

Kinnear Road Research Center

Herrick Archives Number 073

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1. 1 This and related buildings were officially named "Ohio State University Research Center" by Board of Trustees on April 11, 1955. This action covered "present and projected facilities" at this location.

1. 2 Alternate names noted:

Rockwell Plant

Rockwell Manufacturing Co.

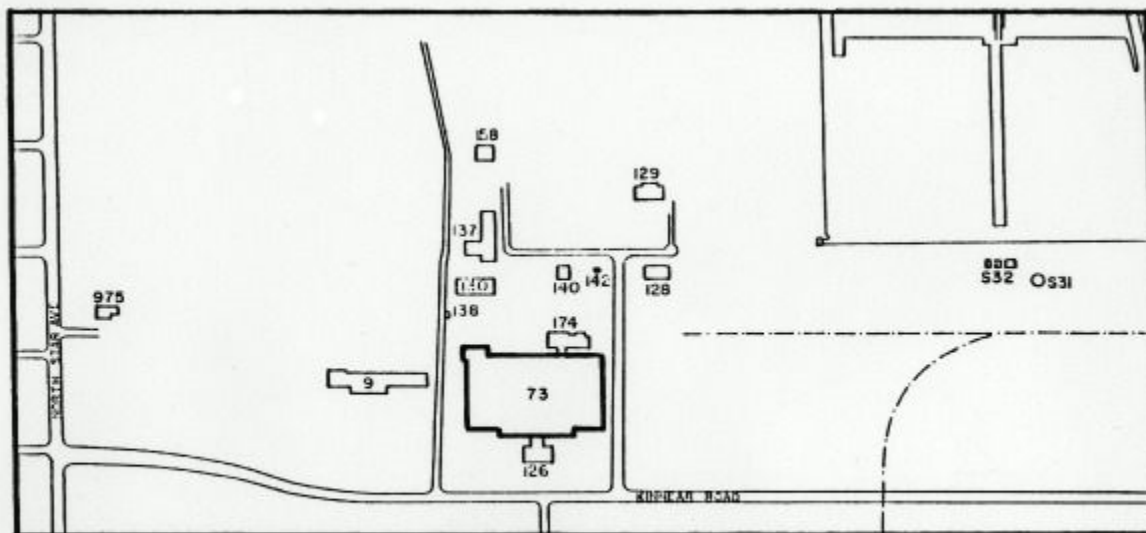
Ohlen Bishop Manufacturing Co.

See Addenda Nos. 1, 3

2. Location

2.1 Located at 1314 Kinnear Road. See map below.

2.2 For greater detail, see Sheets 88 and 89 in the book of campus maps in the University Archives.



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

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3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

Steel frame with brick exterior on front and two sides; concrete block on rear.

3.2 No. of stories:

One, but with numerous mezzanines.

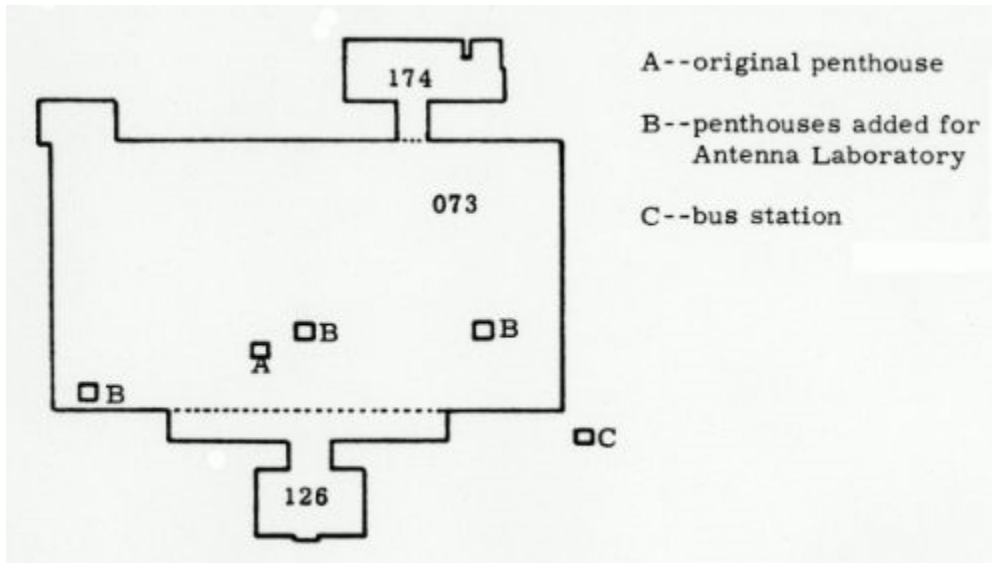
3.3 Increments of construction:

Enlarged three times as follows:

3.3.1 Addition of Animal House (see Building 174).

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3.3.3 Addition of three penthouses for Antenna Laboratory (see below).



3.4 Present area of building as shown in inventory records of Division of Campus Planning:

114,708 square feet gross; 71,928 square feet net assignable

See Addendum No. 2

3.5 Volume of building:

1,776,536 cubic feet (PP)

B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

1. This building was originally constructed as a factory building for the Ohlen Bishop Manufacturing Co. The original plans prepared by Sims, Cornelius & Schooley (Job 4602) are in the University Architect's vault, and are dated December 24, 1947. The parking plan is dated March 15, 1949, which may suggest a completion date.

2. The property was conveyed to the State of Ohio by special warranty deed executed May 13, 1954 by the Rockwell Manufacturing Co. for a consideration of \$1,082,000.00 (Deed Book 1809, p. 504). The property conveyed by this deed included Building 073 (and the bus station), the Research Foundation (Bldg. 126), the Power House (Bldg 130), and the Paint House (Bldg. 138).

C. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION--ADDITIONS

1. See Building 174 for Animal House and addition to same.
2. Project 5512 of the University Architect involved considerable remodeling of this building and the construction of all or parts of Buildings 128, 129, 140, and 174. See separate reports for these buildings.
3. On September 7, 1959 the Board of Trustees approved plans for the three penthouses, and requested the Research Foundation to proceed with the project. Bids were received on October 15, 1959 (A). The low bidders shown on the tabulation sheet in the Architect's files were:

General: E. J. Will & Co.

Heating: Campbell Plumbing Co.

Electric: Electric Power & Equipment

No records have been found relative to award of contracts, completion of project, etc., but Associate Director Fouty, of the ElectroScience Laboratory recalls that these penthouses were in use by late 1960 or early 1961.

These penthouses were designed by W. E. Linch.

D. COST

See Part B for purchase price. Substantial costs for alterations and additions have been incurred. As of June 30, 1972 the University Research Center was listed at \$2,514,172.92, but this includes several other buildings at this location. A separate figure for Building 073 is not available.

E. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 7797

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X 7873

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July 5, 1973

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Inspection of old campus maps reveals the following additional name for this building:

University Research Center

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November 13, 1979

ADDENDUM NO. 2

Campus Planning records now show the net assignable area of this building as 72,589 square feet.

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November 7, 1984

ADDENDUM NO. 3

This building is now carried in Campus Planning records as Research Center. The official name remains "Ohio State University Research Center."

John H. Herrick
August 26, 1986