

# FORM C - OBJECT

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

Assessor's number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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**Town** Chelmsford

**Place** (neighborhood or village)  
 Chelmsford Veterans Memorial Park

**Address or Location** between 230 & 250 North Rd.

**Name** Bagni Memorial Bridge & Stone

**Ownership**  Public  Private

**Type of Object** (check one).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> statue                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> monument |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bust                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> milestone           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> group composition                        | <input type="checkbox"/> marker              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> religious shrine                         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> boundary marker                          |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) <b>Bridge</b> |  |

**Date of Construction** 1991, but dedicated July 3, 1992  
**Source** CVMP records, Chelmsford Independent

**Designer/Sculptor**  
 Adrian Luz/Luz family monuments, Lowell  
**Materials** granite stone/wood bridge

**Alterations** (with dates) none

**Condition** excellent

**Moved**  no  yes **Date**

**Acreage** 38.26 acres

**Setting** lightly wooded, on very busy North Rd. Former police station on the south side, middle school on the north side beyond a small stream, which flows on the north side of the park. Across North Rd. is a condominium complex.

**Recorded by** Jane B. Drury

**Organization** for Chelmsford Historical Commission

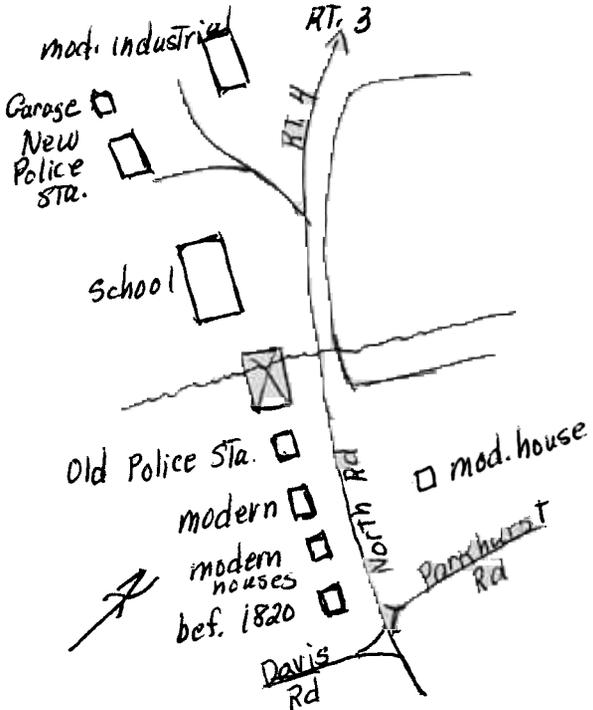
**Date** (month/year) Nov. 2003

Photograph



## Sketch Map

Draw a map showing the object's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between object and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets and building numbers if any. Circle and number

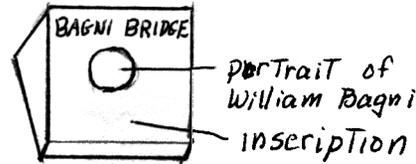


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### DESIGN ASSESSMENT *see continuation sheet*

*Describe the design features of the object, and evaluate in terms of other similar types of objects within the community.*

This small, square, almost flush granite stone is located next the bridge that it memorializes. The bridge has a cement floor and wooden railing; it is 75 inches wide and about 22 feet long; is goes over a small brook. This combination of memorials is unique in Chelmsford.



### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE *see continuation sheet*

*Explain the history of the object, and how it relates to the development of the community*

The wooden bridge which spans the small stream between the park and the parking lot of the middle school was donated by "Chuck" Bagni, in memory of his father, William L. Bagni, who was a sergeant first class in World War II. The stone names Sgt. Bagni and was paid for and placed beside the bridge by the Park committee.

The stone is located beside the bridge, on the opposite side of the stream from the park itself.

They were both dedicated at the same ceremony as the park as a whole, on July 3, 1992. However, the stone and bridge were apparently put in place the year before. "Music played during the dedication contributed to the patriotic shivers rippling through the crowd. Jack Knox and the Continentals played 'Bridge Over Troubled Waters' while Cpl. John Redican and his mother, Kathleen Redican (William Bagni's daughter), cut the ribbon to the park's wooden bridge."

Born in 1915, Sgt. First Class William Bagni served in the Navy for four years. During W.W.II he was in Japan with the Army. He served in Korean during the Korean Conflict, and was still on active duty during the Vietnam War, although he was never in Vietnam. Sgt. Bagni retired in 1968, having served 32 years in the U.S. Army.

### ENTIRE INSCRIPTION *(if applicable)*.

[On the Stone]

BAGNI BRIDGE

[his portrait]

IN MEMORY OF  
WILLIAM L. BAGNI  
SERGEANT 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS  
U.S. ARMY

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

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Recommended for listing in National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a*



'Bagnt Memorial Bridge and Stone' Veterans Memorial Park

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