

Oxley Hall

Herrick Archives Number 102

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1.1 Officially named "Oxley Hall" by Board of Trustees on November 20, 1908. No explanation of name in Board minutes. McCracken reports that the name chosen was President Thompson's middle name and the maiden name of President Thompson's mother. (McCracken 2:148)

1.2 Alternate names noted:

During planning, the building was variously referred to as "Women's Dormitory, " "Girls' Dormitory, " "Woman's Dormitory," and "Woman's Building." It was constructed under the name "Oxley Hall." Later the students referred to the building as the "Ladies Dorm" or "The Dorm." (L 9/27/11)

All of the dormitories south of West 12th Avenue are frequently referred to as the "South Dorms."
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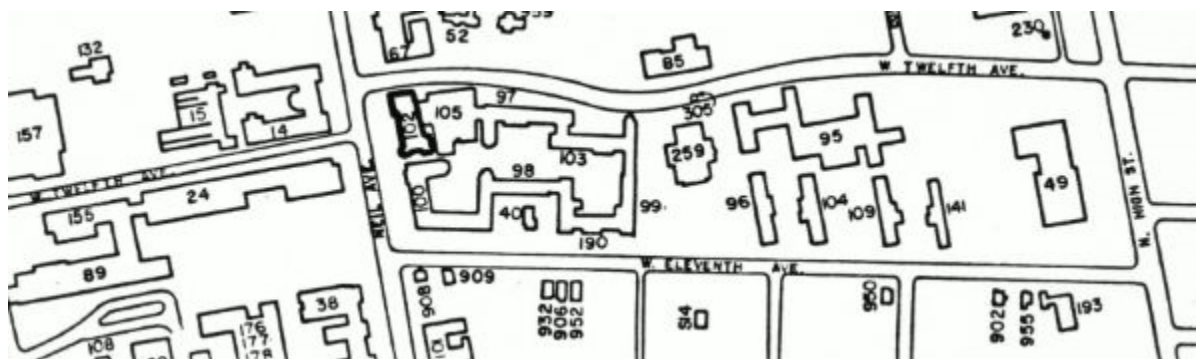
See Addenda Nos. 3, 4

2. Location

2.1 Located at 1712 Neil Avenue. See map below.

See Addendum No. 1

2.2 For greater detail, see Sheet 110 in the book of campus maps in the University Archives.



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

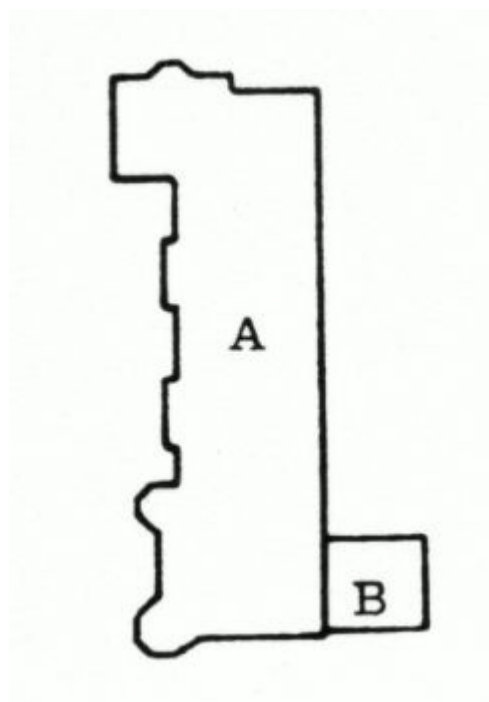
Wood frame with brick exterior.

3.2 No. of stories:

Basement and three stories.

3.3 Increments of construction:

Built in two stages. See sketch.



A--original building B--addition

See Addendum No. 2

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

34, 112 sq. ft. gross; 17,092 sq. ft. net assignable

3.5 McCracken (2:284) lists the volume of this building at 387,000 cubic feet. It is currently listed at 376,000 cubic feet (PP).

B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION-ORIGINAL BUILDING

1. On March 15, 1907 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by Miss Kenyon Hayden and Wilbur T. Mills and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.
2. Bids were received on April 17, 1907 (T). These bids were over the estimates.
3. Revised plans were approved by the Board of Trustees on May 14, 1907 and the solicitation of new bids was mandated.
4. The May 14, 1907 plans were not approved by the State Building Commission, because they did not provide a complete building. At a special meeting on May 28, 1907, the Board instructed the architects to make certain revisions.
5. On June 26, 1907 the Board approved the revised plans and authorized the solicitation of bids.
6. Bids on the revised plans were received on August 6, 1907 (T).
7. On August 7, 1907 the Board of Trustees awarded contracts to the following contractors:

General: E. K. Hibbs
Electrical: McMaster Electric
Construction Co. Plumbing: Huffman-Conklin Co.

8. On August 7, 1907 the award of the heating contract was deferred. This contract was awarded to Evans, Almirall & Co. on February 29, 1908.

9. Completion and occupancy: Students moved into the building the week of September 21, 1908 (L 9/22/08).

The Board of Trustees accepted the building on October 9, 1908 after assessing a penalty of \$135 against the general contractor for late completion of his work.

C. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION-ADDITION

The Board of Trustees on September 26, 1911 awarded a contract to F. M. Howard for the construction of an enclosed sun parlor or porch in accordance with his proposal of September 21, 1911.

Work on this addition began on October 2, 1911 (L 10/4/11). The porch was ready for use in connection with a dance on November 3, 1911 (L 11/8/11).

D. COST

1. Business Office reports show cost of \$63,159.35 for this building on June 30, 1910.

2. During 1911-12, the year the sun parlor was added, the cost increased by \$3,331.50 to a new total of \$66,490.85.

3. Internal improvements added \$23,817.00 in 1946-48; \$65,564.16 in 1952-53; and \$43,754.20 in 1968-69. The nature of these improvements has not been investigated. The building was listed at \$199,626.21 in 1969-70.

E. MISCELLANEOUS

The building as originally conceived was a "Woman's Building" with more than dormitory facilities. The Board of Trustees on November 22, 1906 decided to use the entire appropriation for the dormitory portion. Pomerene Hall (067) provided the other facilities some years later.

The building was closed for remodeling at the end of the Winter Quarter 1949 (R 48-49: 16) and was reopened January 24, 1953 (L 1/26/53).

The building served as a dormitory until 1966. Its use for research purposes by the Research Foundation was approved by the Board of Trustees on December 8, 1966.

F. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 2141--from west

John H. Herrick

April 19, 1972

ADDENDUM NO. 1

A November, 1962 list in the Office of Campus Planning gives 1726 Neil as the address of Oxley Terrace, which was a tearoom in the north end of the ground floor operated by the School of Home Economics. The space was later used for offices and the same address (1726) was continued in use.

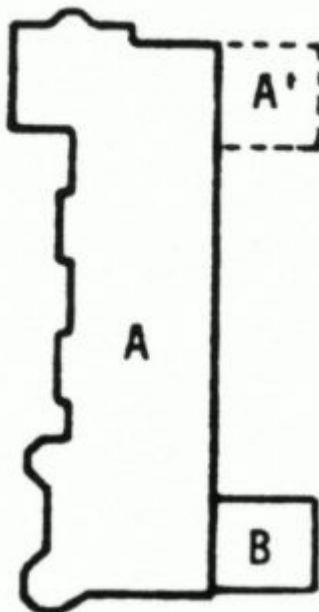
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ADDENDUM NO. 2

The original building included a two-story unit at the north end of the east side. It extended approximately 28 feet to the east and had a north-south dimension of about 34'.

The sketch below includes this wing (as A') and is a revision of the sketch on the second page of this report.



This wing was removed, probably in 1953, when the west addition to Building 105 was constructed.

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June 5, 1978

ADDENDUM NO. 3

A sign now in front of this building reads "Off-Campus Student Center."

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August 14, 1980

ADDENDUM NO. 4

The Lantern on February 3, 1909 referred to a weather station on top of the "New Hayden Building," presumably meaning Building 102.

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September 24, 1981

ADDENDUM NO. 5

On March 2, 1990 the Board of Trustees adopted the plan to rehabilitate Oxley Hall. This included:

- Updating the mechanical system
- Adding handicap accessibility
- Providing safety code updates
- Modernization of sprinkler system
- New windows and exterior doors
- Paint, floor coverings, and some new ceilings

Total Project Cost: \$

Contracts Awarded as follows:

- General: Gunton Corp., Bedfore Hts., Ohio
- Masonry Improvements: Landmark NC, Dublin, Ohio

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September 24, 1981