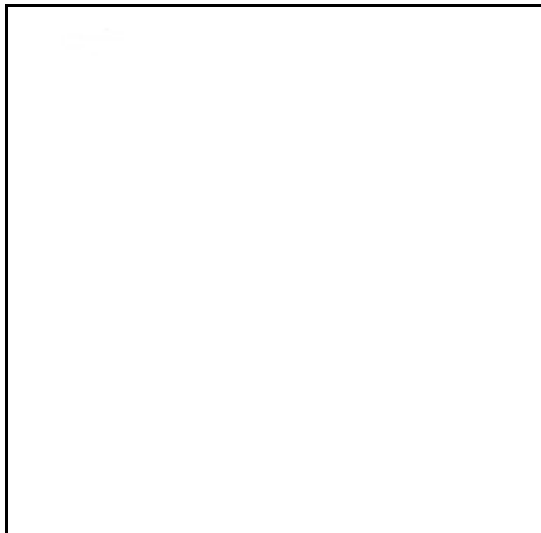
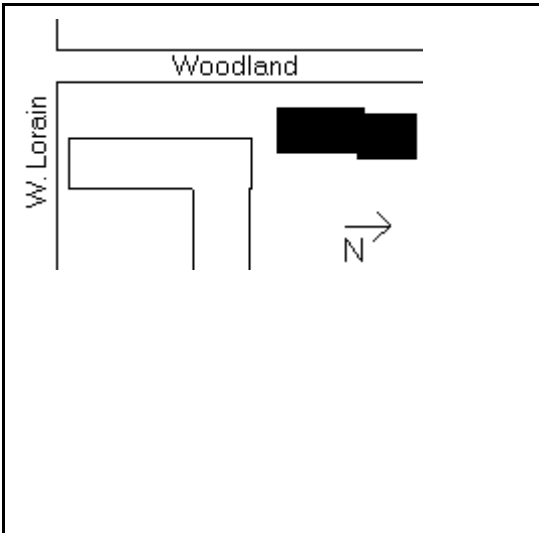
RPR Number:

1. No. <b>LOR-1931-21</b>		4. Present Name(s) <b>Barrows Hall</b>		LOR-1931-21
2. County <b>Lorain</b>		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>Barrows Hall</b>		
6. Specific Address or Location <b>145 Woodland</b>		19a. Design Sources		Lorain
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number <b>0900075106058</b>		20. Contractor or Builder		
7. City or Village <b>Oberlin</b>		21. Building Type or Plan <b>Other Building Type</b>		2. County
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: <b>Oberlin</b> <b>17 397690 4572100</b> Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent <b>Dormitory</b>		
10. Classification: <b>Building</b>		23. Present Use <b>Dormitory</b>		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
11. On National Register? <b>NO</b>		24. Ownership <b>Private</b>		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? <b>NO</b>		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known <b>Oberlin College</b>		Barrows Hall
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage <b>2.34</b>		
16. Thematic Associations: <b>College</b> <b>World War II</b>		27. Other Surveys		145 Woodland
17. Date(s) or Period <b>1956</b>		28. No. of Stories <b>Three story</b>		
17b. Alteration Date(s) <b>1999</b>		29. Basement? <b>Unknown</b>		6. Specific Address or Location
18. Style Class and Design <b>Dominant Modern Movements</b>		30. Foundation Material <b>Poured concrete</b>		
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		31. Wall Construction <b>Metal/steel frame</b>		145 Woodland
19. Architect or Engineer <b>Potter, Tyler, Martin and Roth</b>		32. Roof Type <b>Flat</b> Roof Material <b>Unknown</b>		
		33. No. of Bays <b>18</b> Side Bays <b>2</b>		145 Woodland
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) <b>Brick</b> <b>Marble</b>		
35. Plan Shape <b>Rectangular</b>				
36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: <b>17. Original/Most significant construct</b>				
17b. <b>Substantial alteration/addition</b>				
37. Window Type(s) <b>Other</b>				
38. Building Dimensions				
39. Endangered? <b>NO</b> By What?				
40. Chimney Placement <b>Off center within roof surface</b>				
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road <b>45' approx</b>				
51. Condition of Property: <b>Good/Fair</b>				
52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type  Date  Associated Activity				
53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers Historic (OHI)  Archaeological (OAI)				
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) <b>Built in 1956, this 3-story dormitory is what Virginia &amp; Lee McAlester would call 'Contemporary' style &amp; was designed by Cincinnati architects Potter, Tyler, Martin &amp; Roth. Its main/west facade originally consisted of a central portion containing the main entry flanked by 2 large, slightly-recessed north &amp; south wings. The adjacent Science Center was built in 1999 &amp; Barrows Hall's south wing was demolished, which led to its current asymmetrical layout. Located slightly off-center in the right section of the main facade, the entry includes a door of metal with a filled panel on the bottom &amp; a window on the top, surrounded by sidelights &amp; a transom, with two sheet glass windows to the left. A large, flat-roofed metal hood covers the entry, supported by one metal pole at the right front corner. Left of the hood, a brick wall with decorative, projecting brick squares partially shares its flat metal roof. Above the hood, a large vertical window with prominent metal mullions &amp; muntins stretches from the 2nd story to the roofline. To each side of the vertical window &amp; entry several columns have awning/hopper windows evenly spaced in each story; all have concrete slip continued...</b>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) <b>Constructed in 1956, Barrows Hall was designed by Potter, Tyler, Martin &amp; Roth of Cincinnati, who also served as architects for Oberlin College's Dascomb Hall (1956), South Hall (1964), and East Hall (1964). Previously on this site stood the botany department gardens and, by 1948, Botany Lane, a trailer park constructed to house the influx of students, many married, after World War II. Barrows Hall was named for Oberlin College's fifth president, John Henry Barrows (1847-1902), who served in this capacity from 1899 until his untimely death in 1902. Barrows Hall originally housed 120 students; however, in late 1999, in order to make room for Oberlin College's new Science Center (completed 2002) the south wing of Barrows, containing room for 52 students, was removed. Before this alteration, continued...</b>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) <b>This dormitory is located on a residential street, on a block with several other campus buildings. It borders North Quad to its rear (east).</b>				
45. Sources of Information <b>'Housing: Traditional Housing: Barrows Hall,' accessed http://www.oberlin.edu/reslife/housing/Hhouses/Hbarrows.html; Barrows Hall floor plan, accessed through http://www.oberlin.edu/reslife/housing/traditional.html; Gordon, Stephen C., 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus. 1992.; McAlester, Virginia and Lee. 'A Field Guide to American Houses.' Alfred K. Knopf Inc. New York. 2000.; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, continued...</b>				
46. Prepared By: <b>Laurie Stein</b>		47. Organization: <b>Oberlin Heritage Center</b>		48. Date Recorded: <b>12/02/2005</b>
49. PIR Reviewer:				50. PIR Review Date:

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:  
**Two doors asymmetrical**

Door Position:  
**Protruding**

Orientation:  
**Lateral axis**

Symmetry:  
**Repetition of bay arrangement**

Report Associated With Project:

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*42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)*

sills. A wide concrete frieze wraps around the building; the lines of its concrete blocks match the edges of the third story windows that it borders. The north wing is positioned slightly further back than the section with the main entry; its front facade is covered largely with rows of awning/hopper windows. A side entry very similar to the main one is located at left, with one row of windows between it and the corner. Sidelights with wood panels in their lower portions flank the door, which has a transom & flat metal hood above it. Above the entry, a vertical ribbon of 3 windows extends to the roofline. Atop the flat roof over the main entry, a partial 4th level used for maintenance purposes includes wood paneling topped by a chimney, a metal door & grate beneath a large hood supported by 2 metal posts. The south & north elevations of the dormitory largely mirror each other, with 2 windows in each story; the south elevation contains a side door with a square window on the left in place of a window on the 1st level. The east elevation faces North Quad & includes a large projecting entry located off-center in the main section. The door is similar to the other entrances: glass & metal surrounded by transom & sidelights above filled panels. Marble posts flank the entry, with ribbons of windows above filled panels to each side. A flat metal hood tops this entry, framed by brick pillars at each end that extend upwards to the roofline. Inside the pillars above the entry are ribbons of windows with a large marble slab in the center. 2 large bays of brick with rows of windows flank the entry - the windows closest to the corners of this main wing are smaller, only awnings without hoppers. The north wing, positioned a few feet forward in this elevation, contains rows of windows in each elevation. In the center, a large vertical marble slab stretches between the three stories, flanked by a window on either side.

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one of Oberlin College's all-female halls and a 'freshman experience' hall had been located in Barrows. In 1997, Barrows had a moment of fame as the setting for a pivotal scene in the movie *Edge of Seventeen*, which tells the story of a young man coming to terms with his homosexuality. The scene proper is set in the Ohio State University of the 1980s, but Barrows room 115 was chosen for the part because, according to the film's line produce Craig Shepherd, '[I]t feels like jail. It's absolutely perfect.' Today, Barrows has 93 rooms and houses 168 students, all freshmen. Its first floor is divided into single-gender sections; the second and third floors are co-educational with single sex rooms.

*44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con't)*

*45. Sources (Con't)*

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