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Waxahachie vicinity, Emery County, Texas

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 is a component of the B. F. Forrester, Sr. Farmstead that illustrates the legacy of one of the most prominent families in the farming community of Boz, Ellis County, Texas.

#### PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

##### A. General Statement:

1. History: This building appears to date from the first quarter of the twentieth century and was built to provide feed storage for livestock.

#### PART II. ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER

##### A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Character: The building is located 110.0' feet northwest of the main house. It is a one-story, single crib barn, with a gable roof and two shed additions. (See photographic documentation HABS No. TX-3377-B-1 through HABS NO. TX-3377-B-5 and HABS drawings, Sheet 1. Room numbers on the measured drawings are indicated in parentheses).

##### B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The barn, including the shed additions, measures 37'-7"x18'-4".
2. Foundations: Piers are of dry-laid stone and are located at regular intervals.
3. Walls: The walls are covered in corrugated metal over vertical and horizontally-laid random width boards.

Interior wall surfaces are covered in circular-sawn, 1"x10" tongue and groove sheathing.

4. Structural System, Framing: The barn is constructed using a mixture of balloon and pole framing. Wood sills are reused 8"x8" members, corner posts are 4"x6" and 4"x8", studs and rafters are nominal-sized 2"x4" members.
  5. Openings: Two board and batten doors are located in the crib's west wall and two loading doors are located on the north and south elevations.
  6. Roof: The roof is gabled with a slope of 6 in 12, and is covered in corrugated metal.
- C. Description of Interior:
1. Floor Plan: The barn is three bays in width and is entered from the south into either the east or west shed additions. Access to the central crib is from the west shed. The barn is of balloon frame construction, and has two interior partitions, constructed of horizontally-laid 1"x8" boards on 2"x4" studs, which divide the crib into three storage cells (101, 102, 103). The shed additions are enclosed at the north side of the building.
  2. Flooring: The crib has a raised floor of 1"x8" boards, laid east-west. The shed additions have earthen floors.
  3. Doorways and Doors: Two board and batten doors are located in the crib's west wall for the north (101) and south (103) storage cells, and measure 2'-10"x4'-3" and 1'-10"x4'-1-1/4", respectively.