

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: Bill Peck House SITE # 6LOCATION: 16 Main Avenue, Challis, IdahoOWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Harold D. Martin, 6661 South Wellington St., Littleton, CO 8012QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Challis 15 minute ACREAGE: less than oneVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes the Bill Peck House and the property on which it stands, T-927, Challis, Idaho.UTM(S): 11/7,19,550/49,31,475DATE OR PERIOD: ca. 1910 EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: localAREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

good condition altered original site

DESCRIPTION:

The Bill Peck House is a one-story classic cottage with a truncated hip roof over its cubical massing. Hip-roofed porches extend from the south, north, and west walls; the front porch has turned pillars and scroll brackets. Atop the roof, absolutely centered, is a corbelled brick chimney. Under the roof's asphalt shingles, the roofline flashing is still apparent in profile. The house is sided with narrow white shiplap. The window frames and porch brackets, painted red, make a bright contrast. The south, east, and west sides have three openings each; in the southern facade this tripartite arrangement is symmetrical: a door flanked by two windows.

SIGNIFICANCE:

A few other classic cottages exist in Challis, all unfortunately altered in texture and massing. The Bill Peck House is the only unaltered pure example of the type extant in the town. The classic cottage, with its enclosed eaves and classical symmetry and massing, is a style similar in feeling to much of Challis domestic architecture.

According to one informant, Bill Peck probably built his own home. Peck was living in Challis by 1898 and was an officer in the local tent of the Knights of the Maccabees.