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Kapp Hydropathic Institute

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Sisterdale, a small community with a present population of 63 people, is located in Kendall County 15 miles due north of Boerne. Situated in the rolling hills of the central Texas Hill Country, the settlement was founded in the valley of the two Sister's Creeks along the Guadalupe river in 1847. representative and well-preserved examples of Sisterdale's nineteenth century dwellings and outbuildings are being preserved at a private farm complex known as Badenthal. Translated as "natural springs valley," the name reflects its history as a hydropathic institute in

At the entrance to Badenthal is a one-story, one-room stone schoolhouse built in 1893. Large cut, rusticated limestone blocks enclose the rectangular, pitched roof building. narrow end of the building contains a single door, with the date "1893" inscribed above the main entrance. Three narrow 2/2 light windows flank each side of the building.

Approximately a quarter of a mile down a tree-lined gravel road is the first complex of buildings, formerly the Ernst Kapp homestead and hydropathic institute in the 1850's and 1860's. The first house on the land, built ca. 1847 by Nicholas Zink, was a 12-story, one-room, windowless block house, constructed of live oak logs with a limestone lean-to portion at the rear. The original door, now in the museum in Comfort, was three inches thick and studded with iron nails two inches apart. After Ernst Kapp bought the property in 1850 he soon enlarged the house with another 12-story log structure and stone lean-to. He enclosed the two buildings with a dog run, added a gallery across the front, and created a full second story over the dogrun by projecting a large dormer from the center of the pitched roof on both the front and rear facades. The dog run was partially enclosed in the 1950's by the owner, George Frederick.

About 100 feet southwest of the main house there originally stood a shed structure sheltering a natural spring, which was utilized by Kapp in the treatment of diseases. An 1855 drawing of the Kapp Hydropathic Institute by Hermann Lungkwitz illustrates the roofed structure. Recently the cedar pilings were uncovered which supported the shed over the spring. the spring dried up in the late nineteenth century, Langbein had used the hole for a garbage fill.

To house his many patients during the 1850's, Kapp built three one-story, one-room stone buildings adjacent to the main house and used this as the sanitarium. Andreas Langbein, who

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bought the Kapp homestead in 1871, later joined these three buildings connecting them with frame structures. No major structural alterations were made to the stone buildings, however, until George Frederick cut a picture window out of the stone wall of the central stone building in the 1950's. A concrete gallery floor also added during this period. The long building now serves as the private residence of the present owners.

Behind the old sanitarium is a log coachhouse sheltered by a double pitched roof with a small log smithy attached to the side of the coachhouse with a shed roof. An ell-shaped cypress barn, probably built in the late nineteenth century, is situated behind the coachhouse and a small square log smokehouse stands at the rear. Completing the complex is a sugar press and molasses or syrup mill. All the log structures had been used for several years for farm machinery and hay storage, thus preventing deterioration. In restoring the log buildings last summer, the buildings were reroofed with cypress shingles and the large dormers of the main house were resided on the exterior. Most of the property around Badenthal is enclosed by a restored rubble limestone fence.

Approximately another quarter mile down the road is the second complex of buildings constructed in various stages by the Langbein family in the late nineteenth century and early twentieth The oldest structure is a one-story, one-room stuccoed, limestone dwelling built by the Langbeins in the 1870's. A second one-story stuccoed stone building, also built by the Langbeins ca. 1880's, stands a few feet northwest of the older house. one-room frame addition later enlarged the structure. A nineteenth century log outbuilding remains in a good state of preservation enclosed within a cypress barn of a later period. The main house built in 1910 is a hipped roofed, stuccoed stone house with a gallery on two sides supported by an arcade of arched concrete pillars. The side porch was later enclosed. modest ell-shaped cottage with 2/2 light windows was also built on the site ca. 1900's. Both dwellings have been rennovated as guest houses. One other log outbuilding stands next to the ruins of a cypress barn. Only a few yards behind this second complex is the cypress-lined Sister Creek.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The late 1840's was a period of prolific German settlement of Texas. As a result of increasing industrialization and economic pressure, such as the fragmentation of farms and crop failures, many agrarians enthusiastically joined the new Society for the Protection of German Immigration in Texas (the Adelsverein) under the leadership of Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels. It was this group of immigrants who founded the German communities of New Braunfels in 1845 and Fredericksburg in 1846 (See National Register Submission, Fredericksburg Historic District, October, 1970). An additional immigration stimulus, the German Revolution of 1848 was a nonagrarian movement and did more to encourage immigration among the better-educated, city-dwelling Germans. Small groups of political refugees founded several "Latin Colonies" -- farming settlements founded by well-educated Germans who had never previously practiced agriculture. Sisterdale, located approximately 40 miles northwest of San Antonio in present day Kendall County, was such a community.

The complex of buildings at Sisterdale, known today as Badenthal, reflects the story of the intellectual settlement or Latin Colony of Sisterdale. The first building on the land was a windowless log block house built in 1847 by Nicholas Zink. Zink, who had come to Texas as an engineer with Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels, surveyed and laid out the site of New Braunfels in 1845. When many German settlers were moving further west from New Braunfels to Fredericksburg, Zink became enchanted with an area between the two cities—a valley on the north side of the Guadalupe river at the mouth of the two Sister Creeks. In September, 1847, he purchased 1280 acres, selling a portion of this in 1848 to George Frederick Holekamp. Holekamp sold the block house and 58 acres to Ernst Kapp in January, 1850.

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Ernst Kapp (1808-1896) was born in Dudurgstadt in Bavarian Oberfranken and received his doctorate at the Univeristy of Bonn in 1828. After teaching two years at Hamm, in 1830 he accepted a professorate at Minden, where he married Ida Kappell in 1833. As the leading proponent of Carl Ritter's theory of geography, Kapp wrote several books and articles on geography and history and a two-volume book on philosophy. In 1849, he published a political treatise, entitled <a href="Der Konstituerte Despotisms und die Konstitutionelle Freiheit">Der Konstituerte Despotisms und die Konstitutionelle Freiheit</a>, in which he advocated a more liberal government. He was imprisoned briefly, but upon his release was in great demand as a teacher. However, he resigned at Minden and immigrated to Texas.

In late autumn of 1849 his family landed in Galveston and by mid January, 1850, they reached New Braunfels. He soon learned of Holekamp's farm at Zink's settlement and after settling an agreement in which Holekamp would teach him farming in the first six months, Kapp bought the 58 acres. In 1851 Dr. Kapp purchased an additional 947 acres from Franz Kettner. Dr. Rudolf Wipprecht who left Germany for similar political reasons in the late 1840's, joined the Kapp family at Sisterdale. In 1854 Wipprecht married Julie, the Kapp's oldest daughter, and he eventually became the first Professor of Languages at Texas A & M in the 1880's.

Having always been interested in the cure of diseases with mineral waters, Kapp and Wipprecht decided to establish a Hydropathic Institute in the early 1850's. Hermann Lungkwitz made some pen sketches in 1855 showing the Kapp's log houses, as well as illustrating the various water cure processes. The drawing was used in a lighographed broadside to advertise the Institute and is preserved at the Comfort Museum.

Sisterdale had many important visitors during the 1850's. Frederick Law Olmstead traveled to Sisterdale in 1852 and recorded that the settlement consisted of eight or ten farms stretching along the Guadalupe river. About Dr. Kapp he wrote:

"Another short ride took us to a large stuccoed log house, near the bank of one of the Sister Creeks. Here lives a professor (Kapp) who divides his time between his farm and his library. The delicious brook water has been turned to account by him for the cure of disease, and his house is thrown open to patients."

Many of the German nobility were entertained at Sisterdale. One

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such guest was the Prince, Paul of Wuerttemberg, brother to the king.

The Latin Colony early instituted a continuing and lasting school system. An 1893 one-room stone building, the fourth school house in Sisterdale, stands at the entrance to Badenthal. The foundations of the third log school, built after the Civil War, remains in front of the 1893 structure.

Ernst Kapp served as the Justice of the Peace for several years. At the beginning of the Civil War Kapp was also appointed Enrolling Officer for the Texas Confederacy with instructions to form a company of militia at Sisterdale. Alfred Kapp, Ernst's oldest son, was elected captain. Utilizing his experience from working at the Colt factory in Hartford before the war, Alfred, together with Wilhelm, the Kapp's blacksmith, developed a pistol at the Kapp smithy that was used by the Confederacy.

Following the Civil War, Ernst Kapp, his wife and youngest daughter, set out to visit Germany. However, during his stay he became ill and his physician prohibited a return to Texas. Kapp settled in Duesseldorf, resumed his writings, and died there in 1896.

The period of the Civil War ended the dominance of the Latin Colony settlers in Sisterdale. Most of the original founders gradually dispersed and the settlement was replaced by new German immigrants and descendants of the old. In 1871 Andreas Langbein bought the former Kapp property and his descendants maintained the original Kapp structures well into the Twentieth Century. Andreas arrived in Sisterdale during the Civil War and founded a store and dance hall. The second complex of buildings at Badenthal were built during the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century by the Langbein family. Andrea's son, Gustav, inherited the land and eventually parcelled out the east valley of the east fork of Sister Creek to his children. The Kapp homestead eventually passed on to his son, Gus Langbein. George Freidrich bought the Kapp complex and did some remodelling in the 1950's. Presently the school house, Kapp complex, and a second complex of log and stone structures built by the Langbeins are owned by Dr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Woolvin who are in the process of restoring them.

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8. Significance continued.

Badenthal, as the Woolvins have appropriately named their property, contains original buildings from the period of Sisterdale's Latin Colony. These are the only extant structures in Sisterdale reflecting the fascinating history of this community of German intellectuals. The property also contains a second complex of late nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings built by a new and more permanent generation of German farmers. Thus, not only does Badenthal serve as a visual document of Sisterdale's settlement, but it represents the transition between the intellectual founders and the later German immigrants who permanently settled the area.

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Nicholas Zink, the founder of Zink's Settlement, later known as Sisterdale, bought 1280 acres from Wm. F. Wilson on Sept. 23, 1847. Called the F. W. Wilson Survey No. 2, this land in the valley of the two Sister creeks was patented July 22, 1846. The settlement area eventually included an additional 1280 acres in the Fowler survey and about 2,000 acres of the Stafford survey.

The original valley area settled by the Latin Colony in the 1850s, begins in the south, a quarter mile beyond the Guadalupe River on FM 1376 at Ottmar Von Behr's home. At the crossing of the Guadalupe, the confluence mouth of the Sisters Creeks begins the valley area and runs north north northwest until it divides into the east and west forks. The site of Nicholas Zink's original cabin, now in ruins, lies to the east of the point where the creeks divide. This is the base of the valley area. For historical purposes the west fork forms the western boundary until it meets a small tributary known as Platte Creek, and the east fork defines the eastern boundary until it reaches a tributary branch known as Askanezy (or Askezy) Creek. An imaginary line between these two points forms the northern boundary.

Von Behr, the second permanent settler in the region, built his log home to the south of the Guadalupe on a bluff overlooking the river. His homestead contained the first postoffice and the first library for the Latin Colony. The original home burned, but just below the crest of the bluff exists a small cave sealed off by Von Behr in the 1850s to use as a smokehouse and as a protective shelter. A stone home, built by Von Behr's descendents in the 18850s, remains standing on the property with few alterations. The house, typical of the Pioneer German style so frequently seen in Fredericksburg (see National Register submission, Fredericksburg Historic District, 19), is a one and a half story, three bay, limestone salt box home with a one story frame gallery attached across the front. A small one story, pitched roof stone portion, probably built originally as the kitchen, was joined to the house at a later time.

To the east of the pint where the Creeks divide, stands the ruinous remains of Nicholas Zink's original cabin. An c.1880s log structure remains on this property enclosed and hidden in the center of a later frame residence, now vacant.

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Degener who bought the Zink homestead in the 1850s, built a log home adjacent to the original Zink cabin. However, the house was demolished in the 1960s when FM 1376 came through Sisterdale.

Beyond the Zink homestead is the township or hamlet of Sisterdale, Sisterdale was Zink's Settlement until about 1852, when Ottomar von Behr, Julius Dresel, and Ernst Kapp named the settlement. The land was originally owned by the Kapps and later sold to Andreas Langbein. Sisterdale was never an incorporated city, only a series of frams, and was only established as a township in 1883 when forty-one lots and a school lot were platted in this central area. One structure, a stone blockhouse with narrow gun slits, is the only building original to the Latin Colony period. However, several late nineteenth century structures built by the second wave of German immigrants remain such as the two story stone Lorbeer house; the Langbein house, formerly the second post office and the original home of August and Regina Langbein; and the ca. 1890s dancehall. At the north edge of the platted township is the 1893 stone schoolhouse (fourth), which stands at the entrance to Badenthal.

The east fork of Sister Creek was primarily Ernst Kapp's original 9000 acres, much of which was later bought by the Langbein family. Just beyond Badenthal are two typical German style one and a half story stone houses with one story gallery built ca. 1870s by Andreas Langbein for his son Robert and later joined together to make one structure.

Within the original valley area stands another late nineteenth century home, the Kneupper home, a one and one-half story, Pioneer German, stuccoed stone house with a one-story gallery and shed roof at the rear. A double log structure is sheltered within the present barn. Finally, only a short distance from this complex is a one-story stone school building with a gallery across the front. Known as the Upper School, the structure was built in the late 1890s when, as a result of a community feud, a new (fifth) school was built to serve the children in the northern part of the district.

These are the major nineteenth century structures within the original valley area settled by the Latin Colony. As earlier

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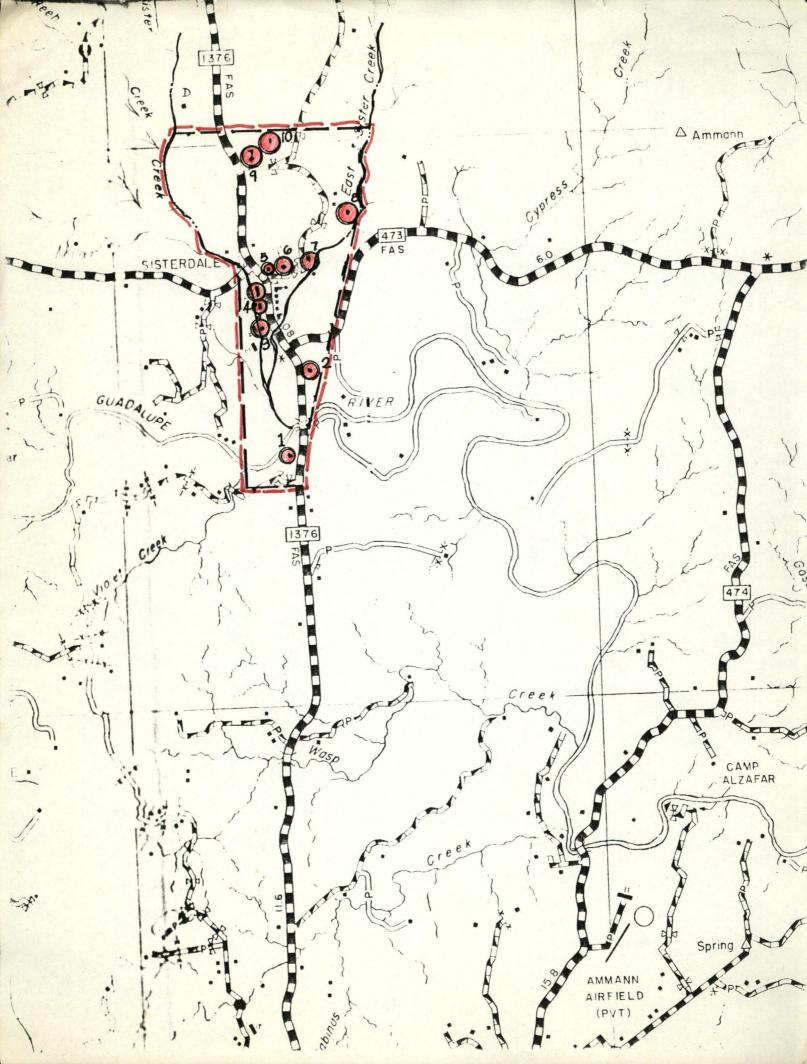
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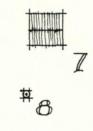


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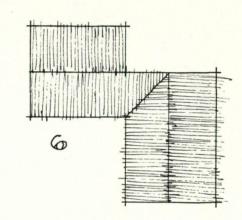
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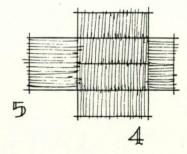
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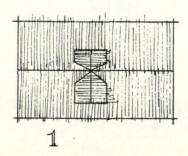


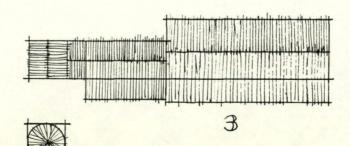




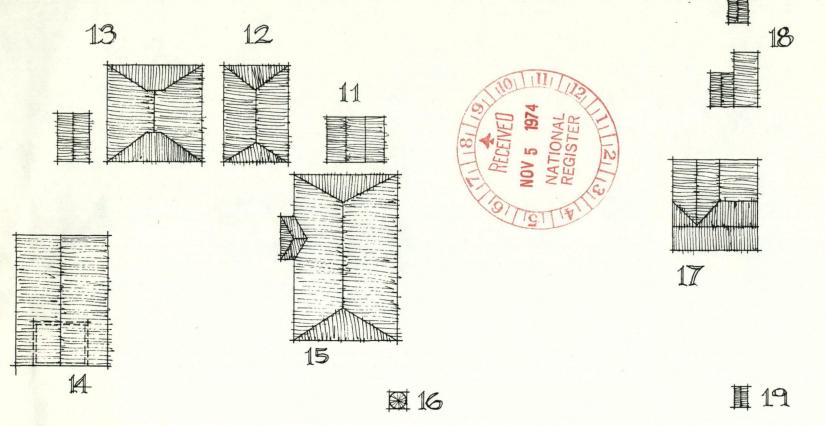












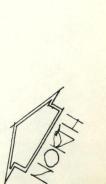
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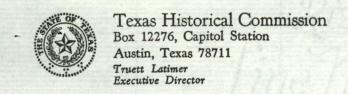
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Ms. Jan Thorman Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation National Register of Historic Places 18th & C Streets, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Ms. Thorman:



Upon your suggestion, I have sent additional materials which will enlarge the original Badenthal National Register submission from the two nineteenth century complexes on the Woolvin's property to include the entire valley settled by the Sisterdale Latin Colony of the late 1840 and 1850s. Enclosed are a USGS map showing the new coordinates; a site map indicating the relationship of the buildings, roads and creeks to one another; and a continuation sheet describing the district boundaries and the nineteenth century architectural remains within the valley district.

In view of the boundary changes, I would like to rename the "Badenthal" submission the "Sisterdale Valley District".

Although Badenthal contains the most significant complex of buildings, i.e., the only remaining Latin Colony structures, the name "Sisterdale Valley District" more accurately describes the entire area now under consideration. In addition, the property ownership should be changed to indicate multiple ownership and the acreage changed to 2893 acres.

Also are included two 8 x 10 glessy photographs I mentioned to you showing an 1853 drawing by Lungwitz of the Kapp home, as well as a lithograph revealing the Kapp homestead and various water cure techniques. The drawing on the lithograph

was used in a brochure to advertise Kapp's Hydropathic Institute in the 1850s.

We are pleased that you will be using this submission as an example in the historic district display at the annual meeting. All of this material should give you a fairly clear picture of the history and settlement of the Sisterdale area. If you need clarification on any of these sources or if I can provide you with additional information, please let me know.

I hope to see you at the annual meeting in February.

Sincerely,

Marie D. Landon

Historian

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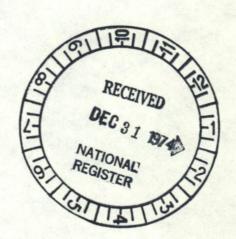
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- 4. Longbein Home, Dancehall and Stone Blockhouse
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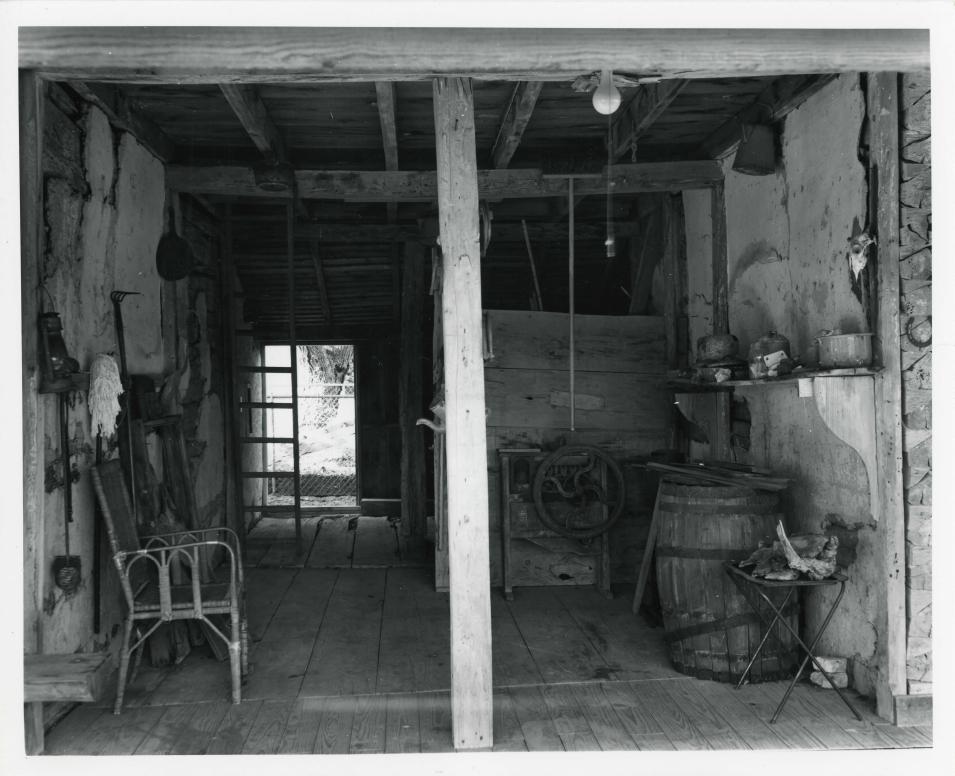
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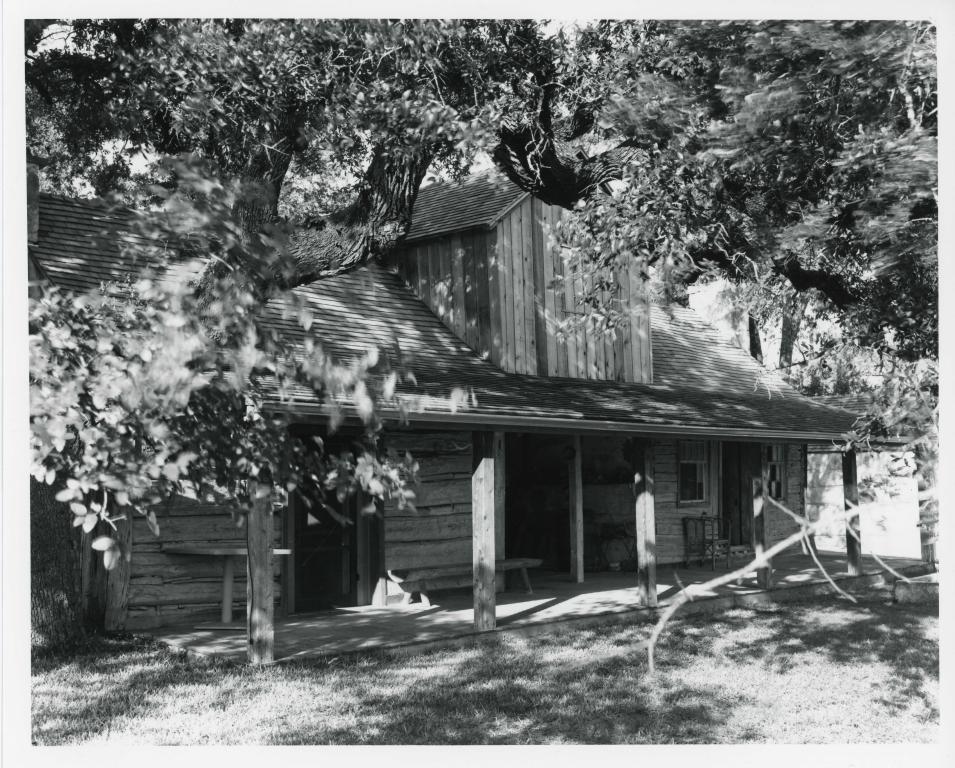
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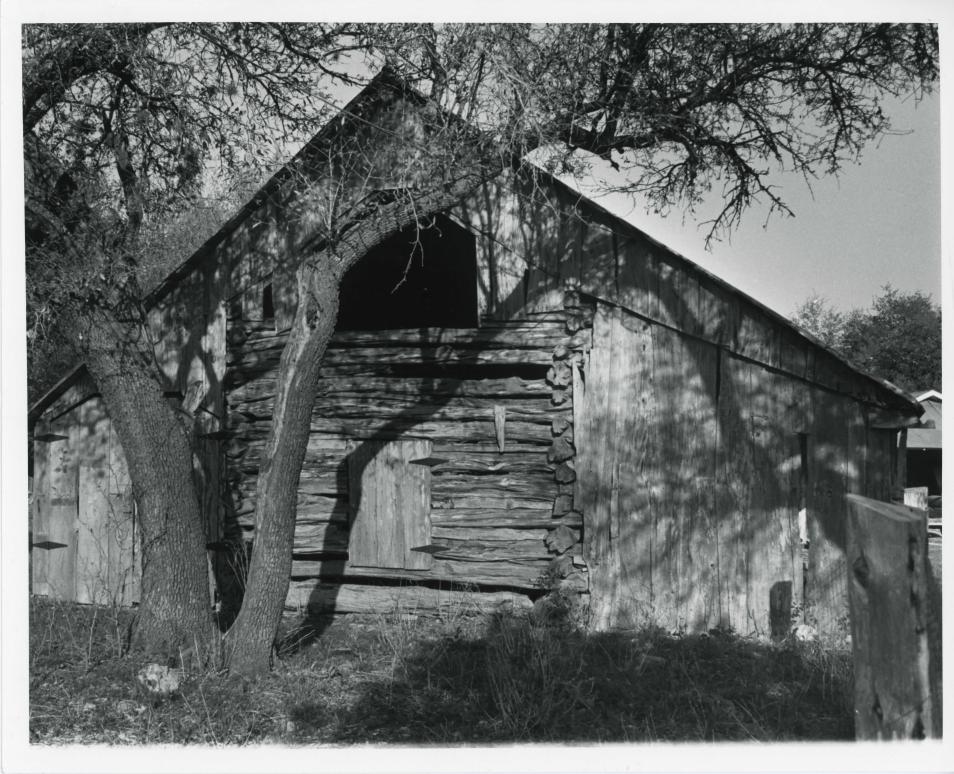
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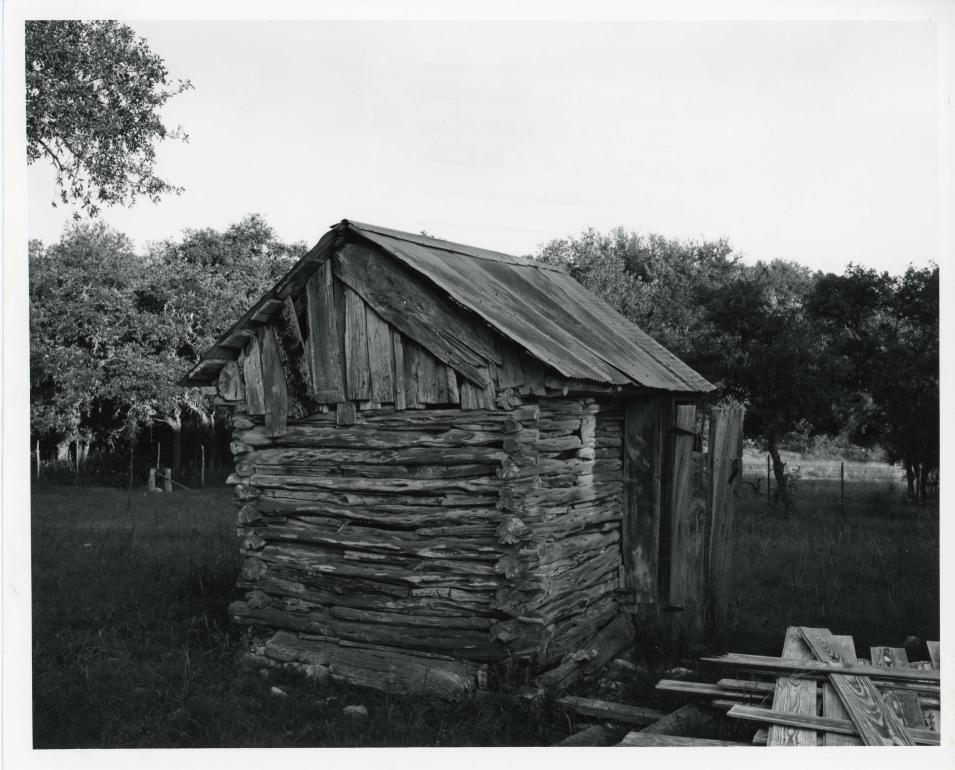
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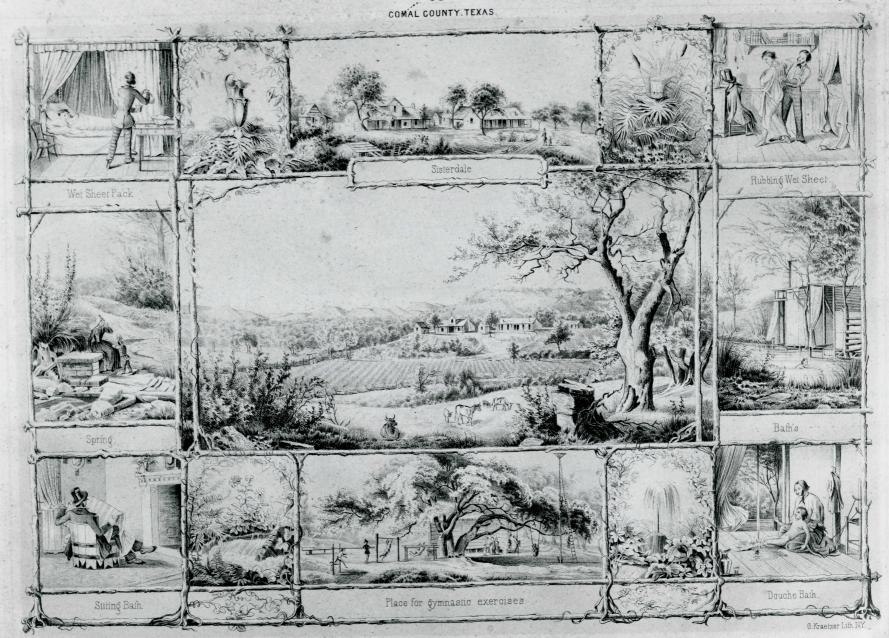
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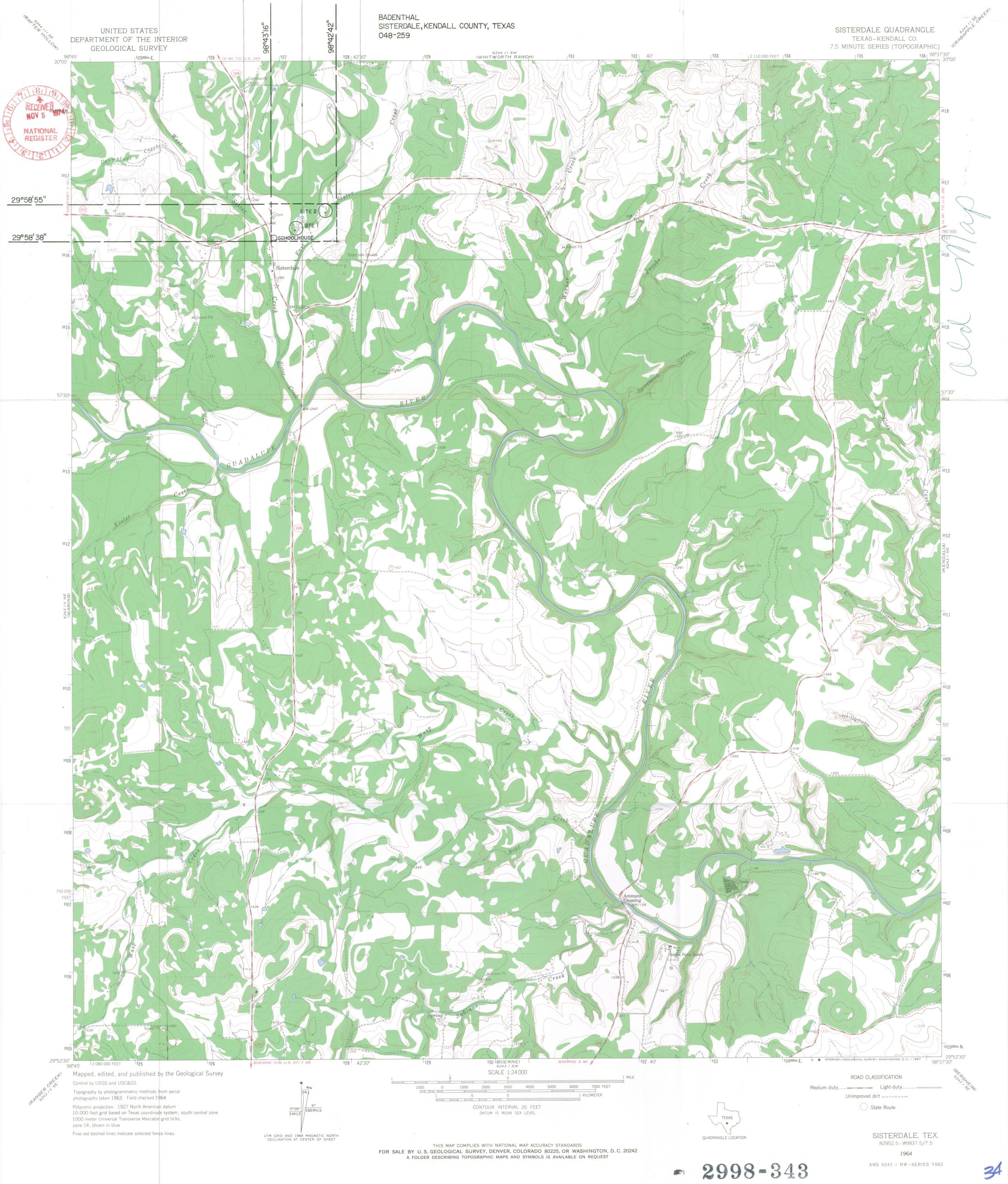
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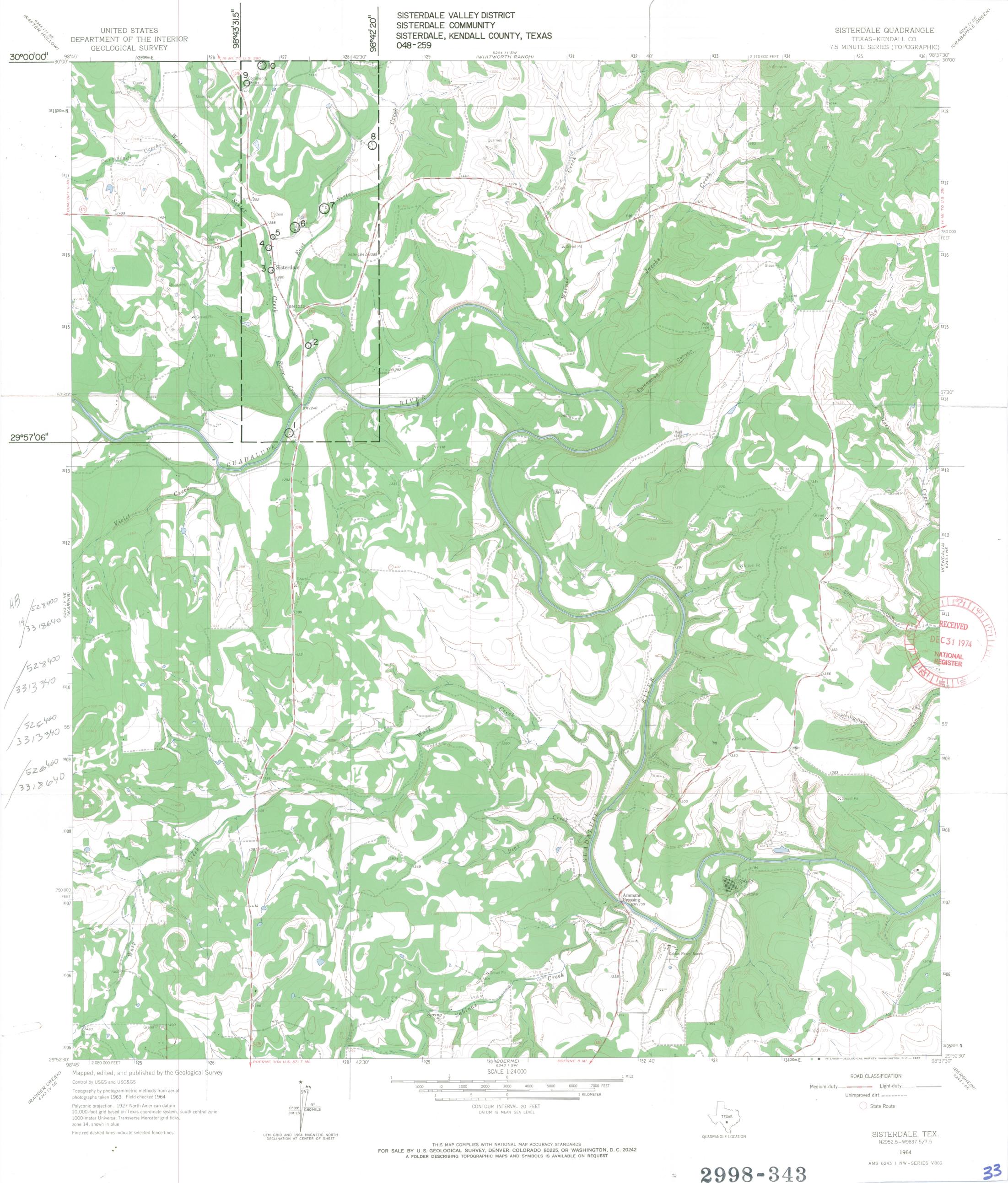
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# NR Data Sheet

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INVENTION

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Reviewer INITIALS: nesbitt

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NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Sisterdale Valley District list separately OTHER NAMES: Badenthal; Kapp Hydropathic Institute - 5 EC. LOCATION: STREET & NUMBER Rte. 1376 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT VICINITY OF code COUNTY STATE 259 Kendall 048 Texas OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME) : ADMINISTRATOR (underline) NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N.ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST FEATURES: EXTERIOR ENVIRONS ¥Substantially intact-2 Substantially intact-1 Substantially intact-3 \_unknown.-5 \_.unknown -6 Xunknown - 4 \_\_ not applicable - 8 - not applicable - 7 \_ Nct applicable-9 \_Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0 \_EXCELLENT \_\_DETERIORATED \_UNALTERED MORIGINAL SITE CONDITION -**LGOOD** \_RUINS MALTERED \_MOVED \_Reconstructed \_Unknown UNEXPOSED \_\_FAIR \_Unexcavated \_Excavated ACCESS -Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown historic district? YES NO WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO IF YES, NAME: WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO IF YES, NAME: ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words) then-SETTLEMENT now-HOUSE SIGNIFICANCE: \_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC \_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE \_\_RELIGION entertainment ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC \_CONSERVATION \_LAW/Gov't/politics \_science \_health \_\_ECONOMICS \_LITERATURE AGRICULTURE \_recreation \*\*ARCHITECTURE \_\_ FDUCATION MILITARY \_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN \*settlement \_\_ART \_ENGINEERING \_\_MUSIC \_socio/cultural \_\_COMMERCE \_EXPLORATION \_\_PHILOSOPHY TRANSPORTATION \_urban & commun

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Valley site defined by 2 Sister Creeks joining the Guadalupe River; includes 10 primary structures with outbuildings of stone log construction, 1-1% stories; important with outbuildings; in the district are: the Badenthal health resort complexes with typical cypress barn; and the Langbein house, dancehall (c. 1890's) and stone blockhouse (c. 1850's). Originally settled by German intellectual immigrants who established a health resort complex to heal patients with the waters of the 2 Sister Creeks; colony stabilized in the 1870's with a new wave of permanent German immigrant farmers.