

# Janitor's House

Herrick Archives Number H 005

## A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

### 1. Name

1.1 Building was never officially named by Board of Trustees.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

Log and Frame house

See Addendum No. 1

Janitors during the time this building was in existence, and who presumably lived in the house were Charles Babbitt, S.S. Martin, and Michael Dillon.

### 2. Location

McCracken (1:11) states that the building was located near the southwest corner of Orton Hall (060). At another place (1:73) he states that the building was located "south and east" of the Horticultural Hall (H 114), which stood directly in front of the present Faculty Club(028).

All available maps showing this building were drawn from memory, and are not sufficiently accurate for placing the building on today's maps.

For indexing purposes, this building is assigned 161 South Oval Drive as its address.

### 3. General Description

No information is available except McCracken's listing of the building as a "log and frame house" (McC 1:11). No information as to size has been found.

## B. ACQUISITION

This building was on the land when acquired by the University as part of the original campus. Title was conveyed by deed executed November 9, 1870 by Martha E. and Michael Witt (Deed book 103, p.546).

## C. DEMOLITION

The building was demolished by fire in November 1884 (McC 1:11). The fire occurred the night before Mr. Parry, who was chosen as the fourth janitor on November 14, 1884, was to move in (McC 1:72-3). This would set the date of the fire at mid-November. On May 5, 1885 the Board of Trustees referred the removal of the debris to the Farm Committee with power to act.

## D. PHOTOGRAPHS

None found.

## E. MISCELLANEOUS

The Board of Trustees on August 31, 1880 referred to the Executive Committee the matter of providing the

janitor with a house. This suggests that the building might have had some other use for the first decade, or possibly stood idle.

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September 1, 1978

### ADDENDUM NO. 1

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

Log House

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