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

SITE NAME: Henry Smith House SITE # 12

LOCATION: Fifth Street, Challis, Idaho

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Eddie Woodbridge, Box 185, Challis, Idaho

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes the Henry Smith House and the property on which it stands, block 29, lots 1 and 3, T-792, Challis, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/7,19,950/49,31,325

DATE OR PERIOD: ca. 1920 EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

good condition altered original site

DESCRIPTION:

The Henry Smith House is a one-and-a-half-story rectangular building of a type common in rural Idaho. The house is white, sheathed in thin clapboards. A one-story hip-roofed porch, supported on thin square posts with broader bases, shelters the front door, which is paneled, and has a large oval light. To the right of the door is a plate-glass window with an upper pane of diamond lights. Other windows are one-over-one double-hung sash with thinly molded heads. The roof, recently covered with asphalt shingles, has a brick chimney with a single outset course.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Henry Smith House documents the later use of the classicizing American colonial revival style in the vernacular Challis house, a tendency that stretched from the 1890's through about 1920 and possibly later. Smith, a carpenter and school janitor, built his own home with a symmetrical gable facade, a temple-like front porch, and wide eaves. The preservation of this house is exemplary: down to the wooden porch floor, no alterations can be detected, except to the roof.

Challis Multiple Resource Area

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