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1116 feet southwest of Main House  
Waxahachie vicinity  
Ellis County  
Texas

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

FIELD RECORDS

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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 Barn was a component of the Sparks Farmstead that included a group of buildings which together represent a successful, owner-occupied, family-run cotton farm in Ellis County.

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The barn appears to date from the second quarter of the twentieth century, is located 116.0' southwest of the house, and is a one-story outbuilding, two bays in width and three bays in depth. It is formed from three balloon frame cribs (100, 101, 102) built on a foundation of dry-laid stone piers, and measures 24'-0" x 32'-3". An open bay or wagon way is located along the south side of each crib, which is open. Entry is from the gable end on the east side of the building. It is covered in random-width corrugated metal.