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SITE NO. 13

NAME Ole and Elizabeth Finstad homesite

LOCATION FM 219, 9½ miles southwest of Clifton, Bosque County, Texas, on W. Haddin survey

OWNER Edgar and Yolanda Davis  
P.O. Box 4457  
Waco, Texas 76705

PRESENT USE Ruins, agriculture

CATEGORY Building, site

STATUS Unoccupied

QUADRANGLE NAME Hurst Springs, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE 14/620640/3511200

ACREAGE less than 1 acre

PHOTO REFERENCE NO. 23

DESCRIPTION

Easily visible from FM 219, the Ole and Elizabeth Finstad homesite stands in ruins in the Neils Creek valley. Little of the original configuration remains, as several of the walls have collapsed. The house is built of limestone blocks with mud mortar and rubble-stone pointing. The original fenestration is difficult to discern. The only visible opening is a small window which pierces the east wall at attic level. An exterior stone chimney extends from this same wall, and the hearth, which has a fine segmental arch, remains intact. No structures associated with this house have been located, but examination of the immediate vicinity of the site has uncovered pot shards probably connected with the early period of occupation. The house has been abandoned for about 75 years, and its archeological potential appears to be high.

SIGNIFICANCE

According to Tilden Pederson, this one-room stone house was constructed by Ole and Elizabeth Finstad sometime in the mid to late 19th century. Although it is presently in ruins, the historic artifacts observed on the surface of the site bespeaks the archeological significance of the site.

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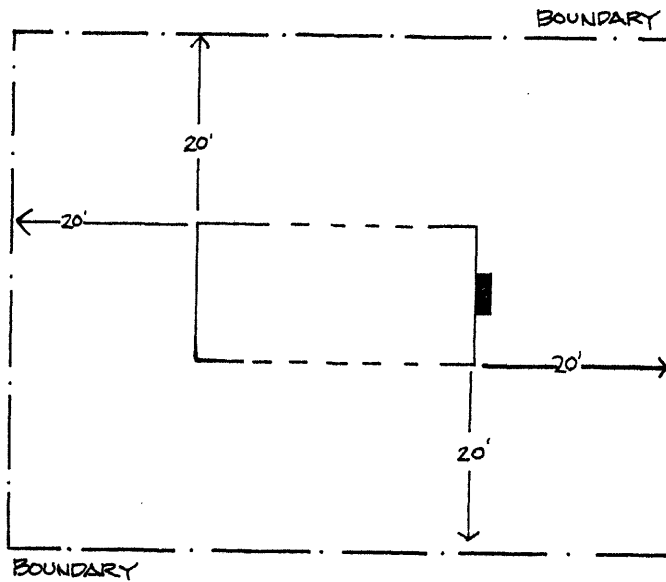
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