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SITE NO. 6

NAME

Reeder-Omenson farm

LOCATION

FM 182, ⁹8 miles southwest of Clifton, on FM 182
Bosque County, Texas, on the A.W. Moore
survey

OWNER

Ms. O'Belle Harris
802 Canadian Circle
Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

PRESENT USE

Private residence

CATEGORY

Building

STATUS

Occupied

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark
1963
Texas Historical Commission
Austin, Texas

QUADRANGLE NAME

Hurst Springs, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE

1:24000

UTM REFERENCE

14/627160/3506880

ACREAGE

less than 1 acre

PHOTO REFERENCE NO.

15

DESCRIPTION

Exhibiting some Greek Revival detailing, such as the returned cornices in its gables, the Reeder-Omenson house is a large, two-story stone residence, which faces northeast on the opposite side of a stream that flows by Norway Mill (no. 5). Despite several alterations, it retains much of its integrity and remains in excellent condition. The original plan of the house was rectangular, although it is now L-shaped because of rear additions. A five-bay, two-tiered attached gallery, with a jig-sawn balustrade, dominates the front facade. According to a nearby resident, this porch was rebuilt

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about 1967, but the new concrete floor is the only significant change from its original appearance. The fine gallery balustrade and thin square piers remain the same. Under this porch, the stone wall retains its stucco veneer, which has regularly coursed scoring. Exterior stone chimneys terminate both gable ends, and contribute to the overall symmetry of the composition. Flat arches with stone voussoirs span all of the openings. The only addition to the house occurs on the rear elevation, where a two-story, frame wing was built to join the house to an originally detached, two-story stone kitchen. One of the mill stones from Norway Mill has been planted in the ground just north of the house.

SIGNIFICANCE

Although Alvin Reeder, for whom this house was constructed, was not of Norwegian descent, the building itself was erected by two Norwegians, Charlie Olson and Martin Shefstad. Reeder was also associated with Norway Mill, which was built about the same time and served as an early milling center for the Norwegian settlement area. Probably because of its owner's taste, the style of this structure is more closely related to the contemporary Anglo-American Greek Revival fashion. The house was sold to the Omenson family just after the turn-of-the-century.

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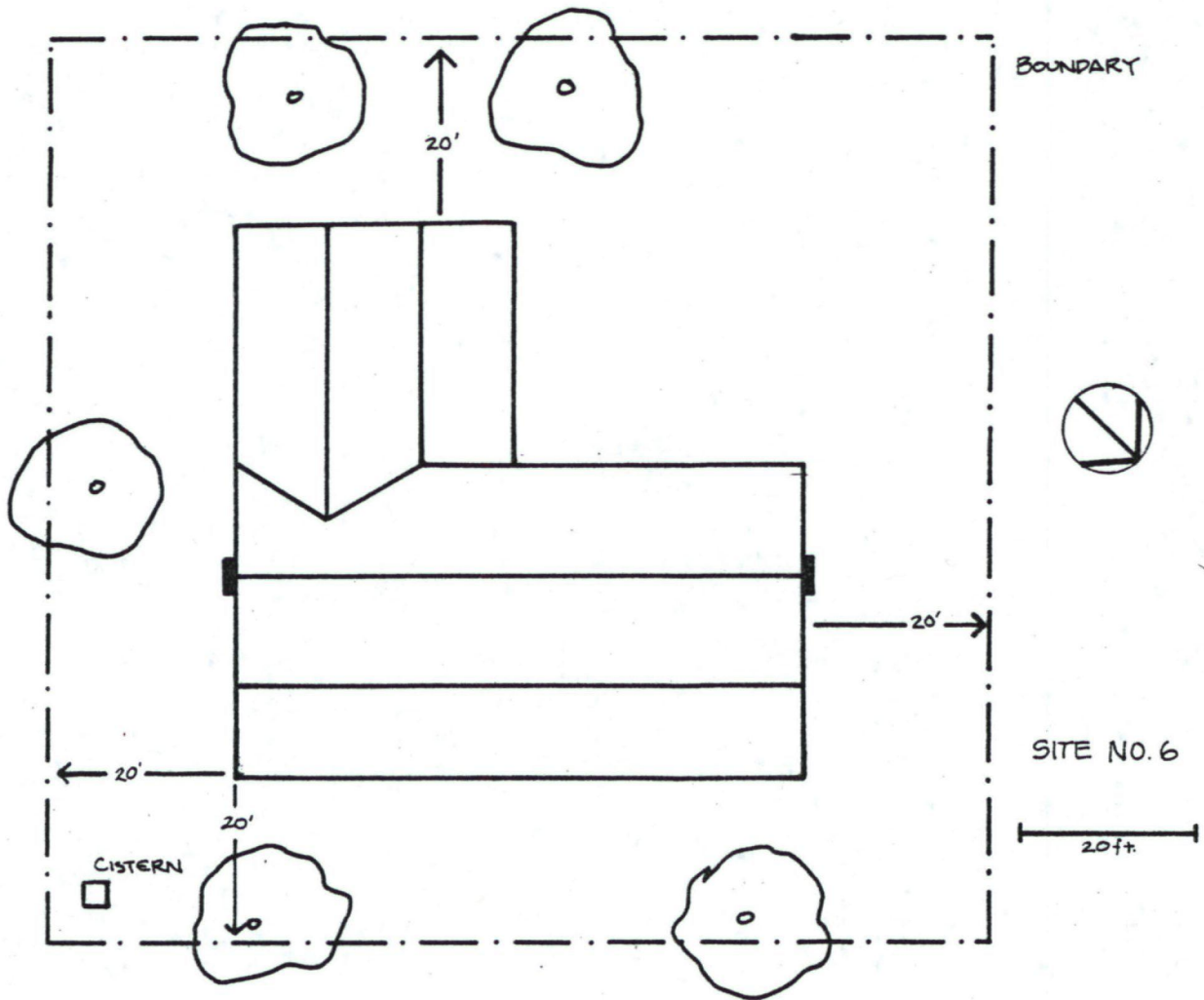
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Norwegian Settlement of Bosque County Thematic Resources

State Texas

Nomination/Type of Review

Entered in the
National Register

Date/Signature

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| 21. Norway Mill | Keeper | 7/22/83 | <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| 22. Olson-Hanson Farm | Attest
Keeper | 7/22/83 | <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| 23. Olson, Joseph and Anna, Farm | Attest
Keeper | 7/22/83 | <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| 24. Olson-Nelson Farm | Attest
Keeper | 7/22/83 | <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| 25. Our Savior's Lutheran Church | Substantive Review
Keeper | | <u>Return</u> |
| 26. Pederson, John, Farm | Attest
Keeper | 7/22/83 | <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| 27. Pierson, Ole and Ann, Farm | Attest
Keeper | 7/22/83 | <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| 28. Questad, Carl and Sedsel, Farm | Attest
Keeper | 7/22/83 | <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| 29. Reeder-Omenson Farm | Attest
Keeper | 7/22/83 | <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| 30. Reiersen, Hans and Berthe, House | Attest
Keeper | 7/22/83 | <u>Delores Byers</u> |

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EVALUATION / RETURN SHE

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Reeder-Omenson Farm (Norwegian Settlement
of Bosque County TR)
Bosque County
TEXAS

Working No. JUN 9 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 7/17/83 - 7/24/83

Action: ACCEPT 7/22/83

Entered in the RETURN

National Register REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments: _____

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS Reference _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



The Norwegian Settlement of Bosque County

Site No. 6, Reeder-Omenson Farm, FM 182,
8 miles southwest of Clifton, Bosque County,
Texas

Photograph: March 1979, by Daniel Hardy
On file, Texas Historical Commission
View of front facade, looking northwest
Photo 15 of 72

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000849