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SITE NO. 21

NAME James Jens and Martha Jenson house

LOCATION FM 2136, ~~5~~ miles northwest of Clifton, <sup>on FM</sup> 2136  
Bosque County, Texas, on J. Oldham survey

OWNER J.W. Jenson  
Route 2 Box 140  
Clifton, Texas 76634

PRESENT USE Private residence

CATEGORY Building

STATUS Unoccupied

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS Family Land Heritage Program  
1976  
General Land Office  
Austin, Texas

QUADRANGLE NAME Sugarloaf Mountain, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE 14/628000/3521470

ACREAGE less than 1 acre

PHOTO REFERENCE NO. 33

DESCRIPTION

The James Jens and Martha Jenson house is located about five miles northwest of Clifton, about a half mile northeast of the intersection of FM 2136 and Bee Creek. This two-story, wood-frame residence stands on a hill and commands a panoramic view of the upper Meridian Creek valley to the south. Although presently unoccupied it remains in good condition. It has a T-shaped plan and rests upon a foundation of stone rubble. The home was originally covered with board-and-batten siding, although

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clapboards were later applied over some walls. A one-story porch, with turned wood posts, extends across the front facade. Above this porch, small four-light windows provide light for the loft. The remaining windows are double hung with four-over-four lights. The corrugated-metal roof has two gables which meet at right angles, with a corbeled brick chimney that rises near their point of intersection. An underground cistern was dug a few feet to the north of the house.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

The James Jens and Martha Jenson house is believed to be the oldest frame residence within the Norwegian Settlement. According to its present owner, it was erected in 1876. This house is one of only two 19th-century residences within the Norwegian area that are of board-and-batten construction.

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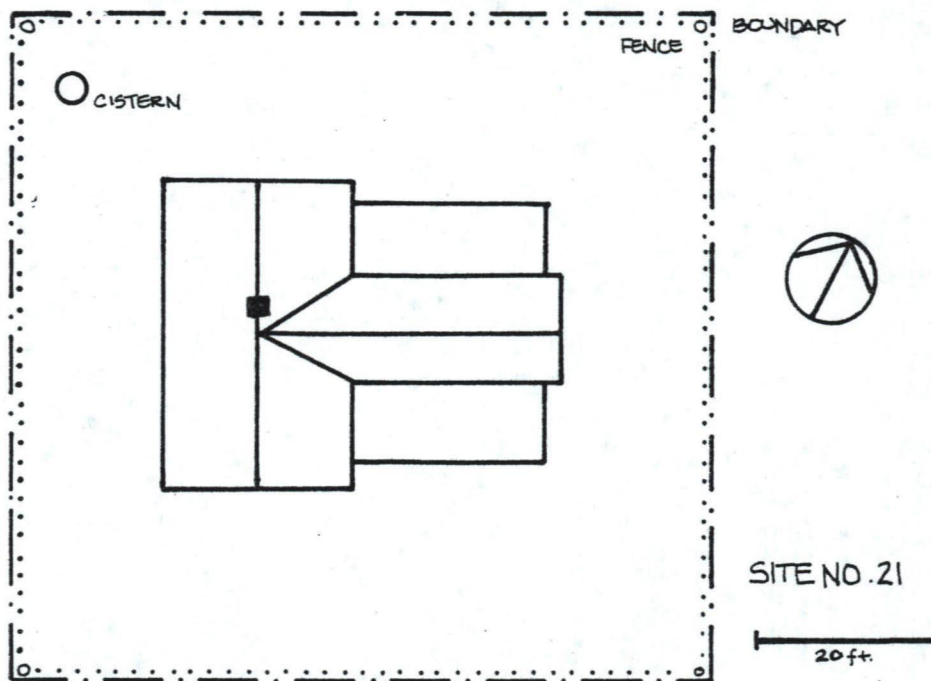
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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Norwegian Settlement of Bosque County Thematic Resources  
State Texas

## Nomination/Type of Review

## Date/Signature

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|--|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| 11. Grimland, Gunsten and Lofise, House  | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 7/22/83 <i>Delores Byers</i> |
|  |                                     | Attest     | _____                        |
| 12. Grimland, Keddel and Liv, Farm       | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 7/22/83 <i>Delores Byers</i> |
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| 13. Hanson, Hans, Farm                   | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | <i>Return</i>                |
|  |                                     | Attest     | _____                        |
| 14. Hoff-Ulland Farm                     | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 7/22/83 <i>Delores Byers</i> |
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| 15. Holen Farm                           | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | <i>Return</i>                |
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| 16. Jensen, James Jens and Martha, House | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 7/22/83 <i>Delores Byers</i> |
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| 17. Knudson, Christen and Johanne, Farm  | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 7/22/83 <i>Delores Byers</i> |
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| 18. Lahlum, A. H., House                 | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 7/22/83 <i>Delores Byers</i> |
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| 19. Larson, Martin, House                | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 7/22/83 <i>Delores Byers</i> |
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| 20. Linberg, Eric and Martha, Farm       | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 7/22/83 <i>Delores Byers</i> |
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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Jenson, James Jens and Martha, House  
(Norwegian Settlement of Bosque County TR)  
Bosque County  
TEXAS

Working No. JUN 9 1983Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84Date Due: 7/7/83 - 7/24/83Action: ☒ ACCEPT 7/22/83Entered 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"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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. 21, James Jens and Martha Jenson  
House, FM 2136, 5 miles northwest of Clifton,  
Bosque County, Texas

Photograph: October 1982, Ken Breisch  
On file, Texas Historical Commission  
View of front facade, looking north  
Photo 33 of 72

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000849