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SITE NO. 17

NAME Olson-Hanson farm

LOCATION FM 219, 5 miles southwest of Clifton, Bosque County, Texas, on G. Brown survey

OWNERS R.E. Henderson, Jr. and D.M. McTaggart
c/o R.E. Henderson, Jr.
7224 Westover
Waco, Texas 76710

PRESENT USE Private residence

CATEGORY Building

STATUS Unoccupied

QUADRANGLE NAME Hurst Springs, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE 14/627520/3512940

ACREAGE about 2 acres

PHOTO REFERENCE NO. 27

DESCRIPTION

The Olson-Hansen farm is located about one mile northeast of the intersection of FM 219 and FM 189, and its prominent siting upon a hill overlooking the Gary Creek valley makes it easily visible from FM 219. Presently in good condition, the house is used occasionally as a week-end residence by its current owners. This one-and-a-half-story structure has a rectangular plan and exhibits a stucco veneer that covers limestone walls. The three-bay front faces south and has a centrally positioned, double-door entrance. A shed-roof porch with chamfered wooden columns projects over this entry. A central dormer-like gable with a single window and clapboards gives the front facade an appearance much like that of the Bekken (no. 27) and Schultz houses (no. 26). The outer bays of the front elevation, as well as the ground-level

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of the east and west facades, have double-hung windows with two-over-two lights and wooden sashes. Interior brick chimneys extend above each end of the gable roof, now covered with composition shingles. Two wood-frame barns, a small shed, and a cistern are also located on the property. All contribute to the historic character of the farm.

SIGNIFICANCE

Little is known of the early history of this farmhouse. Tax records at the county courthouse reveal that Lars Olson, one of the earliest of the Norwegian pioneers, owned this land in 1880, but he probably acquired it much earlier. In 1891 Andrew Hanson obtained possession of this property. Today it stands as a good example of a late 19th-century Norwegian farm in the area.

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