

A. D. Leonard Home  
Roans Prairie, Grimes County, Texas

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PHOTOGRAPHS  
WITH HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
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KENNARD HOUSE ( ANTHONY D. KENNARD )  
Roans Prairie, Grimes County, Texas.

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Owner Mrs. Fannie Allen

Date of Erection 1832

Architect

Builder A. D. Kennard

Present Condition Poor

Number of Stories One story and a half

Other Existing Records

Materials of Construction Frame

Additional Data: Anthony D. Kennard and his wife were Scotch and came here to America during the colonial period and to Texas in 1832. They settled near Roans Prairie where they were granted one league of land by the Mexican Government. Kennard and his wife Sara had eight children, five boys and three girls. The Kennards took little interest in local political affairs, but when the Revolution between Texas and Mexico broke out, four of Kennard's sons joined the Texas Army and fought all through the war until Texas won her independence. Soon after the Kennards settled near Roans Prairie Rachel Kennard became the wife of Henry Fanthrope, an Englishman from Virginia. Mr. Fanthrope had just finished building a fine log home eight miles from the Kennard home. The Fanthrope home later became known as Fanthrope Tavern and was famous for its fine food and hospitality. See *Roans Prairie, Grimes County, Texas* ?

No architectural merit. Illustrates a common type of residential work prevalent in Texas during its period of erection. Suggests Pennsylvania Dutch though there is no historical kinship.

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