

HARRISON-HERRINGTON FARMSTEAD
.70 miles northeast of the intersections of
Bakers Branch and Old Maypearl Roads
Waxahachie Vicinity
Ellis County
Texas

HABS No. TX-3375

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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FIELD RECORDS

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For more information about other structures on the Harrison-Herrington Farmstead, see:

HABS No. TX-3375-A Harrison-Herrington Farmstead, House

HABS No. TX-3375-B Harrison-Herrington Farmstead, Garage

HABS No. TX-3375-D Harrison-Herrington Farmstead, Barn

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and Old Maypearl Roads
Waxahachie vicinity, Ellis County, Texas

USGS Boz, Texas Quadrangle, Universal
Transverse Mercator Coordinates
14.696800.3579970

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 Harrison-Herrington Farmstead is historically associated with a 305.5-acre tract in the Alanson Ferguson Survey in western Ellis County. The Farmstead represents the successful operation of a rural Ellis County cotton farm, which contributed to the region's cotton-dependent economy of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The exterior of the house appears to date to about 1920, but an architectural analysis of the building suggests that it may be much older.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

J.W. Harrison, a prominent local landowner, purchased the land in 1892 from H.A. Pierce. Harrison leased the property

to tenant farmers, who grew principally cotton. In 1941 Harrison conveyed the property in undivided interests to his nephews, H.G. and A.A. Herrington and to his grand nephew, James Roebuck. Eight years later, H.G. Herrington acquired complete title to the property, which remained in his family until 1982. The historian examined deed records for this property from 1892 to the present. Researching previous years will likely yield important information regarding the person or persons responsible for the original construction of the dwelling.

PART II. 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.