

FORM C - OBJECT

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

Plat 18, lot 1	Billerica		946
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town
 Chelmsford
Place (neighborhood or village)
 West Chelmsford

Address or Location
 intersection of Main & Groton Roads

Name
 Clark World War II Monument
Ownership Public Private

Type of Object (check one):

<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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify) h	

Date of Construction
 Dedicated Nov. 11, 2000
Source
 Chelmsford Independent Nov. 16, 2000
Designer/Sculptor
 Alfred J. Garside, 24 Nabnasset, Westford, of Garside Granite products; input from Muriel Harrington
Materials
 Kitledge gray granite from Fletcher Granite Works, 275 Groton Rd., North Chelmsford
Alterations (with dates)

Condition
 excellent
Moved no yes **Date**

Acreage
 Ca 475 sq. ft.
Setting
 residential area; set in front of neighborhood deli/grocery at intersection of two busy roads

Recorded by
 Jane B. Drury
Organization
 for Chelmsford Historical Commission
Date (month/year)
 Dec. 2001

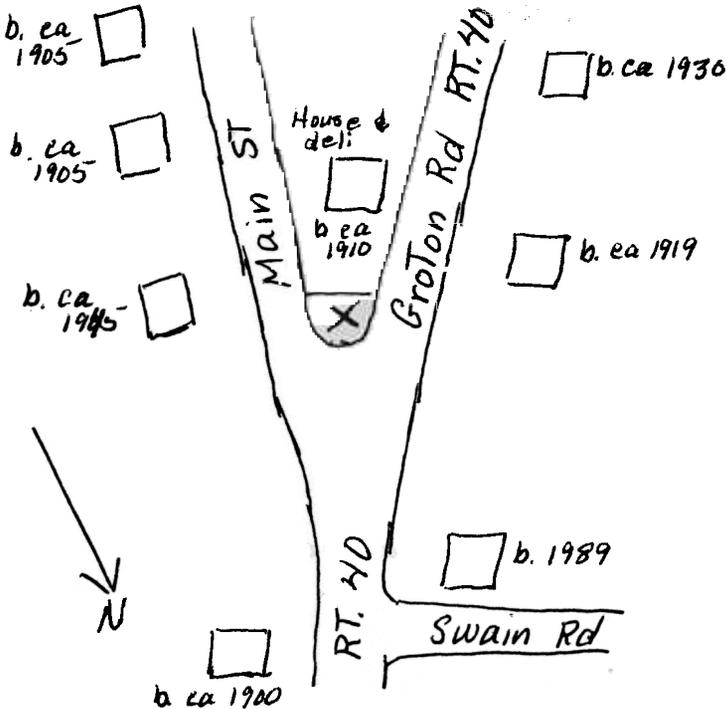
Photograph

(3" x 3" or 3-1/2" x 5', black and white only)
 Label photo on back with town and property address. Record film roll and negative numbers here on the form. Staple photo to left side of form. Staple photo to left side of form over this space. Attach additional photos to continuation sheets.

roll	negative

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 including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried object. Indicate north.



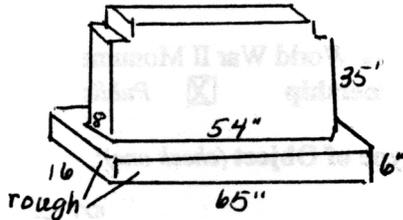
Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

OBJECT FORM

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.

3 ft. high granite on granite base, standing on brick "walk", which is surrounded by local granite curbing . The shape of the monument is similar to many modern grave monuments. The granite is a very light gray color with black flecks.



HISTORICAL NARRATIVE see continuation sheet

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

This stone was placed in memory of Allan & Herbert Clark, two of four brothers who were in the service during World War II. They were born & grew up on Dunstable Rd., not far from the location of this monument. They were both killed in action. Allan died when his submarine, the USS *Swordfish*, was lost while on patrol in Japanese held territory near Okinawa. The *Swordfish* was declared missing on Feb. 15, 1945. Four months later Herbert was killed in action while on the Destroyer *Longshaw*. The destroyer was hung up on a coral reef off Okinawa, when it was fired upon and sunk by the Japanese. It is believed that they are the only two boys from the same family in Chelmsford to be killed in wars during the 20th century. Two of their brothers also served in the military during World War II.

ENTIRE INSCRIPTION (if applicable):

Circle with UNITED STATES NAVY and Navy emblem
IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF

ALLAN D. CLARK, E.M. 2C HERBERT S. CLARK, F.C. 3C
U.S.S. SWORDFISH U.S.S. LONGSHAW
WHO DIED IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY AT SEA, IN THE
ASIATIC AREA, DURING WORLD WAR II.

THEIR PATRIOTIC DEDICATION AND SUPREME SACRIFICE WAS
VALIANTLY GIVEN TO PROTECT THIS COUNTRY AND OUR COMMUNITY.

ALLAN CLARK JUNE 19, 1924 - JANUARY 30, 1945
HERBERT CLARK MAY 1, 1918 - MAY 18, 1945

DEDICATED: NOVEMBER 11, 2000

On rear: GARSIDE GRANITE PRODUCTS, 24 NABNASSET ST., WESTFORD, MASS. 01886

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES see continuation sheet

Lowell Sun, Nov. 11, 2000

Chelmsford Independent, Nov. 16, 2000

Martin Walsh, June 25, 2002

Department of Public Works (Engineering) records

Mrs. Muriel (Clark) Harrington, Dec. 17, 2001

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

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
CHELMSFORD JUNCTION MAIN/GROTON

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Fifty five years later the Chelmsford Veterans' Agent, Marty Walsh, learned about these events from Allan & Herbert Clark's sister, Muriel Harrington, and then he led the effort, with support from various Town departments, to erect this monument in memory of the Clark brothers.

A brief dedication ceremony was held in pouring rain, and Mrs. Harrington was "very, very surprised that in this kind of weather, so many people [ca 250-300] took the time to attend this memorial service." The opening prayer was given by a priest from St. John's Catholic Church. Two selectmen laid a wreath in front of the monument, and as an honor guard from VFW Walker Rogers Post #662 fired three shots, "Taps" and an echo were played. Family members shared memories, and the "Comeback Kids", a musical group from the Senior Center, provided music, including the "Navy Hymn." The ceremony concluded with "God Bless America."

Each spring the Town places a few geraniums on the site, and Mrs. Harrington cares for the monument and its plantings.



ALLAN D. CLARK



HERBERT S. CLARK



'Clark WWII Monument' Main Street & Groton Road

8/28/2004 & 8/22/2004 F Merriam

