

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
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1. No.	2. County LOR	4. Present Name(s) King Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Coded
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Ctr.		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Henry Churchill King Memorial Building	
Roll #	Exp. #		Facing
7	11		
7	13		

6. Specific Address or Location 10 North Professor Street	17. Date(s) or Period 1965	17b. Alteration Date(s)	30. Foundation Material Unknown
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900-085-106-052	18. Style or Design New Formalism	High Style <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elements <input type="checkbox"/>	31. Wall Construction Metal/Steel Frame
7. City or Village Oberlin	18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		32. Roof: Type Flat Pitch Flat Material Unknown
8. Site Plan with North Arrow	19. Architect or Engineer Minoru Yamasaki		33. No. Bays Front 8 Side 7
	19a. Design Sources Unknown		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Quartz Aggregate
	20. Contractor or Builder Unknown		35. Plan Shape U-Shaped
9. U.T.M. Reference	21. Building Type or Plan Other		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Unaltered
Zone	Easting	Northing	37. Window Type(s) Hopper, also Fixed
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	38. Bldg. Dims. 167 x 56
10. <input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure		39. Endangered? No Explain:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Object		40. Chimney Placement No Chimney Observed
11. On National Register ? Yes	12. N.R. Potential ?		41a. Distance from road approx. 70'
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? No	14. Dist. Potential ? Yes		41b. Frontage on road 318 ft.
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)			
16. Thematic Association(s) Private Education - College			
23. Present Use College/University			
24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Oberlin College			
26. Property Acreage 2.60			
27. Other Surveys in Which Included No			
28. No. of Stories 3			
29. Basement? No			

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features
This is another good example of Minoru Yamasaki's "space-age gothic." There is one entry at the back of the building where it joins Rice Hall, but the main entry is on the east façade, with a large plaza in front of it. A trio of doors opens into a three-story atrium lit by five three-story elongated pentagon windows. There are three bays of windows to the left of the entry, and four bays to the right. Every bay of windows on the whole building is shrouded with a neo-gothic grille coated in quartz aggregate, and the grilles on the north façade are more intricate than the others. The south façade is blank except for one bay of windows and a pattern of recesses in the windowless wall. The building curves around Rice Hall to create a central courtyard between the two, (cont.)

43. History and Significance
The King Building has proved a very costly one for the College. First, the old Warner Conservatory was torn down to provide a site for prominent architect Minoru Yamasaki's design, and ever since King's six-year construction process from 1959 to 1964, its frailty in Oberlin's weather has required frequent repairs. However, one cost-saving measure was the sparing of Rice Hall. Rice was once an addition to the old Conservatory but now recycled into a faculty office building adjacent to King. Since its completion, King has housed most of Oberlin College's humanities and social science classes and professors. (cont.)

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52)
This building is located in a college campus setting, with a quad to its northwest. There is a small courtyard, to the west, in the area between King Building and Rice Hall. The courtyard is accessed through a cast iron fence at its southern end.

45. Sources of Information
Blodgett, Geoffrey. *Oberlin Architecture, College and Town: A Guide to its Social History*. Oberlin College, 1985.
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Internet. <http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml>. Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission Files. O.H.I.O. Resource Center Files. Sanborn fire insurance maps. Pat Holsworth, Oberlin Pioneer Database. Oberlin College Yearbooks, O.H.I.O. Resource Center.

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48. Date Recorded 12/16/2002
49. Revised by
50a. Date Revised
50b. Reviewed by

51. Condition of Property

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good/Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed/Burned
<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	Date _____

54. Farmstead Plan



52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

<input type="checkbox"/> Corn Crib or Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/> Silo
<input type="checkbox"/> Smoke House	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring House	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice House
<input type="checkbox"/> Designed Landscape Features	<input type="checkbox"/> Privy	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s) _____

OAI Completed? _____

Archaeological Feature:	Observed	Expected on Basis of Archival Research
Well	_____	_____
Privy	_____	_____
Cistern	_____	_____
Foundation	_____	_____
Structural Rubble	_____	_____
Formal Trash Dump	_____	_____
Other _____	_____	_____

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued from page 1)

and King' s courtyard walls are lined with windows. The wheelchair-accessible entry is in the courtyard.

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Its two large lecture halls play host to many guest lectures as well as daily classes, and in warm weather, professors often convene their classes in the courtyard between King and Rice (Blodgett). King is named for O.C. president Henry Churchill King, who served the longest term of any of the College' s presidents, from 1902 until 1927. The building sits on the former site of the home of the College' s first president, Asa Mahan, who lived here long before Warner Conservatory was built (Blodgett).