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Farmstead, Main House
Garrett Vicinity,
Ellis County
Texas

HABS No. TX-3380-F

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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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: The Privy 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.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. **Architectural Character:** The building is a privy and is located 142.0' south of the main house. It is a half-story, single-bay building, with a board floor and a shed roof. (See photographic documentation HABS No. TX-3380-D-3 HABS drawings, Sheet 3).
2. **Condition of Fabric:** The building is in fair to poor condition.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. **Overall Dimensions:** The privy measures 3'-9" in width and 3'-7" in depth.

2. Foundations: None.
3. Walls: The walls are covered in random-width, vertically-laid boards.
4. Structural System, Framing: The privy is of box frame construction, with circular-sawn 4"x4" corner posts, 1" thick vertical boards, and nominally-sized 2"x4" floor joists and rafters.
5. Openings: The privy is entered through a board and batten door, located on the north side, and is serviced through a smaller door on the south side.
6. Roof: The shed roof is covered in 1"x6" boards, laid east-west beneath composition sheet, and has a slope of 3 in 12.