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SITE NO. 19

NAME Adolf and Christine Godager homesite

LOCATION ~~S.H. 22, 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles~~ northwest of Clifton, Bosque
County, Texas, on J.L. Wilson survey

OWNER Tom G. Parks
Route 2
Clifton, Texas 76634

PRESENT USE Ruins

CATEGORY Building, site

STATUS Unoccupied

QUADRANGLE NAME Cranfills Gap, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE 14/616930/3521200

ACREAGE less than 1 acre

PHOTO REFERENCE NO. 29, 30

DESCRIPTION

The Adolf and Christine Godager homesite stands abandoned on a gently rolling prairie approximately six miles northeast of Cranfills Gap. Located about a half mile southeast of State Highway 22, it is in ruins and has been unoccupied, according to local historian Rebecca Radde, since the late 19th century. With its front facing south, this residence is a one-room log structure with a stone lean-to that extends from the rear. Although the roof is no longer in place, the walls remain relatively intact, and are constructed of irregular logs hewn on their inner and outer faces. The large gaps between these members are filled with stone chinking once covered with plaster, as at the Erickson cabin (no. 20). The corners of the cabin are V-notched. The cantilevered eaves on both ends of the house, made possible by the projecting plate logs, are its most distinctive feature. When the stone lean-to was added to the rear, the cantilevered eaves were incorporated into it. This lean-to, which represents a typical Norwegian way of expanding the one-room log cabins, still retains the plaster covering over its stone walls. A stone-lined, underground cistern is located a few feet north of the house.

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Godager Cabin, which is said to have been constructed in 1872, is architecturally significant because of its resemblance to the Norwegian Laftehus. This site was supposedly abandoned in the 19th century, and has remained moderately undisturbed ever since. Thus archeological investigation could likely contribute to an understanding of the earliest phase of Norwegian settlement.

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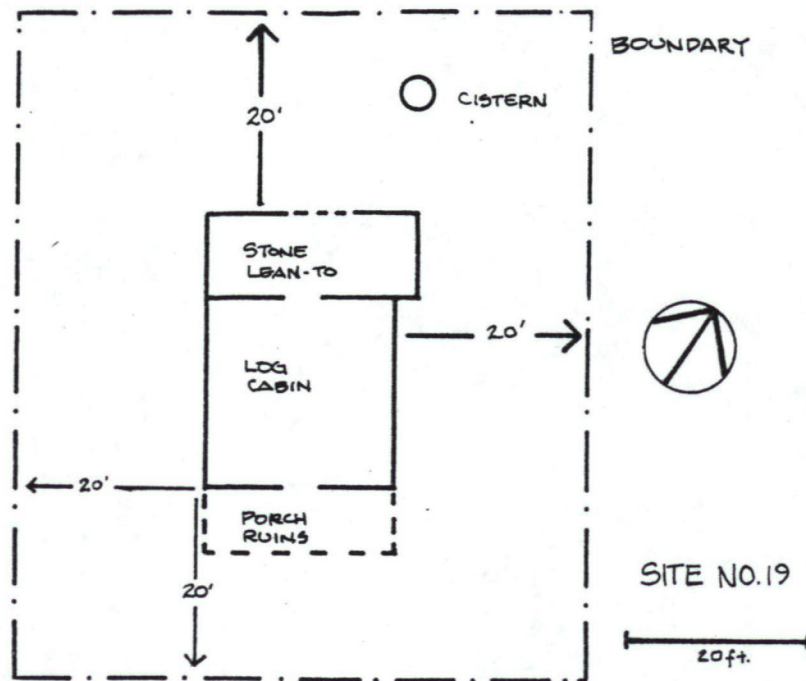
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AREA TO BE NOMINATED



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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

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

United States Department of the Interior
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Godager, Adolf and Christine, 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 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. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing SurveysHas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

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

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. 19, Adolf and Christine Godager
Homesite, S.H. 22, 11¼ miles northwest of
Clifton, Bosque County, Texas

Photograph: December 1982, by David Moore

On file, Texas Historical Commission

View of house, looking northwest

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View of corner notching, looking north
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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