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NOMINATION: Historic Resources of Challis (Partial Inventory: Architectural Properties)SITE NAME: McKendrick House SITE # 2LOCATION: Fourth Street, Challis, IdahoOWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Nicholas and Gregory Cracolice, 1832 Galveston St., San Diego, CA 92110QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Challis 15 minute ACREAGE: less than oneVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes the McKendrick House and the property on which it stands, block 38, lots one and three, Challis, Idaho.UTM(S): 11/7,19,875/49,31,300DATE OR PERIOD: 1876-1890's EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: localAREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture  
good condition                      unaltered                      original site

## DESCRIPTION:

The McKendrick House is a white frame and clapboard building surrounded by mature trees and bushes. The house presents a symmetrical facade with a centered panel door flanked by two-over-two-light double-hung sash windows. A hip-roofed porch is supported by thin, square posts with thicker bases. Scrolled bargeboards decorate the porch. Corner posts and aperture frames are all flush with the thin clapboard sheathing. Above the windows are very thinly molded heads.

## SIGNIFICANCE:

The McKendrick House, said to be one of the oldest houses in Challis, exemplifies the modest early houses that even prominent families inhabited in a mining-area town. Its few concessions to decoration are details seen repeatedly in the domestic buildings: thin window heads, corner posts, slightly decorated porches. The symmetrical facade of this house recalls the two-room hall and parlor houses of southeastern Idaho, a possible source for the plan. The McKendrick that Challisites connect with the house is probably Hugh C. McKendrick, who lived in Challis as early as 1880 and was an active member of the local I. O. O. F. lodge, serving as a trustee in 1898. McKendrick, a carpenter, could also have been the builder of the house.