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SITE NO. 2

NAME Ole and Ann Pierson farm

LOCATION 8½ miles west of Clifton, Bosque County, Texas,  
on the O. Pederson survey

OWNER W.L. Penberthy, Jr.  
13506 Alchester  
Houston, Texas 77079

PRESENT USE Private residence, agriculture

CATEGORY Buildings

STATUS Occupied

QUADRANGLE NAME Sugarloaf Mountain, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE 14/621420/3514400

ACREAGE less than 1 acre

PHOTO REFERENCE No. 6, 7

## DESCRIPTION

The Ole and Ann Pierson farm stands within the Gary Creek valley, near the base of Rattlesnake Mountain. The house is about 200 feet north of the creek and remains in good condition. The original, two-story stone house retains much of its integrity, despite the frame additions on the east end. In plan, the original residence is of the asymmetrical type, with dimensions similar to those of the Bersvend Swenson house (no. 42). A two-tiered porch extends across the front, or south, facade. The stone wall within this porch area retains its stuccoed veneer. An exterior stone chimney extends beyond the west gable end. Each floor of the rear wall is pierced by three evenly spaced window openings. The two-story frame section was added to the east end around the turn-of-the-century. Although presently covered with asbestos siding, this addition represents an important part of the structure's architectural evolution. In the 1950s, a garage and connecting hallway were added onto the east side of the frame part of the house.

A small outbuilding, which contributes to the historic character of the farm, stands about 150 feet south of the house, on the north embankment of Gary Creek. Of limestone construction, it has a single doorway on the south wall and small rectangular openings on the east and west walls.

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SIGNIFICANCE

Though the Ole and Ann Pierson house has been more heavily altered than most of the other stone houses in this nomination, it is deemed significant because of its association with two of the original Norwegian settlers in Bosque County. The original stone portion of the residence, moreover, has not had its historic integrity overly impaired. It is said by present and past owners to date to pre-Civil War times.

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