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**Location:** 145' South of Roberts-Dolezal Farmstead, Main House  
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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:** Barn No. 2 is a component of the Roberts-Dolezal Farmstead symbolic of the assimilation of Eastern Europeans, mainly Bohemian on this farmstead, into early twentieth century American culture in Ellis County, Texas.

#### PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

##### A. General Statement:

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

#### PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

##### A. General Statement:

1. **Architectural Character:** The barn is located 145.0' south of the main house. It is a one-story, single-crib outbuilding, three bays in width and two bays in depth, with a four-cell, wraparound shed addition. It is earth-and board-floored and has a gable roof with hipped roofs at the additions. (See photographic documentation HABS No. TX-3380-G-1 through HABS No. TX-3380-G-7 and HABS drawings, Sheet 1. Room numbers on the drawings are indicated in parentheses).
2. **Condition of Fabric:** The barn is in poor condition.

**B. Description of Exterior:**

1. **Overall Dimensions:** The barn, including shed additions, measures 30'-6" in width and 25'-1" in depth.
2. **Foundations:** Piers are bois d'arc posts, located at regular intervals for the board-floored cribs (100, 101, 102), and are not present for the south (104) and east (103) cells of the shed addition.
3. **Walls:** Exterior walls are covered in random-width, 1" thick vertical boards.
4. **Structural System, Framing:** The barn is of balloon frame construction, with circular-sawn, nominal-sized 6"x6" wood sills, 2"x4" studs, top plates and rafters. The shed addition is of pole frame construction, with sawn and unmodified wood posts, ranging from 4"x4" to 4" or 6" diameter members. Two board-floored cribs (102) include circular sawn 3 1/2"x5 3/4" wood sills with 1 5/8"x5 3/4" or 2 1/2"x5 1/2" floor joists. Roof framing consists of nominal-sized 2"x4" rafters on 2"x4" double plates.
5. **Openings:** Board and batten doors are located on the north, south, east and west sides of the building and are randomly-sized.
6. **Roof:** The roof of the barn is gabled and has a slope of 8 in 12. The shed addition has a roof which is hipped with a pitch of 4 in 12. All roofs are covered in corrugated metal.

**C. Description of Interior:**

**1. Floor Plans:**

- a. **Ground Floor Plan:** The center bay is flanked on either side by north (101) and south (104) cribs, which are board and earth-floored, respectively. A third board-floored crib (102) is located at the northeast corner of the structure. An earth-floored addition (103) with a large hay manger is oriented north-south at the rear of the structure.
2. **Flooring:** Three cribs (100, 101, 102) are covered in random-width, 1" thick floor boards, laid east-west.