

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: Thomas Chivers Cellar SITE # 11LOCATION: Challis Creek Road, Challis, IdahoOWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Francis and Donna Doffing, P.O. Box 14771, Las Vegas, NV 89114QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Challis 15 minute ACREAGE: less than oneVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes the Thomas Chivers Cellar in T-480, Challis, Idaho, and the property on which it stands with a margin of twenty feet around the Thomas Chivers Cellar.UTM(S): 11/7,20,50/49,31,775DATE OR PERIOD: 1890's EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: localAREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture
fair condition unaltered original site

DESCRIPTION:

The Thomas Chivers Cellar, built into the Challis bluff across Challis Creek Road from the Thomas Chivers House, is a partial dugout supported by vertical log braces on the interior and horizontal log walls on the exterior. Dry rock retaining walls built of rhyolitic scree from the bluff extend, with the front logs, to the left and right of the front wall. This wall is double layered, with an air space of about three feet. The round log walls, unpeeled, are square-notched at their corners. The dirt-covered roof is supported by log purlins.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Thomas Chivers Cellar is an example of the framing of a log and dugout cellar and a representative of the cellars still extant in Challis. Among those cellars still visible, the Chivers cellar is the best preserved and the most evident from a public right-of-way.