

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Site No. 4

Photo No. 4

Name: "Old Rock Saloon"
W. Elm St.

Historic Name: same

Present Owner: Beerah Stubblefield
c/o D. Stubblefield
403 Craig
Hillsboro, Texas 76645

Date: 1876

Block/Lot: Block 5, W. 23 ft. Lot 5

Acreage: less than one acre

Original Use: Saloon

Current Use: Insurance and real estate office

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle: Hillsboro West

UTM Reference: 676600/3542920

Address: 58 W. Elm

Architectural Description:

Physical Condition: Good

Date(s) of Alterations: 1980-81; restored

This two-story, three-bay, vernacular commercial building, constructed of limestone rubble and large cut blocks with partial stucco application on the facade, displays a rectangular plan and symmetrical floor arrangement. Three upper-level, 1/1, double-hung, wood-sash windows with bracketed hood molds contain stone sills. A gabled roof rises behind the built up parapet. The fixed-glass transom strips above the wood and fixed-glass storefront canopy are now blocked. During restoration and renovation in 1980-81, some plaster was removed. This was the first building to be restored under the Texas Main Street Program.

Significance:

Period: 1800-1899

Area of Significance: Architecture, Commerce, and History

The Rock Saloon is architecturally significant as the only surviving limestone structure within the central business district. Judging from the cornerstone date of 1876, the vernacular building is probably the oldest commercial structure in Hillsboro. The saloon, which originally featured a bar extending the length of the downstairs area, was owned for a time by J. E. Ballard, Mayor of Hillsboro from 1889-1893. Originally located at the rear of the building was a cockfighting pit and, upstairs a gambling hall. Subsequent businesses operating here have included a confectionery, a tailor's shop, pool hall, sewing machine shop, and hamburger joint.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Name Hillsboro Multiple Resource Area
State Hill County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Farmers National Bank

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byrum 3/30/84

Attest

2. Gebhardt Bakery

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National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byrum 3/30/84

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3. Grimes House

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4. Grimes Garage

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5. Hill County Cotton Oil
Company

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

Keeper

Eligible - Beth Grosvorn 3/30/84

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

6. Hillsboro Cotton Mills

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7. Hillsboro Residential
Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth Grosvorn 7/9/84

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8. Old Rock Saloon

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9. Sturgis National Bank

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10. Tarlton Building

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Old Rock Saloon (Hillsboro MRA)
Hill County
TEXAS

Working No. 2-15-84
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85
Date Due: 3/15/84 ~~3/31/84~~
Action: ACCEPT 3/30/84
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- 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

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|----------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Category | Ownership Public Acquisition | Status Accessible | Present Use |
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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*)

- 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

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Yerkes County
GA 30787

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UTM 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: _____



Historic Resources of Hillsboro
Hillsboro, Hill County, Texas
Site No. 4, Old Rock Saloon, 58 W. Elm
Photographer: Ellen Beasley, Spring 1982
Negative on file, Texas Historical Commission,
Austin
View: northwest oblique, camera facing southeast
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000846