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Farmstead, Main House
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PHOTOGRAPHS

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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: Barn No. 3 is a component of the Roberts-Dolezal Farmstead symbolic of the assimilation of Eastern Europeans, mainly Bohemian on this farmstead, into early twentieth century American culture in Ellis County, Texas.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. **History:** This building appears to date from the early second quarter of the twentieth century and was built for equipment storage.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

1. **Architectural Character:** The building is a barn and is located 100.0' southwest of the main house. It is one-story, single-crib outbuilding, three bays in width and depth, with a three-cell, wraparound shed addition. It is earth and board floored, has a gable roof with roofs at the hipped shed additions. (See photographic documentation HABS No. TX-3380-D-1 through HABS No. TX-3380-D-6 and HABS drawings, Sheet 3. Room numbers on the drawings are indicated in parentheses).

2. **Condition of Fabric:** The building is in poor condition.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. **Overall Dimensions:** The barn, including shed additions, measures 23'-1" in width and 31'-6" in depth.

2. **Foundations:** None at the shed additions (101, 102, 103).
Piers are bois d'arc posts, located at regular intervals.

 3. **Walls:** Exterior walls are covered in 7/8"x11 1/2" vertical boards and include wood fences to provide enclosure on the west side of the building.

 4. **Structural System, Framing:** The building is of box and pole frame construction, and includes circular-sawn 6"x6" wood sills, random-sized corner and some intermediate posts, ranging from 2"x4" to 4"x4", and 2"x4" top plates with 2"x6" floor joists. Roof framing consists of circular-sawn 2"x4" rafters with 2"x4" collar ties. The shed additions include random-sized sawn and unmodified wood posts, ranging from 2"x6" to 3" diameter members, with 2"x4" top plates and rafters.

 5. **Openings:**
 - a. **Doorways and Doors:** The center bay (100) of the barn, as well as one bay of the shed addition (101) are entered from the east side of the building which is open. A board and batten loading door for storage of materials in a loft above the main floor is located above the center bay (100). A second board and batten door provides access to a board-floored crib (102) and is located on the east side of the building.

 6. **Roof:** The main roof of the barn is gabled with a slope of 8 in 12 and the shed roof is hipped with a pitch that varies from 5 in 12 to 7 in 12. All roofs are covered in corrugated metal.
- C. **Description of Interior:**
1. **Floor Plans:**
 - a. **Ground Floor Plan:** The center bay (100) is flanked on the north side by a second bay (101) with a small enclosed crib (102). A third bay (103), is oriented north-south, and is located at the west end of the building. A wood ladder is attached to the interior of the south wall (100) and provides access to the loft.

2. Flooring: The small crib is covered in 1"x8" shiplap floor boards, laid north-south, and the loft is floored in 1"x4" boards, laid east-west.