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SITE NO. 30

NAME

Brandhagen houses

LOCATION

FM 182, ⁹~~5 1/2~~ miles west of Clifton, Bosque
County, Texas, on A. Kuykendall survey

OWNER

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Wagner
107 Avenue J
Clifton, Texas 76634

PRESENT USE

Private residence, ruins

CATEGORY

Buildings, site

STATUS

Occupied, unoccupied

QUADRANGLE NAME

Sugarloaf Mountain, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE

1:24000

UTM REFERENCE

14/625740/3515670

ACREAGE

less than 1 acre

PHOTO REFERENCE NO.

45, 46

DESCRIPTION

Strategically sited on a bluff that is about one mile north of the old townsite of Norse, the Brandhagen farm includes two residential structures and their associated out-buildings. With an asymmetrical plan, the present residence was built in two phases. The original house, erected in 1883, has a broken-pitch gable roof that is covered with wooden shingles. A substantial addition was built in 1912. This section, rising one-and-a-half stories, was essentially a completely new house. It has a T-shaped plan and adjoins the original house on its north (new) wall. Like the older house, this wing is of wood-frame construction. Its symmetrical front faces south. A one-story porch with chamfered columns extends across the main facade. Above this porch, two dormer-like gables rise from the wood-shingled roof. Each of the gables has paired,

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double-hung windows as well as siding in a herringbone pattern at the apex. With few exceptions, the windows are double hung with two-over-two lights and vertical muntins. Interior brick chimneys rise from the cross-gabled roof. The east facade is also symmetrically arranged, and has two dormer-like gables. Minor shed additions of frame construction have been built onto the rear side of the house. The entire house is in good condition. An early 20th-century, wood-frame garage with hipped roof, as well as two wood-frame barns with gabled roofs are also included within the nominated property, and contribute to its historic character.

The ruin of an earlier residence, built about 1873, is located about 250 feet south of the present house. Of limestone construction, this structure retains very little of its original detailing. The presence of a tree within the stone walls indicates that the gabled roof has been missing for many years. This structure appears to have been used as a barn after the 1883 house was completed.

SIGNIFICANCE

The first residence on this farm was built about 1873 for Nils Brandhagen, who was a teacher at the Turkey Creek School. According to the present owner of the farm, Brandhagen built a new house just up the hill from his old place in 1883. In 1912 he, along with his brother-in-law John Olson, erected the wood-frame residence which adjoins the older frame house. This farm is particularly noteworthy because it preserves three examples of vernacular architecture within the Norwegian settlement.

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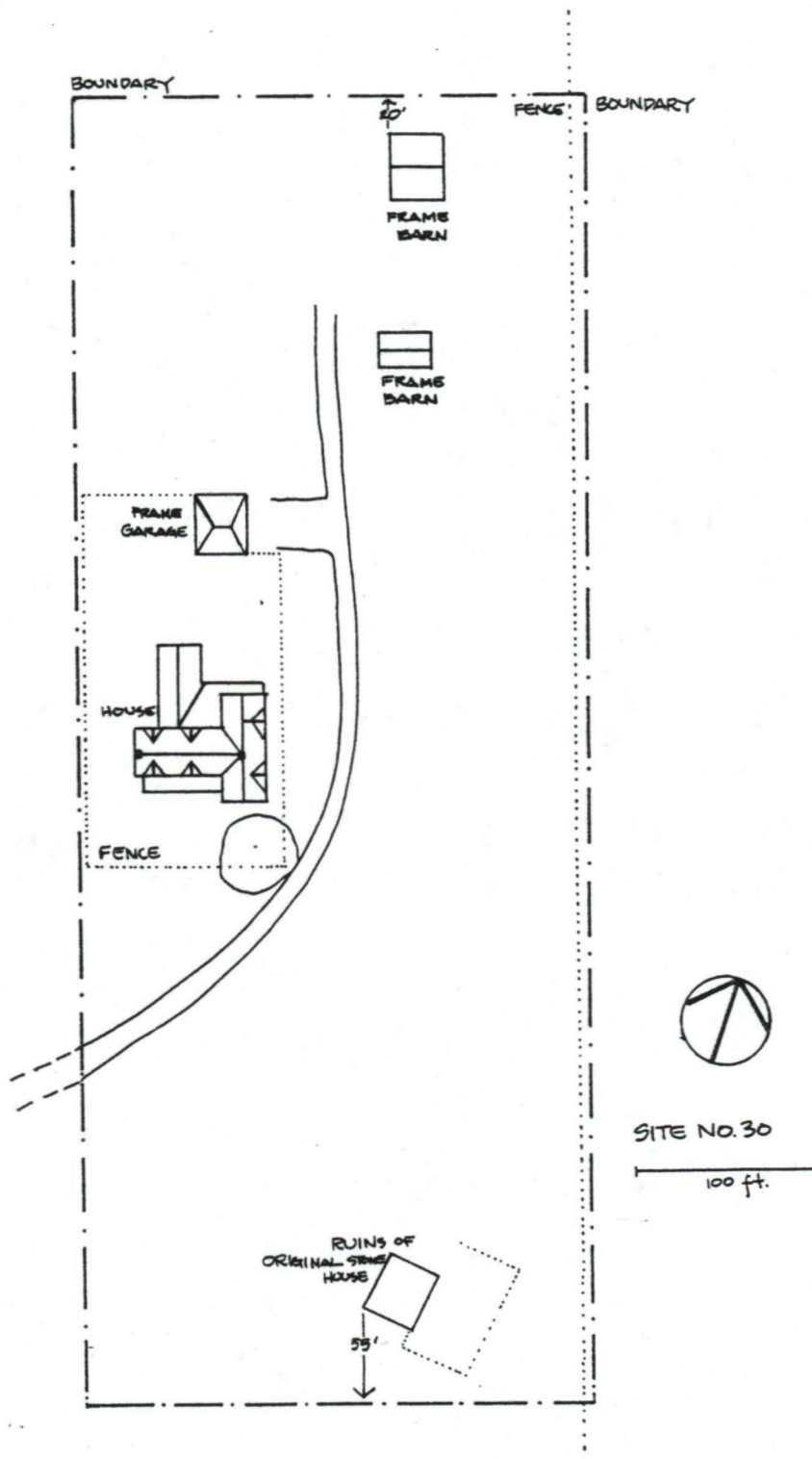
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AREA TO BE NOMINATED



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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Name Norwegian Settlement of Bosque County Thematic Resources
State Texas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 1. Bekken, J. H., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 2. Brandhagen Houses | Entered in the
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| | | Attest | _____ |
| 3. Brogdon Farm | Entered in the
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| 4. Bronstad House | Entered in the
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| 5. Colwick, John and Mary, Farm | Substantive Review | for Keeper | <u>Reth Groves</u> 7/22/83 |
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| 6. Dahl, Peder, Farm | Entered in the
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| 7. Ellingson Farm | Entered in the
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| 8. Erickson, Even and Petrine,
Farm | Entered in the
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| 9. Finstad, Ole and Elizabeth,
Homesite | Entered in the
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| 10. Godager, Adolf and
Christine, Homesite | Entered in the
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EVALUATION / RETURN SHE

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Brandhagen Houses (Norwegian Settlement of
Bosque County TR)
Bosque County
TEXAS

Working No. JUN 9 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 7/7/83 - 7/24/83

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 7/22/87
Entered in the ☐ RETURN
National Register ☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments: _____

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> date

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



The Norwegian Settlement of Bosque County

Site No. 30, Brandhagen Farm, FM 182

5½ miles west of Clifton, Bosque County, Texas

Photograph: June 1979, by David Moore

On file, Texas Historical Commission

View of front facade, looking northeast

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View of ruins, looking southwest
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000849