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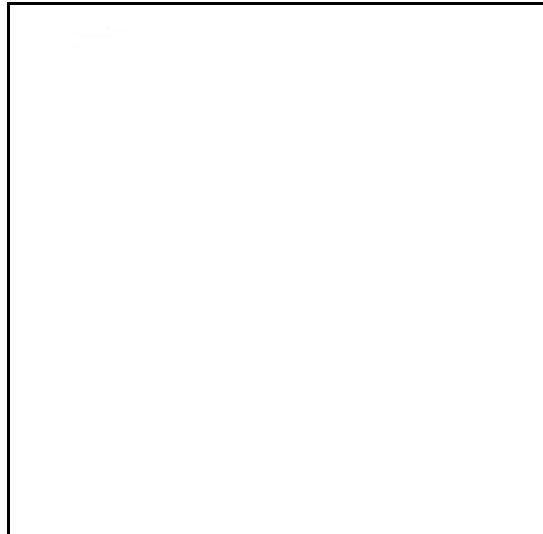
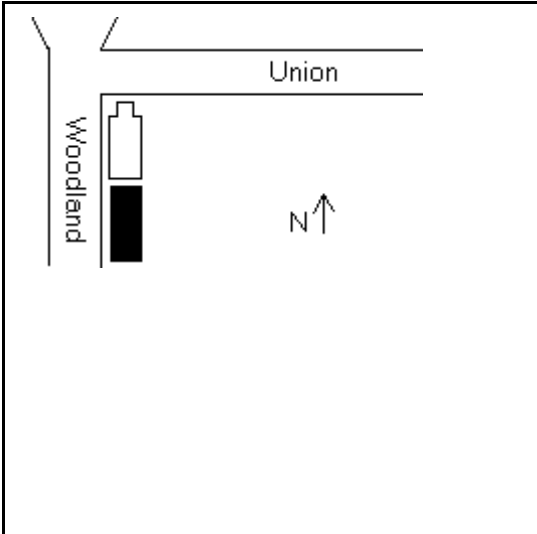
RPR Number:

1. No. LOR-1935-21		4. Present Name(s) Noah Hall		LOR-1935-21
2. County Lorain		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Noah Hall		
6. Specific Address or Location 167 Woodland		19a. Design Sources		Lorain
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900075106014		20. Contractor or Builder Crowell & Little		
7. City or Village Oberlin		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type		2. County
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 397690 4572182 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Dormitory		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use Dormitory		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
11. On National Register? NO		24. Ownership Private		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Oberlin College		Noah Hall
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage 1.64		
16. Thematic Associations: College		27. Other Surveys		6. Specific Address or Location
17. Date(s) or Period 1932		28. No. of Stories Three and a half story		
18. Style Class and Design Dominant Georgian Revival		29. Basement? Yes		167 Woodland
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material Stone bearing		
19. Architect or Engineer C. W. Frank		31. Wall Construction Metal/steel frame		167 Woodland
		32. Roof Type Cross gable Roof Material Slate		
		33. No. of Bays 15 Side Bays 3		167 Woodland
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Brick Stone		
		35. Plan Shape Rectangular		167 Woodland
		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct		
		37. Window Type(s) 8 over 8		167 Woodland
		38. Building Dimensions 172' x 44'		
		39. Endangered? NO By What?		167 Woodland
		40. Chimney Placement Three or more chimneys		
		41. Distance from & Frontage on Road 60' approx		167 Woodland
		51. Condition of Property: Excellent		
		52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type		167 Woodland
		Date		
		Associated Activity		167 Woodland
		53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers Historic (OHI)		
		Archaeological (OAI)		167 Woodland
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)				
<p>Architect C.W. Frank designed this Georgian Revival college residential hall, built in 1932. The main/west elevation contains a central entry & features an entablature & fluted pilasters. Metal sconces flank the door & stone steps with iron railings lead up to the door. A broken, segmental arched pediment is above the door with an urn at the center; the pediment has dentil molding. 8/8 double hung windows are located at the 2nd & 3rd stories above the entry. The bay closest to the window features a pair of 6/6 double hung windows at the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd stories. The next bay has 2 sets of single 6/6 double hung windows at all 3 stories, followed by another pair of 6/6 double hung windows at each story. The 3 far bays sit below the front-facing gabled sections, which jut out slightly & have stone quoins at their corners. The 1st & 2nd story windows in this gabled portion are 8/8 double hung. The 2nd story has 8/12 double hung windows. The gables have oval windows with decorative, wide wood surrounds & sliding windows. The entire perimeter of the building has an entablature & modillions below the eaves. The gables have full cornice returns with modillions below the continued...</p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p>Noah Hall, originally a men's dormitory, was built in 1932 in a residential neighborhood; the original structures on this lot were private residences. Noah was the first building of 'Men's Campus,' a planned half-block of men's residential buildings intended to attract men to on-campus residence and to 'stimulate scholarly ambition and to create an active masculine social atmosphere.' However, due to the financial hardships of the 1930s, Noah was one of only two planned Men's Campus buildings actually constructed and the only one completed before World War II (the other, Burton Hall, was constructed in 1946). The total cost of construction of Noah Hall was \$166,000, \$100,000 of which was given by rubber manufacturer Andrew H. Noah of Akron, OH, for whom it is named. Noah had also served</p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p>This dormitory is located in an area of Oberlin owned by Oberlin College and is surrounded by other college buildings.</p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p>Jones, Tristan, 'ResLife will allow co-ed rooming in Noah,' The Oberlin Review, 2005-03-19; 'Housing: Traditional Housing: Noah Hall,' accessed http://www.oberlin.edu/reslife/housing/Hhouses/Hnoah.html; '82. Andrew Hale Noah Hall (1932-),' Oberlin College Archives On-Line, available http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/resources/photoguide/noah_hall.html; Blodgett, Geoffrey, 'Oberlin Architecture, College and Town: A Guide to Social History,' Oberlin College, 1985.; Gordon, Stephen C., 'How to continued...</p>				
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single centered

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Multiple facade orientation

Symmetry:
Repetition of bay arrangement

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #:



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

cornice & the gable. In the portion of the facade between the 2 front-facing gables, 9 dormers sit in the roof & have segmental arched roofs, with shingled sides & standing seam metal roofs. The dormer windows are 8/8 double hung. The upper sashes arch with the dormer roofs. All windows have stone slip sills & vertical brick lintels that fan out towards the outer corners of the windows. The east elevation is nearly identical to the west. The far, front-facing gabled sections at the left & right are identical to those in the west elevation. The main discrepancy exists in the entries. The east elevation contains 2 entries that have metal railings at each side. The entries are located towards the left & right & each has a broken gabled pediment with an urn detail above, dentil molding, a frieze, & fluted pilasters. The doors are aluminum & glass with 1 sidelight & transom. 4/4 double hung windows flank each door & 6/6 double hung windows are located above the entries at the 2nd & 3rd stories. At the side of each door, closest to the gabled sections, each story has pairs of 6/6 double hung windows. At the side of each door closest to the opposite door, there is another pair of 6/6 double hung windows. At the very center of the elevation, each story has a single 8/8 double hung windows. 7 dormers identical to all other dormers in the building are situated in the roof. The exception is the 2 dormers above the entries, which have pairs of 2/2 double hung windows with wide mullions. The south & north elevations are identical. They each feature a central entry with a gabled pediment above a decorative frieze & fluted pilasters flank each entry. 8/8 double hung windows are located at the left & right of the door. At the 2nd story, an 8/8 double hung window is located at the center with an 8/12 double hung window to the left & right. The 3rd story has 3 8/8 double hung windows. 3 dormers in the roof are identical to those at the west elevation. Smooth stone quoins are located at the corners of this elevation & modillions are located below the eaves.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

on the Oberlin College Board of Trustees for seven years at the time of Noah Hall's construction. The architect was C. W. Frank, also of Akron, OH; the building was constructed by Crowell and Little of Cleveland, OH. It originally housed 85 men; today it houses 97 co-ed students, mostly upperclassmen. Beginning in the 2004-2005 academic year, Noah became the first and only residence hall offering co-educational rooms, as requested primarily by students who identify as transgendered or gender neutral.

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

45. Sources (Con't)

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, <http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml>, Accessed 2005; Baumann, Roland M, Jessica G. Broadwell, and Michael Morgenstern, compilers, Roland M. Baumann, general editor, 'Architecture of the Oberlin College Campus,' available <http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/resources/architecture/index.html>.