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Waxahachie Vicinity

Ellis County

Texas

HABS No. TX-3384-B

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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: The Garage is a component of the F.L. Hawkins Tenant Farmstead that dates to the 1920s when cotton cultivation dominated the local, agriculture-based economy, and it represents the kind of tenant farm that helped Ellis County become a major supplier of cotton in the nation during the early twentieth century.

A. General Statement:

- 1. History:** This building appears to date from the second and third quarters of the twentieth century and was built as a domestic outbuilding for the house.
- 2. Architectural Character:** The building is a garage or carriage house and is located 37.0' northwest of the main house. It is a one-story, four-bay building, with an earth floor, a shed roof, and was accretionally formed from three shed additions. (See photographic documentation HABS No. TX-3384-B-1 through HABS drawings, Sheet 1. Room numbers on the drawings are indicated in parentheses).
- 3. Condition of Fabric:** The building is in poor condition.

B. Description of Exterior:

- 1. Overall Dimensions:** The building measures 31'-2" in width and 16'-4" in depth.
- 2. Foundations:** Piers of dry-laid stone are located at the corners.

3. **Walls:** The walls are covered with 1"x12" vertical boards attached to 1"x6" nailers. The interior of the west wall of the east bay features 3/4"x3-1/2" wood battens on 1"x12" boards.
4. **Structural System, Framing:** The building is of box frame construction, with 4"x4" wood sills and corner posts ranging from nominal 2"x4" to 4"x4". The roof framing consists of nominal-sized 2"x4" rafters.
5. **Openings and Doorways:** The building has two doorways located in the north (100) and south sides (102) of the building, framed openings at two bays (101), and is open at the east side of the south shed (102).
6. **Roof:** The roof is covered in corrugated metal and has a slope of 3 in 12.