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SITE NO. 23

NAME

Tom and Martha Rogstad farm

LOCATION

11½ miles west of Clifton, Bosque County,
Texas, on W. Gary survey

OWNERS

Charles B. Richards, Jr. and Dudley C. Haas
Box 785
Waco, Texas 76703

PRESENT USE

Private residence, agriculture

CATEGORY

Buildings

STATUS

Unoccupied

QUADRANGLE NAME

Cranfills Gap, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE

1:24000

UTM REFERENCE

14/615760/3515150

ACREAGE

about 3½ acres

PHOTO REFERENCE NO.

35

DESCRIPTION

The Tom and Martha Rogstad farm includes a one-and-a-half-story frame house that is similar to the Colwick house (no. 22). It stands on level terrain at the top of Rogstad Mountain. Presently unoccupied, it is in only fair condition. The house is virtually unaltered, and retains its integrity to a remarkable degree. The plan of the house is T-shaped, although a small addition has been built onto the rear. A shed-roof porch, with turned wooden posts and jig-cut wooden brackets, extends across the front, or east, elevation. Windows with both two-over-two and four-over-four-lights pierce the walls. A small and square window with four lights is found above the porch roof, centered over the single front door. A composition-shingle roof with intersecting gables shelters the structure, and a corbeled brick interior chimney rises

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from the east gable end. A one-room stone structure, which is believed to have been used as a smokehouse, stands a few feet north of the house. Other outbuildings that contribute to the historic character of the farm include two barns, one of board-and-batten construction, and the other with metal covering.

SIGNIFICANCE

Located on one of the oldest farmsteads within the entire Norwegian Settlement, the Tom and Martha Rogstad farm remains virtually unaltered since its completion in 1893. It represents one of the most outstanding late 19th-century farm houses in the area. According to one of their grandchildren, it was built by the Norwegian carpenter, Johan Nordahl, after an 1892 fire destroyed the old stone house of Berger and Ann Rogstad. The foundation of this structure is said to still exist on the property.

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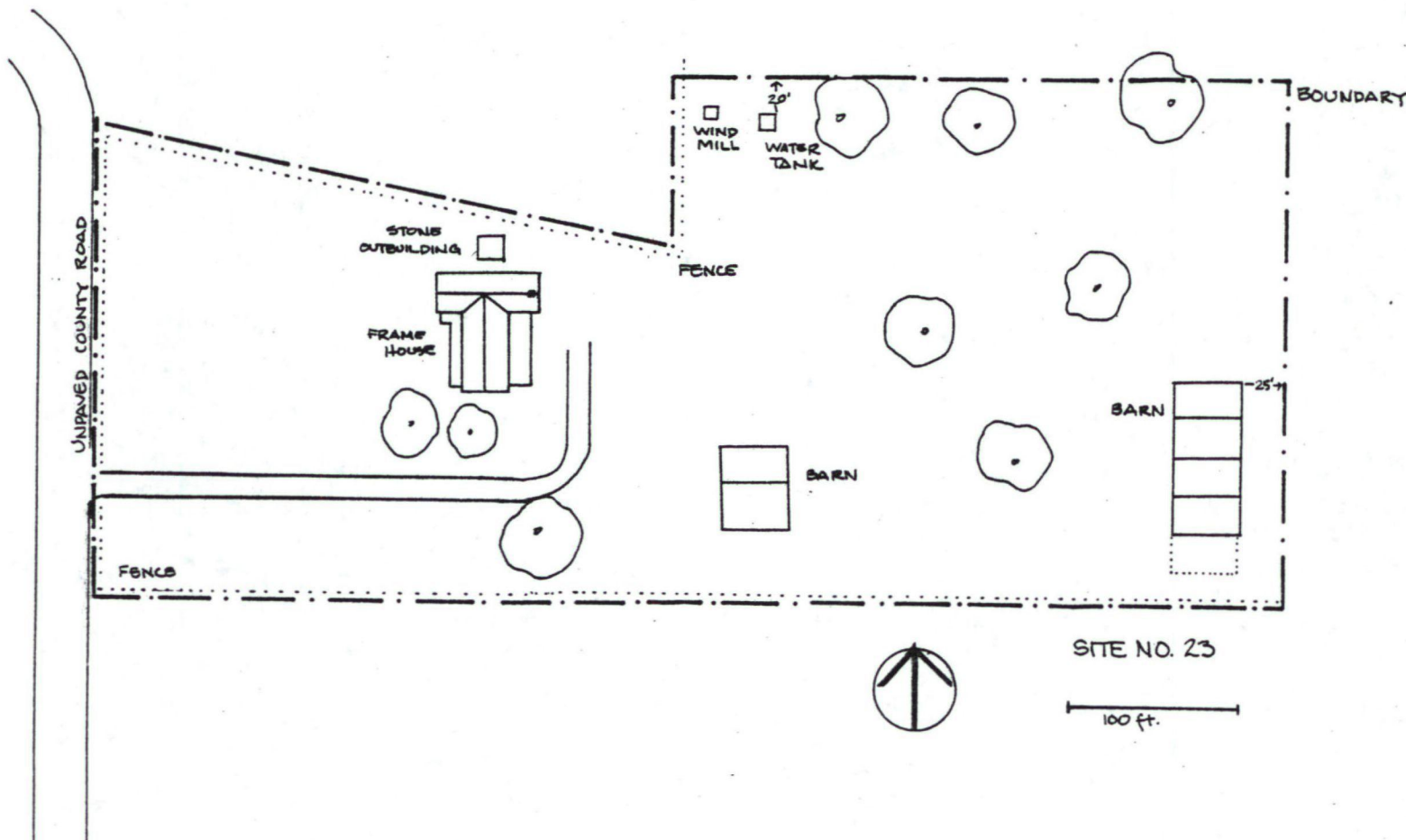
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Norwegian Settlement of Bosque County Thematic Resources
State Texas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

191 31. Ringness, Jens and Kari,
Farm

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National Register

for
Keeper

7/22/83 Delores Byers

Attest

32. Rogstad, Tom and Martha,
Farm

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33. Schultz, Tobias and
Wilhelmine, Farm

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National Register

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Keeper

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34. Shefstad, Gunarus and
Ingerborg, House

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

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201 35. Upper Settlement Rural
Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bob Groszner 7/22/83

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202 36. Wilson Homesite

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EVALUATION / RETURN SHE

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Rogstad, Tom and Martha, 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

Entered in ~~FRS~~ ☐ RETURN

National 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. 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

Acreage 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. 23, Tom and Martha Rogstad Farm,
11½ miles west of Clifton, Bosque County,
Texas

Photograph: March 1979, by Daniel Hardy

On file, Texas Historical Commission

View of front facade, 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