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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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