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NOMINATION: Historic Resources of Challis (Partial Inventory: Architectural PropertiesSITE NAME: Clyde Wilkinson House SITE # 8LOCATION: Ninth Street, Challis, IdahoOWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Helen J. Burstedt, et al., c/o Mae H. Sullivan, Box 507,QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Challis 15 minute ACREAGE: less than one ^{Challis, ID}VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes the Clyde Wilkinson House and the property on which it stands, block 9, lots 2, 4, 6, and 8, Challis, Idaho.UTM(S): 11/7.20.225/49.31.700DATE OR PERIOD: 1905-1910 EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: localAREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture
good condition altered original site

DESCRIPTION:

The Clyde Wilkinson House is a one-and-a-half-story white frame house with a jerkin-head gable roof and details suggestive of the American colonial revival style. The gable-front building has a hip-roofed enclosed porch, added sometime before 1930, with six-paned windows, an eight-paned door with a transom, and paneled columns set into the clapboarded porch walls. Above the porch door is a pediment filled with shingles. Offset to the south is a wrap-around enclosed porch, also added before 1930. Windows in the shiplapped central section of the house are one-over-one double-hung sash with molded heads. There are a central corbelled brick chimney and a 1950's chimney of uncoursed stone. The roof's original shingles were covered in 1916 with sheet metal.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Clyde Wilkinson House is unique in Challis for several features found on no other buildings: the jerkin-head gable, the classically massed, paneled columns, and the wide, again classically massed roof angle. In addition, the building is unusually large for a Challis home. In spite of these differences, the house exemplifies Challis architecture as another example of the American colonial revival in vernacular expression.

Clyde Wilkinson, probably a son or relative of Challis carpenter James F. Wilkinson, is first mentioned in the Challis newspaper in 1898, the year he became manager of a Custer branch of D. L. Rich's general mercantile store. He and James later did the roof alteration on the I.O.O.F. Hall (site 21).