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SITE NO. 16

NAME

Hans and Berthe Reiersen house

LOCATION

~~10 1/4~~ miles southwest of Clifton, Bosque County,  
Texas, on H. Reiersen survey

OWNER

R.W. Williams  
4833 Crestwood  
Waco, Texas 76710

PRESENT USE

Storage

CATEGORY

Building

STATUS

Unoccupied

QUADRANGLE NAME

Sugarloaf Mountain, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE

1:24000

UTM REFERENCE

14/618680/3513360

ACREAGE

less than 1 acre

PHOTO REFERENCE NO.

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DESCRIPTION

The Hans and Berthe Reiersen house is a small stone structure in good condition that stands north of an unpaved county road, near the base of Gary Mountain. Its plan is rectangular and its walls are limestone. The entrance, which is spanned by a large stone lintel, is located off-center on the front, or south, facade. Small window openings pierce each floor of the east and west end walls. The original doors and window sashes have been removed. A later stone lean-to, which extends across the rear wall, has a brick interior chimney that rises from the east end of the shed roof. This roof, as well as that over the original stone section, still exhibits its original cedar shingles. The only other changes in the original design are the small frame additions on both the front and west facades. Presently in stable condition, the structure is used for storage. A cistern is located behind the house and contributes to the historic

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character of the property. A 1920s residence in bungalow style is located about 40 feet east of the stone house, but is not included within the nominated property.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

This small stone house presumably was constructed by Hans and Berthe Reiersen shortly after their arrival in Bosque County in 1871 and 1872, respectively. It is of significance, because it has been altered very little since the turn of the century, and still retains its wood-shingle roof and many of its original wooden fixtures. This building is unoccupied, and has been used for storage since 1911.

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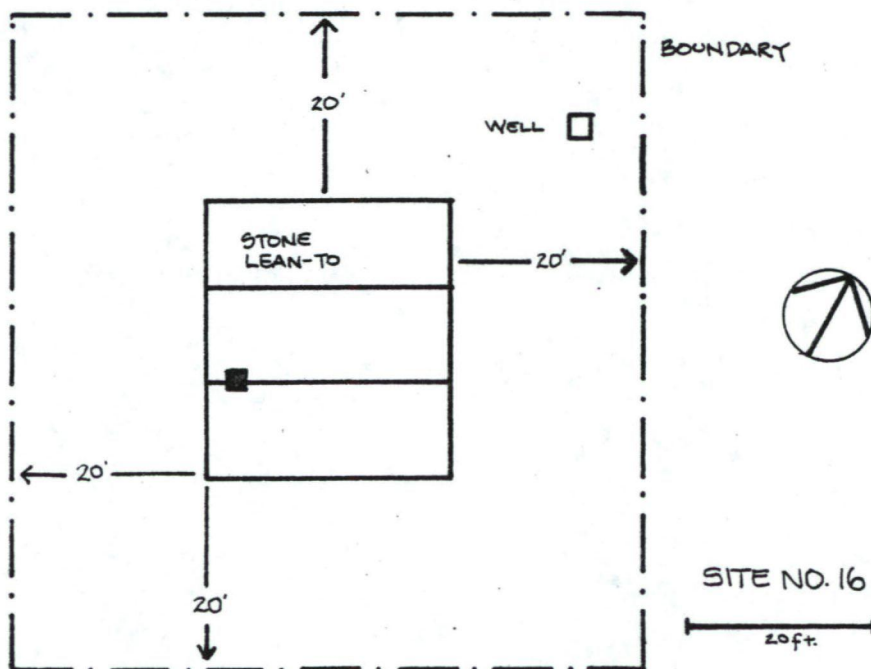
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AREA TO BE NOMINATED



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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

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22. Olson-Hanson Farm

Keeper

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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

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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 SHEET

United States Department of the Interior  
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Settlement of Bosque County TR)  
Bosque County  
TEXASWorking No. JUN 9 1983  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84  
Date Due: 7/7/83 - 7/24/83  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 7/22/83  
Entered in the RETURN  
National Register REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_☐ resubmission  
☐ nomination by person or local government  
☐ owner objection  
☐ appealSubstantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ see continuation sheetNomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below  
☐ substantive reasons discussed below1. 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**

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. 16, Hans and Berthe Reiersen House,  
10  $\frac{1}{4}$  miles southwest of Clifton, Bosque County,  
Texas

Photograph: June 1979, by David Moore  
On file, Texas Historical Commission  
View of front facade, looking northwest  
Photo 26 of 72

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000849