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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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NAME

HISTORIC

San Francisco Ranch

AND/OR COMMON

41 ZP 76

LOCATION

4582 STREET & NUMBER West of State Highway, 1.6 kilometers north of the town of

San Ygnacio

NOT FOR PUBLICATION CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

X\_ VICINITY OF

San Ygnacio STATE

-15-CODE

COUNTY

CODE 505

Texas

048

Zapata

\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_EDUCATIONAL

GOVERNMENT

\_INDUSTRIAL

\_MILITARY

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY \_DISTRICT

OWNERSHIP

\_PUBLIC ROTH

\_BUILDING(S) X PRIVATE

\_STRUCTURE

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\_OBJECT

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION** 

\_IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

X OCCUPIED

\_UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED X NO

**PRESENT USE** XAGRICULTURE \_\_MUSEUM

\_PARK

\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_ENTERTAINMENT \_\_RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

\_TRANSPORTATION

\_OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. Rodolfo G. Sanchez

STREET & NUMBER

6915 Inverness Lane

CITY, TOWN

Dallas

VICINITY OF

STATE

Texas 75214

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Zapata County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Zapata

Texas 78076

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

National Register Files

DATE

1973

\_\_FEDERAL XSTATE \_\_COUNTY \_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

Texas Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Austin

STATE Texas 78711

#### CONDITION

\_EXCELLENT
X\_GOOD
\_FAIR

\_\_DETERIORATED
\_\_RUINS
\_\_UNEXPOSED

#### **CHECK ONE**

\_UNALTERED

### CHECK ONE

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The San Francisco Ranch houses (41 ZP 76) are located about 75 meters east of the Rio Grande River and 100 meters west of State Highway 83 in rural Zapata County approximately 1.6 kilometers north of the town of San Ygnacio. The site consists of two Mexican colonial style houses built about 1874 as living quarters for a ranching homestead.

The single story buildings, both rectangular in plan, are situated approximately 11 meters apart on the same north-south axis (see attached sketch map). The larger building is the northern most of the two, measuring 13.9 meters long and 5.2 meters wide and includes two rooms. The smaller room is 4.27 X 3.65 meters and the larger is 7.62 X 3.65 meters with a 48 cm. thick wall and door between. The smaller one-room building measure 8.9 X 5.59 meters. The walls are made of a friable sandstone which occurs locally. Carefully dressed and scored for plastering, the walls are 46 cm. thick and held in place by lime mortar.

Both buildings still retain quite a bit of the white-washed, plastered surface on the interior as well as on exterior walls. The larger building also includes a water table around the exterior wall 30 cm. high and a flagged area 1.78 meters wide along the length of the front, serving as a kind of porch.

The two-roomed building has a tall hipped roof of standing-seam tin while the other building has a wood shingle roof of the same configurations. Inside, however, vigas are evident indicating that the structures were originally "casas de terrado" and have been structurally changed as is common in Hispano-Mexican structures of this age. Two "canales" of carved sandstone are located approximately one meter below the top of the west wall on the smaller building, showing the original roof level.

Other carved sandstone details are found on the east wall of the larger house. Two circular medallions with a star-shaped pattern inside the circle are located above the door level, and a carved date scribed "JAFO en 1874" is located just above the water table.

Both buildings incorporate three exterior doors, all having wood frames which are flush with the exterior wall. A typical doorway located on the west wall of the larger house is spanned by a hewn wood lintle of mesquite carefully made from two pieces which together measure 1.98 m. in length and 46 in. in width. The interior of the splayed door is 1.4 meters across, decreasing to one meter at the exterior where the door is framed. Double wooden doors of tonque-in-groove pegged construction swinging on hinges close to the opening.

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Other than doors, the only openings in the stone walls and the ten troneras of loopholes which are spaced around the perimeter of the larger building, four on each of the long sides and one on each of the short sides. No toneras were built into the smaller building. Ten centimeter square mesquite lintels span the openings which are 50 centimeters from the floora & 38 cm tall by 80 cm. wide on the exterior. A hewn mesquite board with a 7.5 cm. hole the size of a rifle barrel encloses the opening of the tronera. No windows were built in either structure.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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_1600-1699	X_ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
_1700-1799	_ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER	
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		INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1874

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The two "Casas de terrado" (flat roofed rectangular houses) have been modified by the addition of hipped roofs. They are, nevertheless, similar in style to structures inundated by Falcon Reservoir, several of the structures at the National Register Site of Roma, the proposed National Register Site of Corralitos Ranch and the town of Vallecillo Viejo, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. The site represents late 19th century Hispano-Mexican construction and architectural styles, once common on the Texas side of the border but rare now.

The site is an example of a late 19th century Mexican-American ranch in an area economically and politically dominated by Anglo-Texans. The contribution of the Hispano-Mexicans to the cattle industry in Texas is pervasive and inestimable.

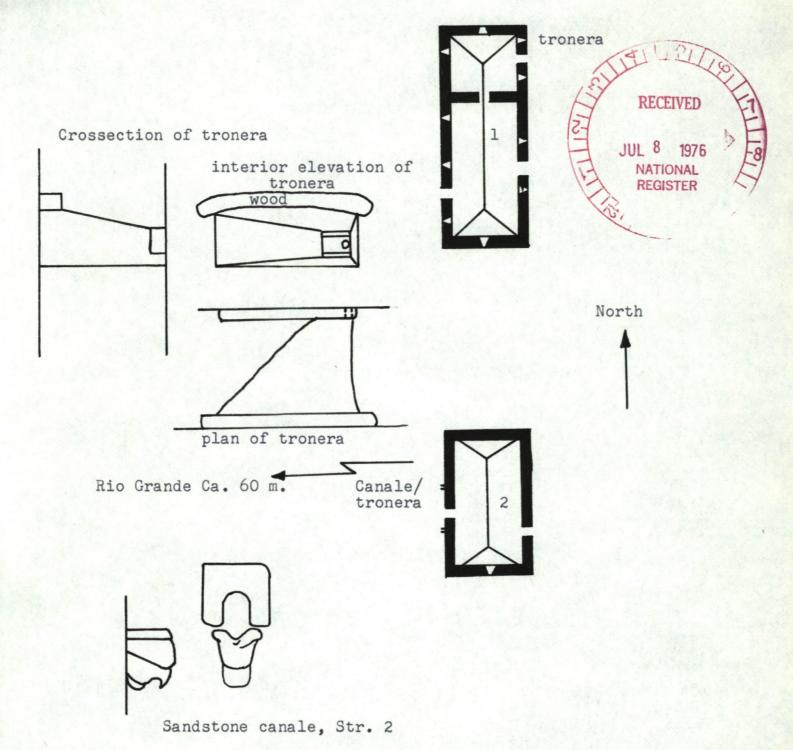
The troneras present in the larger structure one of the best preserved example of a technique dating to the Colonial period. The tronera construction is identical to the well preserved stone troneras at Mission San Francisco de la Espada at San Antonio, Tx. Interestingly, the site of Vallecillo Viejo does not retain troneras in its structures.

Little is known of the material culture of the Mexican Americans of the late 19th century in Texas. Questions of degrees of acculturation, trade networks between border Mexican-Americans and Mexico and other similar aspects of culture process might be illuminated through archeological investigations at this site.

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San Francisco Ranch 41 ZP 76

Near San Ygnacio, Zapata County, Texas Photo by: Texas Historical Commission 1973

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Southeast oblique of the ranch structures

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Detail of date or dedicatory stone

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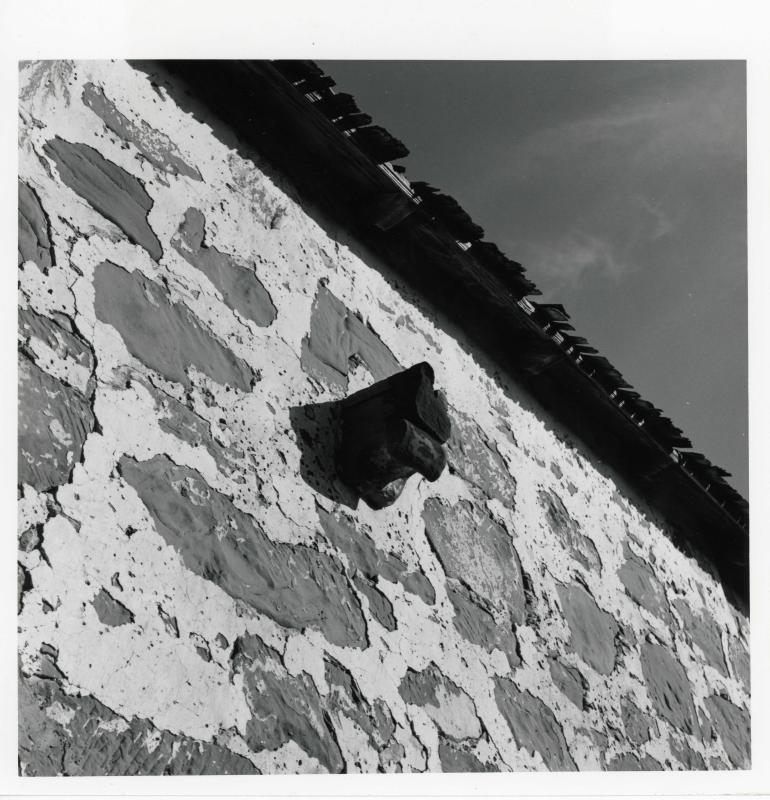
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### ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

TEXAS STATE

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Name

Location

Corrett, William, Plantation House

San Augustine vicinity San Augustine County

Tin Top Suspension Bridge

Tin Top vicinity Parker County

Texas & Pacific Steam Locomotive #610

Fort Worth Tarrant County

San Francisco Ranch

San Ygnacio vicinity Zapata County

Granado Cave 41 CU 8

Toyah vicinity Culberson County

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Redford Presidio County

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Mr. Truett Latimer Executive Director

Texas Historical Commission P.O. Box 12276, Capitol Station

Austin, Texas 78711

Regional Director, Southwestern Region

### NR Data Sheet

DATE: 220076
Reviewer INITIALS:

NR DOE MAR 2 5 1977

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL PEGISTER: San Francisco Ranch OTHER NAMES: 41 ZP 76 LOCATION: 1 mi. 1.6 km. N of San Ygnacio off U.S. 83 STREET & NUMBER 15th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITY. TOWN VICINITY OF San Ygnacio 048 STATE Texas Zapata 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 PACIFIC NORTHWEST WEST FEATURES: ENVIRONS EXTERIOR INTERIOR ∑ Substantially intact-1 X Substantially intact-2 Substantially intact-3 \_ unknown - 4 unknown .-5 X unknown -6 \_ not applicable - 8 \_ not applicable - 7 \_Not applicable-9 -Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0 \_DETERIORATED \_EXCELLENT \_UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE CONDITION -XALTERED \_RUINS \_MOVED \_Unknown \_UNEXPOSED \_Reconstructed \_FAIR \_Unexcavated \_Excavated ACCESS -Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown historic district? YES WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES IF YES, NAME: WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? NO IF YES, NAME: ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words) then- Houses now- UNKNOWA SIGNIFICANCE: ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE \_RELIGION entertainment XARCHEOLOGY HISTORIC \_CONSERVATION \_LAW/Gov't/politics \_science \_health MAGRICULTURE \_ECONOMICS \_LITERATURE \_recreation MARCHITECTURE FOUCATION \_MILITARY SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN \_settlement \_ART \_ENGINEERING \_MUSIC \_socio/cultural \_COMMERCE \_EXPLORATION \_PHILOSOPHY \_TRANSPORTATION \_urban & commun \_COMMUNICATIONS \_INDUSTRY \_POLITICS/GOVERNMENT \_OTHER (SPECIFY) planning INVENTION Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: MExicain

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP: MExican

NAMES:

personal

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appropriate date) events

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DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1874 DATES:

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE (S):

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION)

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre) 5

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

2 casas de terrado, single story, rectangular. 1 of 2 rooms. the other with 1. Sandstone wells, dressed + scored for plastering. Whitewashed plaster inside tout. Flagstone porch on 2 room building. Date stone on larger house. 3 doors on Ea.

Both altered with hip roofs - one corrugated tin, I wood shingle but evidence of vigas remains, with canales on smaller house.

Troneras in larger building. No windows in Either.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

This site is an spample of a late 19th Century Mexican - American Ranchin an area Economically and politically dominated by Anglo-Texans. The contribution of the Hispano-Mexicano to the contribution of the Hispano-Mexicano to the