

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

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NOMINATION: Historic Resources of Challis (Partial Inventory: Architectural Properties)SITE NAME: Donaldson Rowles House SITE # 5LOCATION: North Avenue, Challis, IdahoOWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Thomas R. Marshall, Casa Bella Estates, Salmon, ID 83467QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Challis 15 minute ACREAGE: less than oneVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes the Donaldson Rowles House and the property on which it stands, block 7, lots 1 and 3, Challis, Idaho.UTM(S): 11/7,20,75/49,31,625DATE OR PERIOD: 1910, 1926, 1930 EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: localAREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture  
good condition                      altered                      original site

## DESCRIPTION:

Donaldson Rowles, a Challis carpenter, built his house in 1910 of logs sawn at a local mill, with plaster chinking. The house rests on a foundation of log sills. The corners are joined with square notching, nailed at the log ends. The original house consisted of a lateral-facing rectangle with a forward-facing gabled ell, a plan very similar to that of the Bill Chivers House (site 4). It had a dirt roof, replaced in 1930 with sheet metal over round log purlins. In 1926, Rowles added a kitchen and two new rooms, forming lean-tos on the east and north sides of the house. These were constructed of board and batten and horizontal logs. Windows are two-over-two double-hung sash.

## SIGNIFICANCE:

The Donaldson Rowles House is a significant owner-built example of late log architecture in Challis. The house represents the persistence of horizontal log construction into the twentieth century and the use of sawn logs, a rarity in Idaho log construction. Rowles, born in 1885, was the son of Donaldson Rowles, who was a sheriff living in Challis at the turn of the century.