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SITE NO. 25

NAME

Peder Dahl farm

LOCATION

FM 219, 2 3/4 miles southwest of Clifton
Bosque County, Texas, on G. Hail survey

OWNER

E.M. Colwick
Route 2
Clifton, Texas 76634

PRESENT USE

Private residence

CATEGORY

Buildings

STATUS

Occupied

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Family Land Heritage Program
1974
General Land Office
Austin, Texas

QUADRANGLE NAME

Clifton, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE

1:24000

UTM REFERENCE

14/631990/3513740

ACREAGE

about 2 3/4 acres

PHOTO REFERENCE NO.

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DESCRIPTION

The Peder Dahl farm stands atop a hill which overlooks the Neils Creek valley. Located about a quarter mile southeast of FM 219, the house is in good condition, and only minor alterations affect its integrity. The original plan of the house was T-shaped, although, small additions onto the north and south sides of the rear ell have changed this somewhat. The front faces east and, with its steep central gable, features

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a symmetrical facade that is similar to that of the Bekken (no. 27) and Schultz houses (no. 26). With shingled siding, this central gable has a jig-cut wooden bargeboard at the apex, which is composed of a king post with braces and cut-out wooden brackets. A single doorway pierces this gable and opens onto a small porch balcony added in 1947. Sidelights and transoms frame the ground-level main entrance. The windows are double hung with two-over-two lights. The steeply pitched, cross-gabled roof is covered with composition shingles and pierced by an internal brick chimney at each side.

SIGNIFICANCE

In 1893 Johan Nordahl built this frame residence for Peder Dahl, who was the son of one of the earliest Norwegian settlers of Bosque County. The present house, which is prominently sited atop a hill, is one of the most noteworthy and intact late 19th-century farmhouses in the area.

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