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Farmstead, Main House  
Waxahachie Vicinity  
Ellis County  
Texas

HABS No. TX-3378-C

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Waxahachie vicinity, Ellis 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

**Significance:** The Cunningham Farmstead Pole Barn was a component of the Old G. H. Cunningham Farmstead that was associated with George H. Cunningham, who owned vast amounts of land in Ellis and nearby counties. Cunningham was more interested in land acquisition than farming.

**PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

**A. General Statement:**

1. **History:** This building appears to date from the second quarter of the twentieth century and was built for the storage of agricultural equipment.

**PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION**

**A. General Statement:**

1. **Architectural Character:** Located 80'-0" northwest of the main house is a pole-barn, HABS No. TX-3378-C. It is a single-story barn which is 2 bays in width and 4 bays in length. (See photographic documentation HABS No. TX-3378-C-1 through HABS No. TX-3378-C-3 and HABS drawings, Sheet 3).

2. **Condition of Fabric:** The barn is in fair condition.

**B. Description of Exterior:**

1. **Overall Dimensions:** The barn measures 20'-2" x 42'-2".

2. **Walls:** The walls are covered in corrugated metal, attached to horizontal, nominal-sized, 2"x4" wood nailers, which span from post to post.
3. **Structural System, Framing:** The barn is of pole frame construction, with unmodified wood posts, ranging from 5 1/2" to 6" in diameter, placed directly into the ground at 10'-0" to 11'-0" centers. Roof framing consists of nominal-sized 2"x4" rafters.

4. **Roof:** The roof is gabled and covered with corrugated metal.

**C. Description of Interior:**

1. **Floor Plan:** The interior of the barn is open and is not partitioned.