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INVENTORY SHEET FOR GROUP NOMINATIONS: IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BOISE, IDAHO

NOMINATION: Historic Resources of Challis (Partial Inventory: Architectural Properties)

SITE NAME: Board-and-Batten Commercial Building SITE # 13

LOCATION: Main Avenue, Challis, Idaho

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Isaac and Rosemary Hardman, Box 190, Challis, Idaho 83226

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Challis, 15 minute ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes a board-and-batten commercial building and the property on which it stands, block 13, the east half of lot 5, Challis, Idaho

UTM(S): 11/7,19,725/49,31,500

DATE OR PERIOD: ca. 1890's EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

deteriorated condition unaltered original site

DESCRIPTION:

This narrow one-story board-and-batten commercial building has a gable facade unobscured by the usual false front. A continuous lean-to extends on the west side of the building. The storefront includes an offset panel door with a large twelve-light window beside it. Three six-over-six double-hung sash windows open onto the vacant lot east of the building. The roof is covered with corrugated metal sheeting. Two corbelled brick chimneys are set to the rear. The building is unpainted and weathered to a dark brown. The rock foundation is in poor condition.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This board-and-batten commercial building is Challis' only remaining example of a very early gabled storefront. It represents a period when mining town storefronts were not necessarily distinct from domestic buildings. The building is also significant as one of the few women-run commercial enterprises (other than boarding houses) in Challis. Identified in local memory as Miss Felkner's general dry goods store and residence, the building may date from 1896, when Miss Felkner's store burned and was rebuilt.

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Board-and-Batten Commercial building, Site #13
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