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SITE NO. 9

NAME Gunsten and Lofise Grimland house

LOCATION FM 219, 8½ miles southwest of Clifton, Bosque
County, Texas, on J. Houston survey

OWNER Tilden Pederson
Route 2
Clifton, Texas 76634

PRESENT USE Agriculture

CATEGORY Building

STATUS Unoccupied

QUADRANGLE NAME Hurst Springs, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE 14/622160/3510610

ACREAGE less than 1 acre

PHOTO REFERENCE NO. 18

DESCRIPTION

The Gunsten and Ingerborg Grimland house is a one-and-a-half-story stone structure with a wood-frame addition to one end. It stands abandoned in a field near the Keddel and Liv Grimland farm (no. 10). Although its plan is of the asymmetrical type of stone house, both of its major facades are symmetrically composed. The north, or front, elevation shows two windows flanking a central doorway, while the south wall has two doorways and a central window. The east end has a window opening on the ground floor and another in the loft. The original west end is presently obscured by a wood-frame addition, but its stone chimney pierces the roof of corrugated metal. Because the house has been unoccupied and used as a barn for over 40 years, the interior has been gutted and the doors and window sashes have been removed. The frame addition was probably built about the turn-of-the-century. A cistern is located a few feet south of the house.

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SIGNIFICANCE

According to Tilden Pederson, who presently owns the property, the two-room, stone portion of this house was erected by Gunsten and Lofise Grimland about 1869 or 1870. A frame addition was added on one end at a later date, to form a row-house type of plan. The structure stands in close proximity to the larger Keddel and Liv Grimland farm, and is a good illustration of an early pioneer farmhouse in the area.

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