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SITE NO. 3

NAME

Eric and Martha Linberg farm

LOCATION

6 miles west of Clifton, Bosque County, Texas,  
on the O. Ween survey

OWNER

Sam E. Deeley  
Route 1  
Valley Mills, Texas 76634

PRESENT USE

Agriculture

CATEGORY

Building, site

STATUS

Unoccupied

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Family Land Heritage Program  
1974  
General Land Office  
Austin, Texas

QUADRANGLE NAME

Sugarloaf Mountain, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE

1:24000

UTM REFERENCE

14/625220/3517180

ACREAGE

about 2½ acres

PHOTO REFERENCE NO.

9, 10

DESCRIPTION

The Eric and Martha Linberg farm, sited prominently on a bluff that overlooks the Meridian Creek valley, is located about one mile southwest of Round Mountain. The farm complex has been abandoned in recent years, but the land is still being cultivated. The house was used by the Linberg family as a barn between 1913, when the nearby bungalow was completed, and 1976, when the stone house was struck by a tornado. Because of this tornado, as well as another one which hit the house around the turn-of-the-century, the original configuration of the residence is difficult to determine. It was, however, a split-level house with a one-room cellar that was dug out of the southside of the hill.

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The only known historic photograph of the house shows only the east (front) elevation. Similar in composition to the five-bay arrangement of the Ringness house (no. 4), the front had a gabled porch over the entrance. A massive stone barn stands on the north side of the hill about 200 feet from the house. It, too, is a split-level structure. The barn is still in use and remains in excellent condition, although it has recently been repointed with portland cement. Other outbuildings that contribute to the historic character of the farm include two small sheds. The bungalow and a garage are not included in the nominated property.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

According to Alvin and Ibrey Linberg, this large stone house was begun by their grandfather, Eric Linberg, in 1861. Four years later he married Martha Ringness, and the house was presumably enlarged as the family grew. Though this structure has been badly damaged by a recent tornado, enough remains to reveal something of the skill of its builder, Linberg, who was one of three early masons in the settlement. His son, Martin, who served as Postmaster and ran the General Store in Norse at the end of the last century, lived here with his family after 1901. A large stone barn, which stands to the west of this house, is also of outstanding architectural note.

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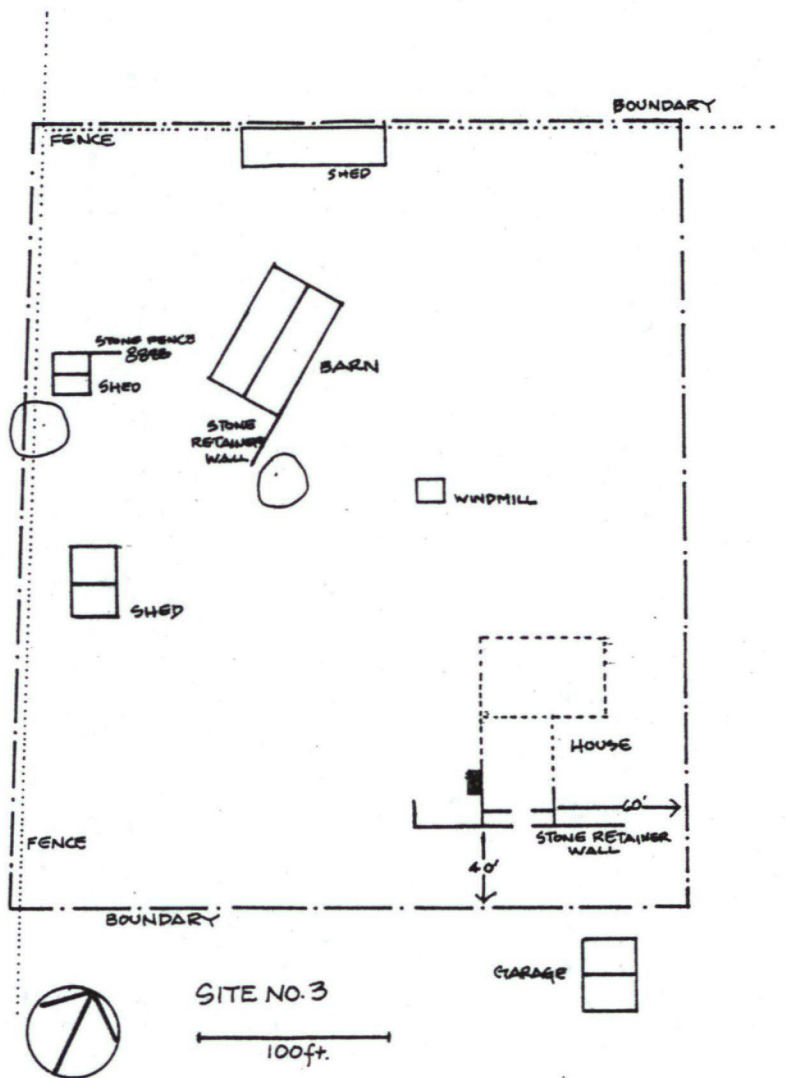
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AREA TO BE NOMINATED



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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Norwegian Settlement of Bosque County Thematic Resources  
State Texas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- |  |                                     |            |                              |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| 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> |
|  |                                     | Attest     |                              |
| 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> |
|  |                                     | Attest     |                              |
| 15. Holen Farm                           | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | <i>Return</i>                |
|  |                                     | Attest     |                              |
| 16. Jenson, James Jens and Martha, House | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 7/22/83 <i>Delores Byers</i> |
|  |                                     | Attest     |                              |
| 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> |
|  |                                     | Attest     |                              |
| 19. Larson, Martin, House                | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 7/22/83 <i>Delores Byers</i> |
|  |                                     | Attest     |                              |
| 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  
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Linberg, Eric and Martha, Farm (Norwegian  
Settlement of Bosque County TR)  
Bosque County  
TEXAS

*Ruins?*

Working No. JUN 9 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

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

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 7/22/83  
☐ 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
<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	

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

Address of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

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

USGS 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. 3, Eric and Martha Linberg Farm,  
6 miles west of Clifton, Bosque County, Texas  
Photograph: October 1982, by David Moore  
On file, Texas Historical Commission  
View of house, looking northeast  
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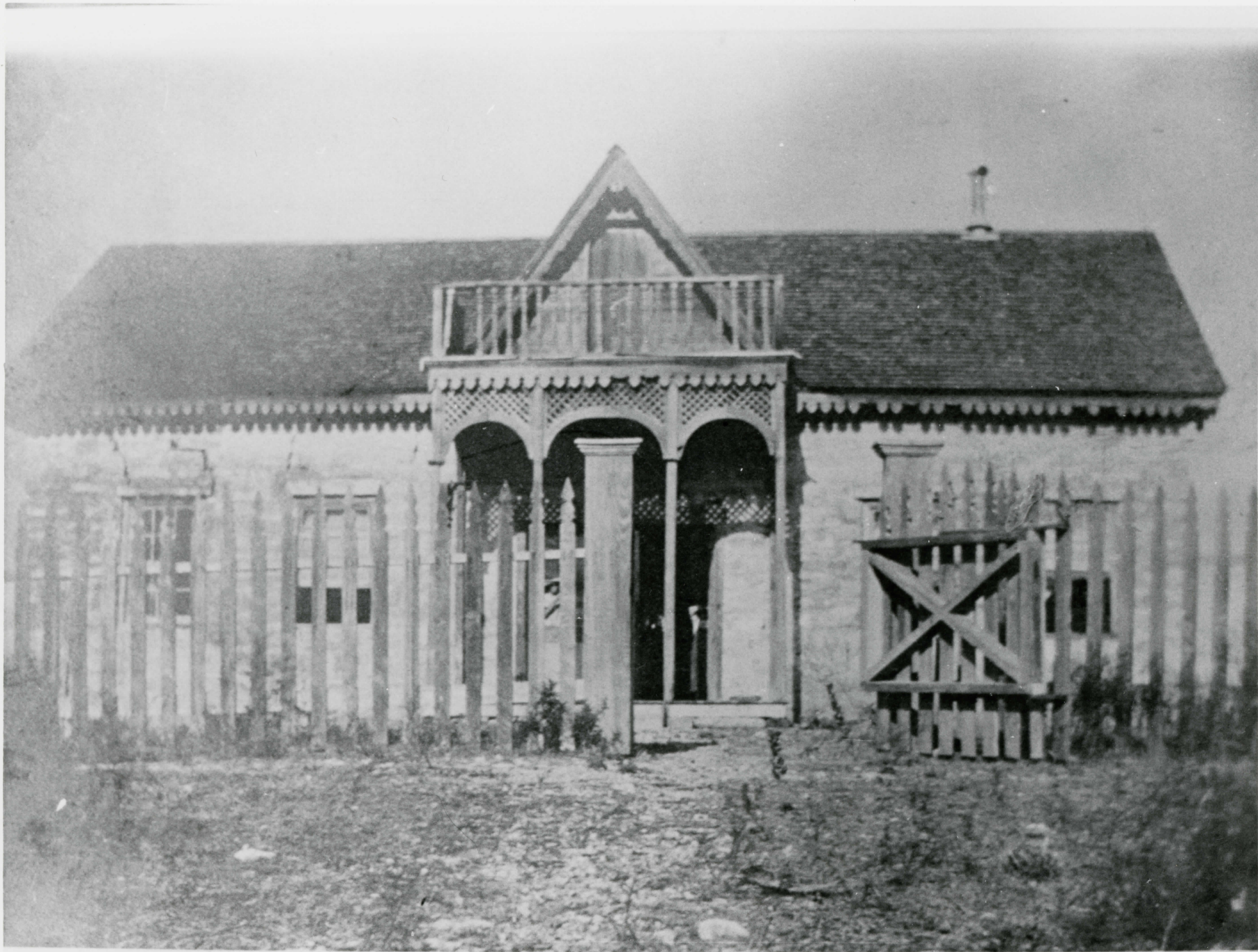
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View of barn, looking northeast

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Photograph: date unknown, photographer unknown

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View of front, looking west

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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