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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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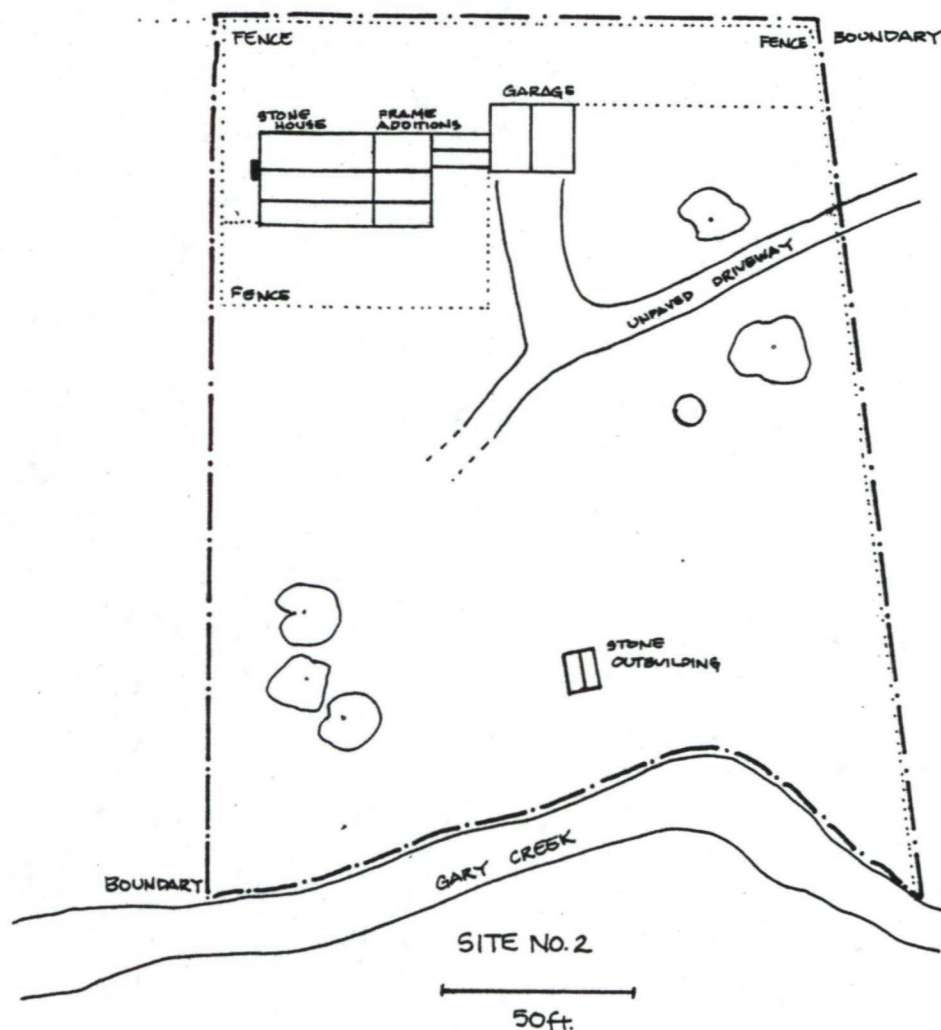
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AREA TO BE NOMINATED



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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Norwegian Settlement of Bosque County Thematic Resources
State Texas

Nomination/Type of Review

Entered in the
National Register

Date/Signature

21. Norway Mill

Keeper

7/22/83 Delores Byers

Entered in the
National Register

Attest

22. Olson-Hanson Farm

Keeper

7/22/83 Delores Byers

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23. Olson, Joseph and Anna, Farm

Keeper

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24. Olson-Nelson Farm

Keeper

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25. Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Substantive Review

Keeper

Return

Attest

26. Pederson, John, Farm

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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27. Pierson, Ole and Ann, Farm

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28. Questad, Carl and Sedsel,
Farm

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29. Reeder-Omenson Farm

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30. Reiersen, Hans and Berthe,
House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

EVALUATION / RETURN SHE

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServicePierson, Ole and Ann, Farm (Norwegian
Settlement of Bosque County TR)
Bosque County
TEXASWorking No. JUN 9 1983Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84Date Due: 7/7/83 - 7/24/83Action: ☒ ACCEPT 7/22/83Entered in the ☐ RETURNNational 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	

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. 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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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