

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: Stone and Log Building SITE # 20LOCATION: Pleasant Avenue, Challis, IdahoOWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Donald and Vera Jardine, c/o Lewis and Judith Reece, RR 4, Box 4254-25, Juneau, Alaska 99803QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Challis, 15 minute ACREAGE: less than oneVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes a Stone and Log Building and the property on which it stands, block 25, lot 3 and the west half of lot 5, T-666, Challis, IdahoUTM(S): 11/7,19,800/49,31,400DATE OR PERIOD: _____ EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: LocalAREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture
deteriorated condition unaltered original site

DESCRIPTION:

The stone and log structures on Pleasant Avenue are connected with a frame section that may or may not be original. The rhyolitic stone building is random rubble with very rough tuff quoins. Deep set in the south side is its front entrance, a nonperiod door with four upper lights. A wood lintel supports this opening. In the north wall are a window of six-over-six lights and a door, both with key-stoned relieving arches of roughly smoothed and shaped ashlar tuff. The log section of this building is constructed of hewn logs with square corner notching, the log ends nearly flush with the joint. This notching is not nailed. The log walls, sitting on a foundation of sills, are not peeled of their bark. Six-light windows open up the south and west walls of the building. The front door, in the south gable wall, is paneled. Both buildings have roofs supported on purlins, the log building with round log purlins and the rock building, lumber purlins.

SIGNIFICANCE:

According to oral sources, the stone section of this building once had a frame lawyer's office in front of it. An out-of-towner is said to have done a quick job with the stone work during the winter, and Arthur Fox, son of J. C. Fox, an early Challis stonemason, repaired the spalling building. This is perhaps an apocryphal story, but it demonstrates a certain faith in the work of the local craftsmen. The two sections of this structure are excellent examples of vernacular stonework and log construction.