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NOMINATION: Historic Resources of Challis (Partial Inventory: Architectural Properties)

SITE NAME: Bill Chivers House SITE # 4

LOCATION: Third Street, Challis, Idaho

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Jack Melvin Pfeiffer, 6425 Meacham, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes the Bill Chivers House and the property on which it stands, T-2, T-21, and T-78-30, Challis, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/7,19,775/49,31,575

DATE OR PERIOD: _____ EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture
good condition unaltered original site

DESCRIPTION:

The Bill Chivers House is a one-story expression of the Queen Anne style with some American colonial revival details. Sheathed in white clapboard, the house presents a lateral facade to the street. A pedimented gable juts out over a forward ell with diagonal corners. The porch is embellished with turned and carved brackets and the front window of the ell has upper Queen Anne panes. Over the one-over-one and six-over-six double-hung sash windows are molded heads. Corner timbering, eave molding, window and door frames, and porch posts are emphasized in dark green trim. The enclosed eaves of the front ell are finished with narrow diagonal boards. The foundation is mortared stone covered with a baseboard and molding. The roof, asphalt shingled, retains its roofline flashing.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The most decorated one-story Queen Anne-style house in Challis is still pretty plain. The Bill Chivers House survives in good and apparently unaltered condition except for the asphalt shingles. Features common to Challis domestic buildings are exemplified in this building: the blend of Queen Anne and American colonial revival features, the use of delicate porch posts and hipped porch roofs, and the nearly invariable enclosure of eaves.

The house was built by Thomas Jose, an Australian-born farmer who by 1900 owned a farm near Challis and was involved in the construction trade in town. He gave the house to his daughter Maude and her husband Bill Chivers.