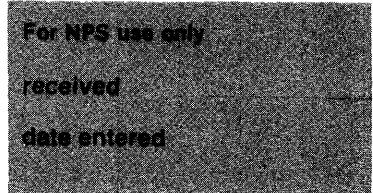


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SITE NO. 29

NAME A.H. Lahlum, house

LOCATION 7½ miles southwest of Clifton, Bosque County,
Texas, on U. Boswell survey

OWNER Alton Aars
Route 2
Clifton, Texas 76634

PRESENT USE Storage

CATEGORY Building

STATUS Unoccupied

QUADRANGLE NAME Hurst Springs, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE 14/626120/3508360

ACREAGE less than 1 acre

PHOTO REFERENCE NO. 44

DESCRIPTION

The August Lahlum house is a small one-story farmhouse of board-and-batten construction. The structure was relocated to its present position on the west bank of Neils Creek in 1893, when a new house was erected on its first site. Its original plan was T-shaped, but the addition of a second section on to the back, or western side, of the building in 1893 produced an H-shaped configuration. Small shed-roof porches extend over the single-door entrances of the east and south elevations. The lower, central portion of the roof is pierced by a single brick chimney. This roof of intersecting gables is now covered by deteriorated composition shingles. The windows are double hung with four-over-four lights. Presently used for storage, the structure remains in fair condition.

SIGNIFICANCE

The A.H. Lahlum house is a rare example of a late 19th-century residence in the area that features board-and-batten construction. Its present owner states that it was moved in 1893 to its present location about one-third mile south of the original site. The date of construction is not known, but it was probably erected in the 1880s and is one of the oldest frame houses in the Norwegian settlement.

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