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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: False-Front Commercial Building SITE # 14

LOCATION: Main Avenue, Challis, Idaho

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Philip Kirk Post of American Legion, #109, American Legion, Challis, ID

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes a False-Front Commercial Building and the property on which it stands, block 24, lot 8, T-40, Challis, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/7,19,725/49,31,425

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

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

fair condition                      altered                      original site

DESCRIPTION:

This one-story commercial building has a shiplapped false front that terminates in a molded cornice. The facade is symmetrical: a paneled door with a transom flanked by windows that are shiplapped over. The gable roof is covered with metal sheeting. A rear lean-to has a paneled door and single-light window. Toward the back of the east side are a recent door and window.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This false-front commercial building is the best extant example of the one-story false front remaining on Challis' Main Avenue. The building probably dated from an early period: it was standing in 1894, when it was the Challis Restaurant, run by Mrs. S. Tennell. Previously it had been the post office. The building's simple cornice and symmetrical storefront anticipate the classicizing impulse of many later commercial buildings in Challis.