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SITE NO. 28

NAME Ellingson farm

LOCATION ~~8~~ miles west of Clifton, Bosque County, Texas,  
on B. Ellingson survey

OWNER Milford Murphree  
Star Route 1  
Cranfills Gap, Texas 76634

PRESENT USE Storage

CATEGORY Buildings

STATUS Unoccupied

QUADRANGLE NAME Sugarloaf Mountain, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE 14/622030/3516420

ACREAGE less than 1 acre

PHOTO REFERENCE NO. 43

DESCRIPTION

The Ellingson farm is located near Rattlesnake Mountain, west of the Upper Settlement Rural Historic District. It includes two residential structures that remain in good condition. The Bernard Ellingson house is a one-and-a-half-story, wood-frame structure with an L-shaped plan. A shed-roof porch, with chamfered wood columns, extends across the front, or south, facade. The house has double-hung windows with one-over-one lights. The intersecting-gable roof is covered with standing seam metal, and a small shed-roof addition extends on the west side. The house is sheathed in ship-lapped novelty siding.

The Jacob Ellingson house, which is also located on the property, is built of quarried limestone with mud mortar. A massive exterior chimney of stone projects from

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the north side. The lone opening on the front (east) facade is a recessed single-door entrance. A standing-seam metal roof covers this one-room structure. A small corrugated-tin outbuilding stands a few feet to the north of the stone house, but does not contribute to the historic character of the property.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

The Ellingson farm includes what is believed to be the last stone house erected by a Norwegian pioneer. According to its present owner, it was built about 1900 for Jacob Ellingson. His brother, Bernard, lived in the nearby frame house, which was erected about 1893. This structure is significant because it is typical of the frame farmhouses built by the Norwegians during the late 19th century.

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