

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Map 59 Lot 76			TEW.295
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Town/City: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
Chandler St. and Foster Rd. Intersection

Address: 562 Chandler Street

Historic Name: William A. and Mary Chandler House

Uses: Present: Multiple Family Dwelling
Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: c1926

Source: Deeds

Style/Form: Craftsman/Bungalow

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete block

Wall/Trim: Wood/Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: Garage and Shed

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Expanded gable and roof line, second floor, unknown date

Condition: Fair (vinyl siding)

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 0.45 acre

Setting: Residential area, adjacent to the former c1700s Kittredge Farm, now the Oblate Novitiate Retirement Campus, which extended across Chandler Street to Round Pond, south of town center at the corner of Chandler Street and Foster Road.

Photograph



Locus 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.

Built c1926, this house is a craftsman style bungalow with eave detail and full width glassed in front porch incorporated in the roof line. The porch faces Round Pond located across Chandler Street. Gable on second floor has been expanded in keeping with design scale. Center entry is accessed by wooden stairs and through front porch. Freestanding garage and shed complement the design.

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.

The house at 562 Chandler Street is located at the corner of Foster Road and Chandler Street. A few hundred feet away from 562 is the 574 Chandler Street, TEW.118, the Jeremiah Kitteredge Chandler House, built c1890. Jeremiah's first son was Larkin (1888-1951). Jeremiah's other son was William (1889-1951) and his daughter was Alice (1886-1936). The Chandler brothers William and Larkin kept their father Jeremiah's florist business going under the name of J.K Chandler & Sons. There were shops in Lawrence, Tewksbury and Reading MA. William bought the land from his parents in 1925,¹ having married Mary Catherine Lacy (1889-1939) in 1923. William was called 'Skipper' and became crippled after being struck with a block of ice; he also suffered from phlebitis and walked with a cane, according to an account on Findagrave.com.²

The Chandler family has its roots in Concord, MA where William's great great grandfather, James Chandler (1740-1824) was born and where he married Mary Melvin (1745-1807) in 1765. By 1767 they were living in Ipswich NH where their son, John Chandler (1774-1858) was born. He married Betsy Richardson (1780-1805) of Tewksbury/Billerica in 1802 and they lived in Tewksbury. He later married Annah Kittredge (1794-1874) in 1814 of Tewksbury. Their son, James Melvin Chandler (1818-1888) lived in Tewksbury with his wife Susan. They had eleven children. One son, Jeremiah Kittredge Chandler (1863-1929) was William's father as above. William and Mary's son, William Jr. (1924-1996) would serve as Tewksbury's Fire Chief from 1957 to 1986. Jeremiah Kittredge Chandler was also cousin to John Stillman Chandler (1851-c1915) of 682 Chandler Street, TEW.119.

Subsequent owners of 562 Chandler St. were: Arthur Osterman (1936-1938), Donald LeGrand/Tousignant (1938-1961), William and Geraldine Sheedy (1961-1994), Gus and Lorraine Maniscalco (1994-2000), and Nicholas and Amy Scarpa (2000-present).

Other Chandler Family homes in Tewksbury are:

- 682 Chandler Street, TEW.119, John Stillman Chandler House, built c 1905. John was cousin to Jeremiah Kittredge Chandler of 574 Chandler Street.
- 1269 Main Street, corner of Chandler Street, TEW.145, is called the Hannah Chandler, Nathaniel Jacques and George Kittredge House, built 1777. By 1889 it was owned by Hannah and over several decades the Chandler family owned the house and farm, including a barn and greenhouses for their florist businesses. The farmlands surrounding the home were subdivided in the 1940's for residential development.

¹ Northern Middlesex Registry of Deeds Book 732, p. 252

² https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/39165395/william_arthur-chandler

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Tewksbury Assessors Database



Above - Photo of house, circa 1960 from Tewksbury Assessor's Office

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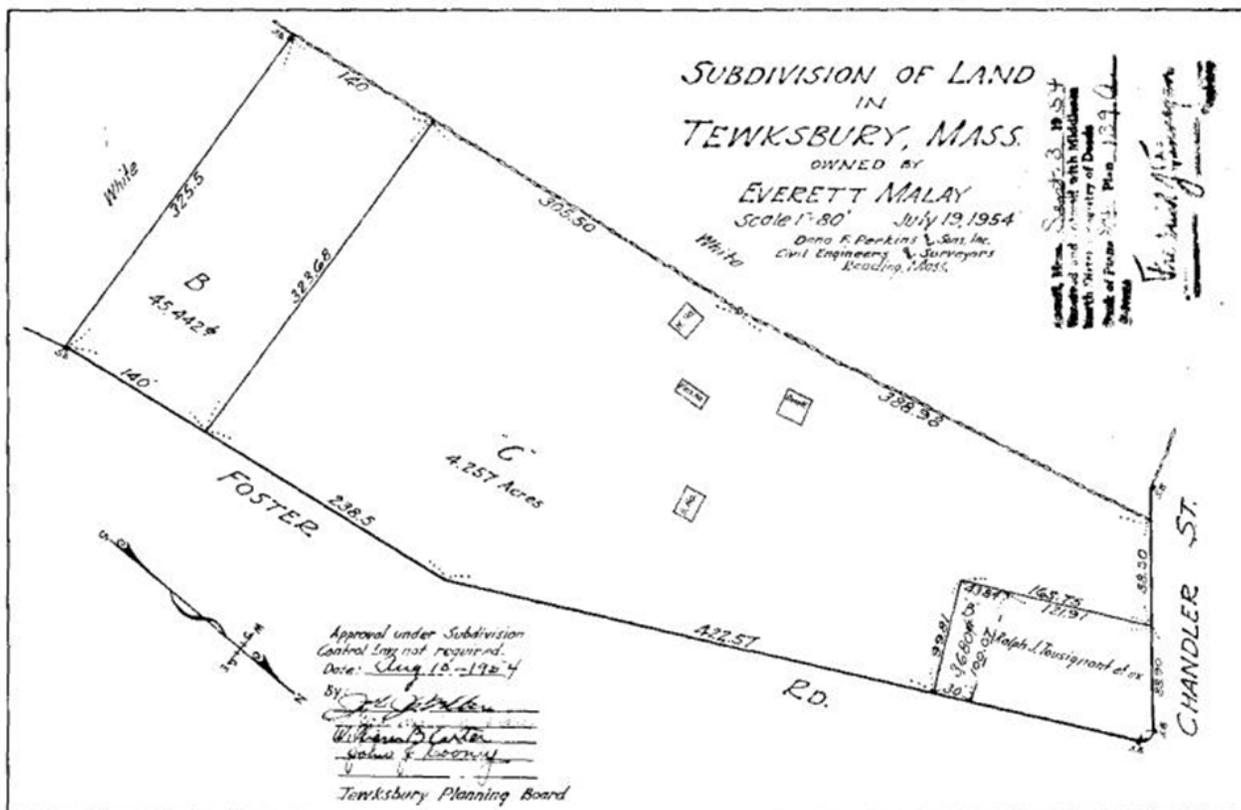
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Early land ownership:

Chandler, Foster and Other Owners:

The first Foster owner that could be found was Jonathan Foster who was granted the property from Daniel Marshall in 1779, North Registry, Book 7 Page 257. Jonathan Foster granted it to his son in 1795, Samuel Foster, North Registry, Book 6 page 499. Samuel Foster, and his wife Anna, granted the property to Amos Blanchard in 1830, North Registry, Book 7 page 371. The first Chandler ownership was, North Registry Book 8 page 479, Amos Blanchard to John Chandler in 1830. John Chandler granted it to Jeremiah Chandler in 1862, Book 30 Page 249. Jeremiah Chandler granted it to Jeremiah Kittredge, Book 107 page 328 in 1874. In 1884. Jeremiah Kittredge granted it to Daniel Gage, Book 171 Page 41. Daniel Gage granted it to his daughter Martina Gage in 1917, Book 573 Page 573. Martina Gage granted it to Catherine and William Chandler (second Chandler ownership) in 1925, Book 732 Page 252. Catherine Chandler granted it to William Jr. and Mary Chandler in 1928, Book 876 page 193.



Northern Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 84 Page 139A, 1954 shows other land areas, once part of the entire parcel at 562 Chandler Street.