

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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date entered JUN 20 1985

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Chandler Store

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number Route 27 \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Belgrade \_\_\_ vicinity of

state Maine code 23 county Kennebec code 011

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment
___ object	<u>N/A</u> in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
		___ no	___ military
			___ museum
			___ park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			___ religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Jacqueline Smith

street & number 7 Winter Street

city, town Waterville \_\_\_ vicinity of state Maine 04901

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kennebec County Registry of Deeds

street & number

city, town Augusta, state Maine

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Maine Historic Resources Inventory has this property been determined eligible? N/Ayes \_\_\_ no

date 1975 \_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Maine Historic Preservation Commission

city, town Augusta, state Maine

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved    date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Chandler Store is a two-and- one-half story stone structure located in the center of the Village of Belgrade Lakes. To the north, east and south are residential buildings while behind the structure, which is now used as a summer home, is Long Pond. Constructed of large granite ashlar blocks, this building has a pitched roof with Greek Revival cornice returns and a lunette in each gable end. The principal entrance, located in the center of the three bay facade, is enframed by stone blocks incised with the inscription, "BUILT J. CHANDLER 1838". The windows consist of two-over- two double-hung sash.

Attached to the southwest corner is a two story carriage barn which dates from the mid-nineteenth century. This frame structure has a gable roof and shingle siding. The windows are six-over-six double-hung sash. In 1924 windows were added over the main entrance and on the sides and rear. At about the same time the two story porch on the south side was also added. The latter feature is a simple wood structure with plain square posts.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates**      1838                      **Builder/Architect**      John Chandler

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Stone buildings are rare in Maine and the Chandler Store is one of only two small commercial structures built of this material, the other being the Granite Store of 1850-70 in Sullivan (N. R. 12-16-74). The latter is built of rough cut granite slabs, unlike the well-dressed stone in the Chandler Store, and has a wood frame top section. Unique in Maine is the chiseled inscription running across the sides and lintel of the door enframement: "BUILT J. CHANDLER 1838".

Chandler hired two Irish stone masons "for 50% and all the rum they could drink" to quarry the granite from Vienna Mountain. The slabs were sledded across Long Pond on ice.

Charles S. Brown bought the building in 1922 and retained Charles Tibbetts of Rom in 1924 to cut additional windows. Brown also added a two story wood porch in 1927 when the building was converted into a dwelling.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Guptill, Robert A., Past and Present, Pictures and People of Belgrade, Maine.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property  $\frac{1}{2}$

Quadrangle name Belgrade Lakes

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 26, Lot 5

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian, Roger G. Reed, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date April, 1985

street & number 55 Capitol Street, Station #65 telephone 207/289-2132

city or town Augusta, state Maine 04333

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Evan S. Fullenbrook*

title S. H. P. O. date 5/10/85

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 6-20-85

*for Allous Byers*  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration