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SITE NO. 24

NAME

John Pederson farm

LOCATION

FM 219, 9 miles southwest of Clifton, Bosque
County, Texas, on J. Houston survey

OWNER

Tilden Pederson
Route 2
Clifton, Texas 76634

PRESENT USE

Private residence, agriculture

CATEGORY

Buildings

STATUS

Occupied

QUADRANGLE NAME

Hurst Springs, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE

1:24000

UTM REFERENCE

14/615780/3522520

ACREAGE

about 3 acres

PHOTO REFERENCE NO.

36, 37

DESCRIPTION

The John Pederson farm is located on the gently rolling land of the Neils Creek valley, about nine miles west of Clifton. It is in good condition, and retains much of its historic integrity. The original plan of the house was T-shaped but, with the addition in 1913 of a one-and-a-half-story wing onto the east side of the house, the plan was changed to its present cross-shaped configuration. Originally, it was very similar in plan and appearance to the Colwick (no. 22) and Rogstad (no. 23) houses. The front, which faces south toward FM 219, features a one-story porch with Doric columns linked at the top by a frieze of turned spindles. Two front entrances flank each side of the projecting central section. The windows are double hung with two-

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over-two lights. The gabled roof, covered by composition shingles, shows three prominent gables on the front elevation, and is pierced by two chimneys of corbeled brick. Lightning rods occur on the ridges. Several small additions have been built on the rear, or west, side of the house. The complex includes several outbuildings, but the most significant is a frame barn which stands northwest of the house. This structure is of board-and-batten construction, and has an arcade of round-arch openings on the east end of the south elevation. The other outbuildings also contribute to the historic character of the farm.

SIGNIFICANCE

Tilden Pederson, who is the present owner of this farm, states that the house was erected in 1891 and 1892 for his father, John Pederson. It was constructed by Johan Nordahl, who built several other frame houses in the area. The Pederson house is noteworthy for its dormer-like gables, whose ends are flush with the underlying walls, and for its one-story porch and simple plan.

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