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SITE NO. 13

NAME

Ole and Elizabeth Finstad homesite

LOCATION

FM 219, ~~9 1/2~~ miles southwest of Clifton, Bosque  
County, Texas, on W. Haddin survey

OWNER

Edgar and Yolanda Davis  
P.O. Box 4457  
Waco, Texas 76705

PRESENT USE

Ruins, agriculture

CATEGORY

Building, site

STATUS

Unoccupied

QUADRANGLE NAME

Hurst Springs, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE

1:24000

UTM REFERENCE

14/620640/3511200

ACREAGE

less than 1 acre

PHOTO REFERENCE NO. 23

## DESCRIPTION

Easily visible from FM 219, the Ole and Elizabeth Finstad homesite stands in ruins in the Neils Creek valley. Little of the original configuration remains, as several of the walls have collapsed. The house is built of limestone blocks with mud mortar and rubble-stone pointing. The original fenestration is difficult to discern. The only visible opening is a small window which pierces the east wall at attic level. An exterior stone chimney extends from this same wall, and the hearth, which has a fine segmental arch, remains intact. No structures associated with this house have been located, but examination of the immediate vicinity of the site has uncovered pot shards probably connected with the early period of occupation. The house has been abandoned for about 75 years, and its archeological potential appears to be high.

## SIGNIFICANCE

According to Tilden Pederson, this one-room stone house was constructed by Ole and Elizabeth Finstad sometime in the mid to late 19th century. Although it is presently in ruins, the historic artifacts observed on the surface of the site bespeaks the archeological significance of the site.



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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<br>National Register | Keeper <u>[Signature]</u> | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
|   |                                     | Attest _____              |                              |
| 2. Brandhagen Houses                          | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <u>[Signature]</u> | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
|   |                                     | Attest _____              |                              |
| 3. Brogdon Farm                               | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <u>[Signature]</u> | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
|   |                                     | Attest _____              |                              |
| 4. Bronstad House                             | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <u>[Signature]</u> | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
|   |                                     | Attest _____              |                              |
| 5. Colwick, John and Mary, Farm               | Substantive Review                  | Keeper <u>[Signature]</u> | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
|   |                                     | Attest _____              |                              |
| 6. Dahl, Peder, Farm                          | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <u>[Signature]</u> | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
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| 7. Ellingson Farm                             | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <u>[Signature]</u> | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
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| 8. Erickson, Even and Petrine,<br>Farm        | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <u>[Signature]</u> | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
|   |                                     | Attest _____              |                              |
| 9. Finstad, Ole and Elizabeth,<br>Homesite    | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <u>[Signature]</u> | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
|   |                                     | Attest _____              |                              |
| 10. Godager, Adolf and<br>Christine, Homesite | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <u>[Signature]</u> | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
|   |                                     | Attest _____              |                              |



Finstad, Ole and Elizabeth, Homesite  
(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 7/22/83  
Entered in the National Register RETURN  
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
excellent	deteriorated	unaltered	original site
good	ruins	altered	moved date
fair	unexposed		

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**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UMT 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. 13, Ole and Elizabeth Finstad Homesite,  
FM 219, 9½ miles southwest of Clifton,  
Bosque County, Texas

Photograph: June 1979, by David Moore

On file, Texas Historical Commission

View of house, looking northeast

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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