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SITE NO. 5

NAME

Norway Mill

LOCATION

FM 182, ^{on FM 182} 8 miles southwest of Clifton, Bosque
County, Texas, on the A.W. Moore survey

OWNER

Ms. O'Belle Harris
802 Canadian Circle
Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

PRESENT USE

Agriculture

CATEGORY

Building

STATUS

Unoccupied

QUADRANGLE NAME

Hurst Springs, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE

1:24000

UTM REFERENCE

14/627310/3507030

ACREAGE

less than 1 acre

PHOTO REFERENCE NO.

14

DESCRIPTION

Norway Mill is a massive, two-story stone structure that remains in fair condition. It stands near a small stream that provided the water to operate the mill's steam-powered engines. Its plan is rectangular in shape. The front facade is believed to have been on the south elevation, which has a broad, central opening in the ground level. The building is of limestone construction, which was once covered with a scored plaster coating. The only other examples of this type of scoring occur on the Linberg (no. 3) and the Reeder-Omenson (no. 6) houses. Flat arches span all the openings, but the original doors and window sashes have been removed. The ruins of the old engine room extend from the west side of the building, between it and the creek. The building has not been used as a mill since the late 19th century, and it retains none of its original machinery. One of its mill stones, however, has been moved to the grounds of the nearby Reeder-Omenson house, and another is on display at the Bosque County Museum in Clifton. Both the ground- and the second-level floors remain undivided by partitions. The first floor is used to store hay. The walls inside retain their plaster covering, and massive oak piers with chamfered corners support the second floor. A temporary metal roof presently covers the structure.

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OTHER AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE

Industry

SIGNIFICANCE

Norway Mill was erected about 1870 by Alvin Reeder, Ole Canuteson, and Andrew Canuteson with the help of Charlie Olson and Martin Shefstad. It was powered by steam and operated until about 1890. The first mill to serve the Norwegian community, Norway Mill represents the only industrial site in this nomination. Between c. 1870 and c. 1890, the small community of Norway Mills grew up around this site, but nothing of this town now remains.

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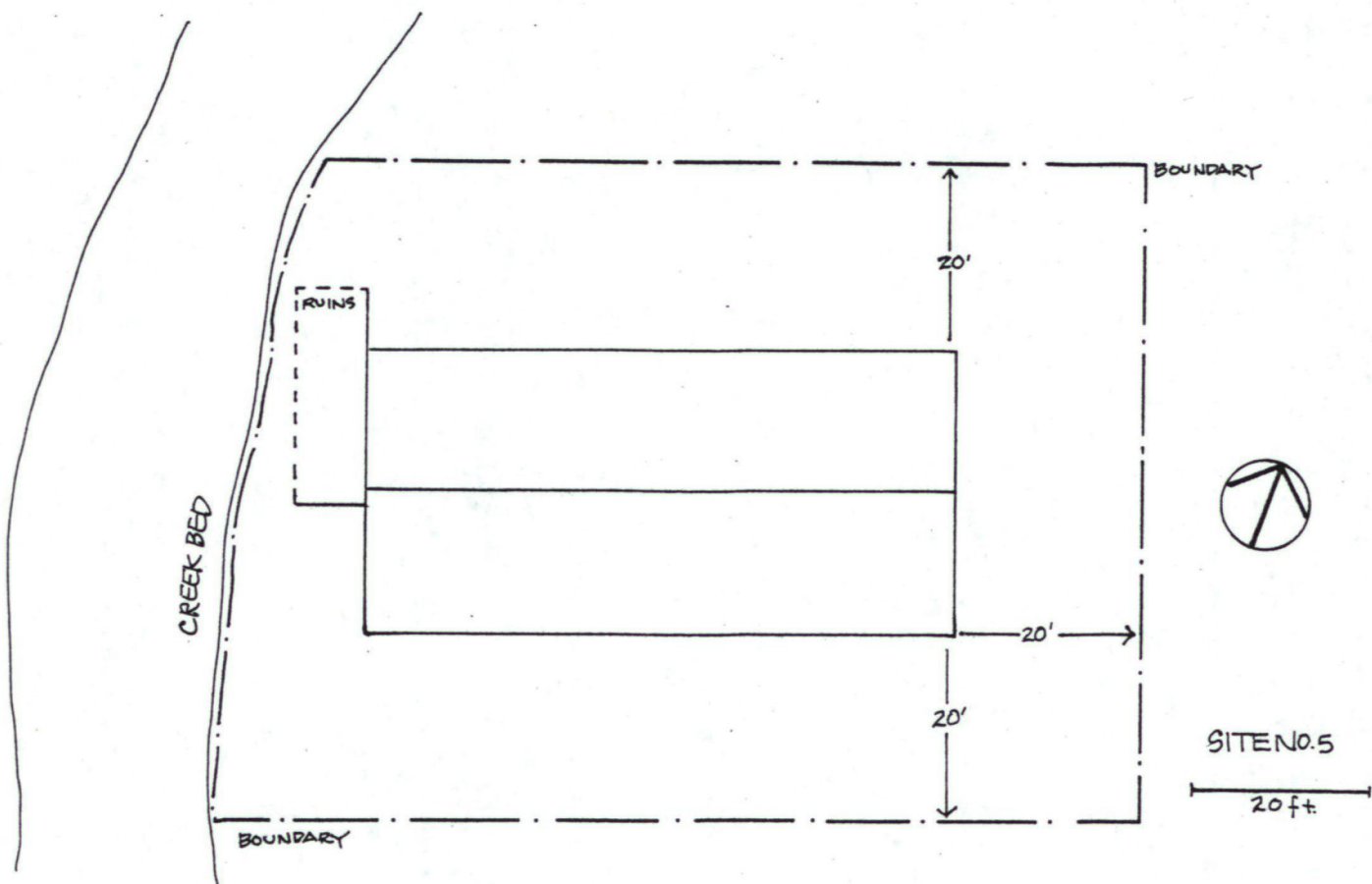
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AREA TO BE NOMINATED



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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Norwegian Settlement of Bosque County Thematic ResourcesState Texas

Nomination/Type of Review

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Date/Signature

21. Norway Mill

7/22/83 Delores Byers

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22. Olson-Hanson Farm

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23. Olson, Joseph and Anna, Farm

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24. Olson-Nelson Farm

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25. Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Substantive Review

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26. Pederson, John, Farm

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27. Pierson, Ole and Ann, Farm

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Farm

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29. Reeder-Omenson Farm

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House

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Attest

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Norway Mill (Norwegian Settlement of Bosque
County TR)
Bosque County
TEXAS

Working No. JUN 9 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.2.84

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

Address 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. 5, Norway Mill, FM 182, 8 miles
southwest of Clifton, Bosque County, Texas

Photograph: March 1979, by Daniel Hardy

On file, Texas Historical Commission

View of front, looking northwest

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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