

FORM B – BUILDING

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 MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Photograph



Address: 1269 Main Street

Historic Name: Chandler House

Uses: Present: 4-Unit Multi Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1777

Source: Local History

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Replacement Windows(1960-1970s)

Center Chimney removed (1960-1970s)

Granite Post Fence removed (20th century)

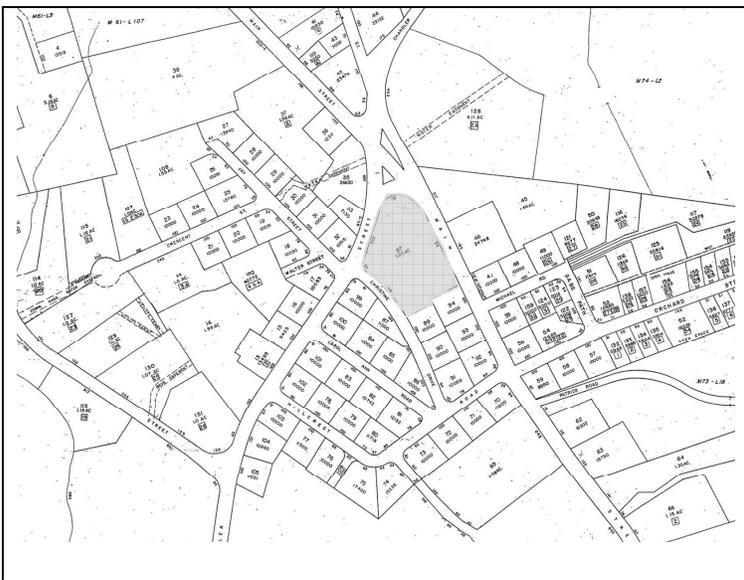
Condition: Fair

Moved: no | X | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 1.66 Acres

Setting: Located at the intersection of Main Street, a busy travel corridor, and Chandler Street. The intersection was developed commercially in the second half of the 20th century while the area to the west of Main Street was developed as a suburban residential area in the late 1940s.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The two story dwelling at 1269 Main Street rests on a granite foundation. The three by two bay dwelling has been altered by replacement materials. The walls are clad in vinyl siding and the windows have been replaced by 1/1 replacement sash windows and large fixed pane windows flanked by narrow 1/1 sash windows. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The centrally located replacement entrance door is sheltered by a projecting hip roof. An exterior end chimney is located on the south façade. A fieldstone wall set in mortar separates the raised site from the sidewalk.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Locally believed to have been built c1777, the house at the corner of Chandler and Main Streets was owned in the mid 19th century by Nathaniel Jaques (b1791). Jaques was a carpenter who married first to Thankful Thorndike (1818-1833) and second to Permelia Morrill in 1838. Nathan died c1858 and his second wife Permelia died in 1887.

In 1875 the house was owned by George A and Joel C Kittredge. By 1889 the house was owned by Hannah J Chandler, the daughter of John and Annar Chandler.

For several decades the Chandler family would own the home and land surrounding the house. Subsequent members of the Chandler family to own the house include John S Chandler and Hiram Chandler. Hiram Chandler was a market gardener operating as HS Chandler and Sons with his sons George & Thaddeus Chandler. According to property valuations from the first half of the 20th century the house was associated with a barn and greenhouses, probably used by the Chandler family in their gardening business. Plot plans on file at the registry of deeds indicate the detached barn was located to the southwest of the dwelling and two greenhouses were south of the barn parallel to Main Street.

Additional owners include: Victor and Dorothy Lindquist (1935-1943); Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank (1943); Kenneth Cole of Cole Construction (1943-1954); Mildred Cole, Kenneth's wife (1954-1993); and William & Judith Cole (1993-2009). Kenneth and Mildred Cole used the house at 1269-1271 Main Street as a four-unit apartment according to property valuations from 1960 & 1965. Hillcrest Park, the residential development to the rear of the house was laid out in the late 1940s.

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