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SITE NO. 2

NAME Ole and Ann Pierson farm

LOCATION 8½ miles west of Clifton, Bosque County, Texas,
on the O. Pederson survey

OWNER W.L. Penberthy, Jr.
13506 Alchester
Houston, Texas 77079

PRESENT USE Private residence, agriculture

CATEGORY Buildings

STATUS Occupied

QUADRANGLE NAME Sugarloaf Mountain, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE 14/621420/3514400

ACREAGE less than 1 acre

PHOTO REFERENCE No. 6, 7

DESCRIPTION

The Ole and Ann Pierson farm stands within the Gary Creek valley, near the base of Rattlesnake Mountain. The house is about 200 feet north of the creek and remains in good condition. The original, two-story stone house retains much of its integrity, despite the frame additions on the east end. In plan, the original residence is of the asymmetrical type, with dimensions similar to those of the Bersvend Swenson house (no. 42). A two-tiered porch extends across the front, or south, facade. The stone wall within this porch area retains its stuccoed veneer. An exterior stone chimney extends beyond the west gable end. Each floor of the rear wall is pierced by three evenly spaced window openings. The two-story frame section was added to the east end around the turn-of-the-century. Although presently covered with asbestos siding, this addition represents an important part of the structure's architectural evolution. In the 1950s, a garage and connecting hallway were added onto the east side of the frame part of the house.

A small outbuilding, which contributes to the historic character of the farm, stands about 150 feet south of the house, on the north embankment of Gary Creek. Of limestone construction, it has a single doorway on the south wall and small rectangular openings on the east and west walls.

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SIGNIFICANCE

Though the Ole and Ann Pierson house has been more heavily altered than most of the other stone houses in this nomination, it is deemed significant because of its association with two of the original Norwegian settlers in Bosque County. The original stone portion of the residence, moreover, has not had its historic integrity overly impaired. It is said by present and past owners to date to pre-Civil War times.

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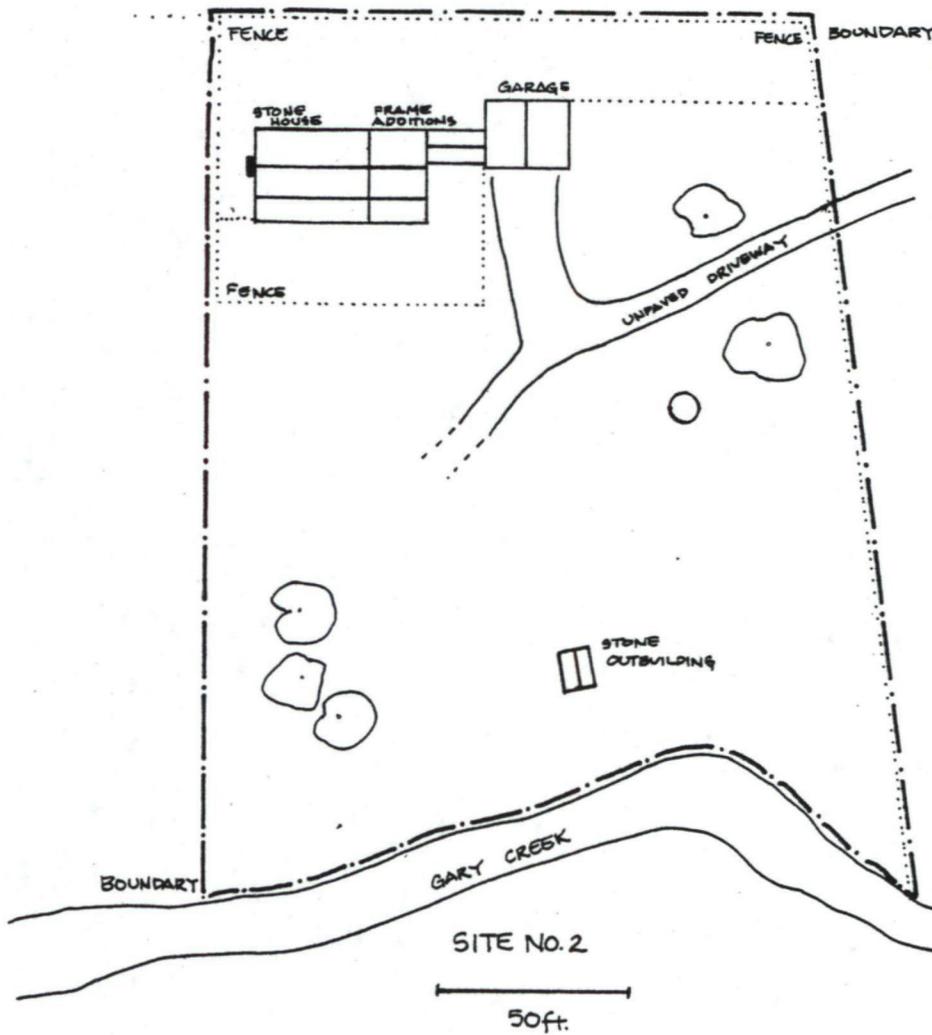
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AREA TO BE NOMINATED



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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 |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| 17 21. Norway Mill | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | Entered in the
National Register | Attest | _____ |
| 22. Olson-Hanson Farm | | Keeper | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | Entered in the
National Register | Attest | _____ |
| 23. Olson, Joseph and Anna, Farm | | Keeper | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | Entered in the
National Register | Attest | _____ |
| 24. Olson-Nelson Farm | | Keeper | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | Entered in the
National Register | Attest | _____ |
| 19 25. Our Savior's Lutheran Church | Substantive Review | Keeper | Return _____ S |
| | Entered in the
National Register | Attest | _____ |
| 26. Pederson, John, Farm | | Keeper | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
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| 27. Pierson, Ole and Ann, Farm | | Keeper | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | Entered in the
National Register | Attest | _____ |
| 28. Questad, Carl and Sedsel,
Farm | | Keeper | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
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| 29. Reeder-Omenson Farm | | Keeper | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
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| 30. Reiersen, Hans and Berthe,
House | | Keeper | 7/22/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
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Pierson, Ole and Ann, Farm (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
 RETURN
 REJECT
Entered in the National Register
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 excellent good fair
 deteriorated ruins unexposed
Check one unaltered altered
Check one original site 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)

- 0891 e JUL
- _____ 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 _____

UMIT 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. 2, Ole and Ann Pierson Farm, 8½ miles
west of Clifton, Bosque County, Texas

Photograph: June 1979, by David Moore

On file, Texas Historical Commission

View of front facade, looking northeast

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The Norwegian Settlement of Bosque County

Site No. 2, Ole and Ann Pierson Farm, 8½ miles
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Photograph: June 1979, by David Moore
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View of outbuilding, 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