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SITE NO. 31

NAME Bronstad house

LOCATION 4½ miles southwest of Clifton, Bosque County,
Texas, on J. Brown survey

OWNER Joe V. Guinn
Route 2 Box 36 A
Clifton, Texas 76634

PRESENT USE Private residence, agriculture

CATEGORY Building

STATUS Occupied

QUADRANGLE NAME Sugarloaf Mountain, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE 14/628580/3514560

ACREAGE less than 1 acre

PHOTO REFERENCE 47

DESCRIPTION

The Bronstad house is a two-story residence that stands on relatively level terrain near Turkey Creek, about one half mile west of FM 219. Of wood-frame construction, with walls sheathed in shiplapped novelty siding, this house is in good condition and shows relatively few modern alterations. Its present plan is L-shaped, although the rear wing is an early addition. The symmetrical front faces southeast, and displays three dormer-like gables crowned with metal ridge cresting. The double-door entrance opens onto a small one-story porch that is supported by turned-wood columns with brackets. The posts are joined by a railing with simply turned balusters. All of the windows are double hung, usually with four-over-four lights. Interior brick chimneys extend upward at each end of the front, adding to the symmetry of the facade. The cross-gabled roof is covered with composition shingles. The house is the only structure on this property to be nominated.

SIGNIFICANCE

Little is known of the history of this house, but tax records at the county courthouse indicate that this property was owned by Ole Bronstad during the late 19th century. Because of its similarity to other frame house in the area, the residence is believed to have been erected in the 1890's. Retaining much of its integrity, it provides a good example of the symmetrical frame house popular throughout the area around 1900.

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