Second Poultry Farm
Herrick Archives Number H 315/322

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

Explanatory Note:

The first poultry farm is covered by a report on Buildings H 230/32. It was located on the west bank of the river directly across from the Stadium.

In response to a state appropriation of $40,000, the Board of Trustees on June 12, 1925 authorized Cabinet to prepare plans for what is here referred to as the second poultry farm. It fronted on Olentangy River Road opposite the Fawcett Center for Tomorrow (Building 254) and extend westward to North Fyffe Road.

It included Building H 230/32 which were moved from their original position on the river bank. These buildings are now known as Building 249 and 250.

The second poultry farm also included, in addition to a number of movable structures, the following new buildings.

H 315 - Farm Flock House No. 1
H 316 - Commercial Flock House
H 317 - Poultry Practice House
H 318 - Jamesway House
H 319/22 - Four laying houses

1. Name

1.1 Never officially named by Board of Trustees action.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

   H 315 - Power Plant, Veterans Emergency Housing (see report H 458)

   No other names noted, except as listed in note above.

2. Location

2.1 Located on west side of Olentangy River Road. See map below.

   See Addendum No. 2

2.2 No street numbers have been noted for any of these buildings, but they would have been odd numbers in the 2400 block of Olentangy River Road or Columbus-Delaware Pike, as it was then known.

   See Addendum No. 1
3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

All wood frame and exterior, except H 315 had stucco exterior.

3.2 No. of Stories

H 315 - basement and two stories.
H 316 - mostly one story. A two-story section at east end.
H 317 - mostly one story. A two-story section at east end.
H 318 - one story
H 319/22 - one story

3.3 Increments of construction:

No additions noted.

3.4 Dimensions and areas of buildings are taken from plans and maps and miscellaneous records in the University Architect's office.

H 315 - 30’2” x 30’2” 13,800 cubic feet
H 316 - 25’ x 140’ 68,400 cubic feet
H 317 - 25’ x 140’ --
H 318 - 18’ x 56’ 7,560 cubic feet
H 319/22 - Each building was 16’ square

B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTIONS

1. All buildings were planned by Joseph K. Bradford, University Architect, in accordance with instructions
2. Available information for plan approval, bidding, letting and completion is as follows:

   H315 - Plans approved October 16, 1925.
   Bid date - December 2, 1925 (T)
   Contract awarded December 14, 1925 to E. J. Lesher for $3287
   Final estimate July 6, 1925 (A)

   H316 - Plans approved July 6, 1935

   H317 Bid date - August 11, 1925
   Contracts awarded August 17, 1925 to E. Elford for $13,355
   First and final estimate - October 26, 1925 (A)

   H318 - Probably no plan approval, since this was designed by the manufacturer.
   Bids on October 15, 1925 (McC4:258)
   Board of Trustees on October 16, 1925 authorised as order to E. Elford for $2483 to con-
   struct the building.

   H319/- Plans approved October 16, 1925

   Bids on October 15, 1925 (McC4:258)
   Board authorized order for four buildings at $665 each to E. Elford.
   The special order was dated October 21, 1925 for $2516.
   No explanation was noted for the discrepancy between $2516 and the authorized $2660 (4 x $665)

3. Completion dates:

   3.1 Final estimates reported above indicate that H 315/17 were completed during 1925. The Lantern
   (September 26, 1925) reported that they were constructed during the summer and would be ready
   within a week.

   3.2 The special orders for H 318/22 were issued on October 21, 1925. These buildings was of such
   size and nature that they would have been completed in 1925; and it would have been to the con-
   tractors advantage to complete them along with H 316/17. No record of completion dates has
   been noted.

   3.3 These facts indicate that construction was largely completed in 1925, but with the possibility
   that some was completed in 1926.

   3.4 The Agricultural Student (32:158 - February 1926) reported that several large poultry houses
   had been completed and were then in use.

   3.5 Business Office reports first list the “Poultry Plant (new)” in 1925-26.

   C. COST

   First listed at $26,441.26 in 1925-26. This had increase to $29,502.37 by June 30, 1929(B).

   D. DISPOSITION

   H 315 - Partially burned September 19, 1946 (M38:27 - October 1946). Became power plant for Veterans
   Emergency Housing (H 458). Demolished in summer of 1965 (see H 458, Addendum No. 1).

   H 316 - Now incorporated in Buildings 240 and 241.
H 317 - Now part of Building 240
H 318 - Now part of Building 241
H 319/22 - Now part of Building 241

See report for Building 240 and 241 for date of moving and present placement of H 316/22.

E. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:
   X2670 (H 315)
   X13936 (H 316 and H 317)
   X2669 (H 318)
   X2668 (H 319/22)
   X1008 (A 1929 aerial view of the whole campus including the poultry farm)

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ADDENDUM NO. 1

Addresses arbitrarily assigned for indexing purposes:

H 315: 2338 Fyffe Road
H 316: 2491 Olentangy River Road
H 317: 2381 Olentangy River Road
H 318: 2491 Oleatangy River Road
H 319: 2491 Olentangy River Road
E 320: 2481 Olentangy River Road
H 321: 2391 Olentangy River Road
n 322: 2381 Olentangy River Road

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ADDENDUM NO. 2

Building H 315 appears on the July, 1963 revision of Sheet 44 in the book of campus maps in the University Archives.

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