

SPARKS FARMSTEAD

.32 miles southwest of the intersection  
of Bearden and Old Maypearl Roads

Waxahachie Vicinity

Ellis County

Texas

HABS No. TX-3381

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

REDUCED COPIES OF MEASURED DRAWINGS

FIELD RECORDS

**HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY**  
**Southwest System Support Office**  
**National Park Service**  
**P.O. Box 728**  
**Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504**

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

SPARKS FARMSTEAD

HABS NO. TX-3381

For more information about other structures at the Sparks Farmstead, see:

HABS No. TX-3381-A Sparks Farmstead, Main House  
HABS No. TX-3381-B Sparks Farmstead, Garage  
HABS No. TX-3381-C Sparks Farmstead, Frame Shed  
HABS No. TX-3381-D Sparks Farmstead, Pole Shed  
HABS No. TX-3381-F Sparks Farmstead, Barn

Location: .32 miles southwest of the intersection  
of Bearden and Old Maypearl Roads  
Waxahachie vicinity, Ellis County, Texas

USGS Boz, Texas Quadrangle, Universal  
Transverse Mercator Coordinates  
14.694005.3578025

Present Owner: Texas National Research Laboratory Commission  
(TNRLC)  
1801 N. Hampton Road, Suite 400  
DeSoto, Texas 75115

Present Occupant: None

Present Use: Vacant

Statement of

Significance: The Sparks Farmstead was the site of the Sparks family cotton farm for over nine decades. It is on an 80-acre tract in western Ellis County. The farmstead includes a cluster of buildings which together represent a successful, owner-occupied, family-run cotton farm in Ellis County.

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Description: Located on a sloping and heavily wooded tract, .32 miles southwest of the intersection of Bearden and Old Maypearl Roads, is a one-story, single-pile, center-passage plan house

(ca. 1880). It has been altered to resemble a front-gabled bungalow (ca. 1915), with a single-pile rear addition (ca. 1915), as well as rear, screened shed and front, gabled-entry porches. The house survives with a one-story garage and barn, two one-story sheds, a cistern and a well house. (See photographic documentation HABS No. TX-3381-1 through HABS No. TX-3381-F-2 and HABS drawings, Sheets 1 and 2. Room numbers on the drawings are indicated in parentheses).

**Sources:**

McGregor, Frances Dunaway. Interviews by Terri Myers. Written notes. Waxahachie, Texas. 20 May 1992 and 12 June 1992.

Murdock, Stanley, and Murdock, Yula Glenn. Interview by Terri Myers. Written notes. Waxahachie, Texas. 12 June 1992.

Ellis County, Texas. Office of the County Clerk. Deed Records.

Ellis County, Texas. Office of the County Clerk. Probate Records.

Ellis County, Texas. Office of the County Tax Assessor/Collector. Tax Abstracts of Lands.

Texas State Comptrollers Office. Ad Valorem Tax Rolls for Ellis County. On file at the Genealogical Collection at the Texas State Library.

Historians: David Moore, Hardy-Heck-Moore, and Stan Solamillo, July 1992.