

Building Assessment – Rehabilitation Advising Consulting for Historic Building Analysis and Assessment

AHS Senior Historian Bruce Clouette, Ph.D., has participated as a team member with architects and structural engineers on several projects that have assessed the physical condition of historic buildings and considered how the buildings could be used for various purposes. The team approach typically considers structural issues, maintenance implications, and code compliance and produces recommendations and preliminary cost estimates. Clouette's role has been to reconstruct the sequence of building episodes, to distinguish original elements from later modifications, to assess the architectural significance of the building and its components, and to advise on the historic-preservation implications of possible recommendations.

- Abijah Pardee House, New Haven, CT. A 1 ½-story clapboarded house built soon after the British raid of July 5, 1779. The project researched its historical background, assessed its condition and significance, and analyzed the options for restoration/re-use/demolition of the house, which had been acquired by the City of New Haven. With Nelson-Edwards Architects; completed in September 2003.
- Bolton Heritage Farm House and Barn, Bolton, CT. The property consisted of a Greek Revival-period farmhouse and a large barn complex dating back to 1906. Options for the re-use of the house and barn as history-education resources were presented, along with a detailed chronology of construction of the property's various components. With Nelson-Edwards Architects; completed in August 2008.
- Glazier Tavern, Willington, CT. Recently acquired by the local historical society, the former tavern presented its owners with an array of challenges and opportunities. The project included structural analysis, analysis of original features and alterations, suggestions for restoration of missing elements, and programming options. With Nelson-Edwards Architects; completed in August 2010.
- Worthen House, Granby, CT. An early 19th-century farmhouse, now vacant, standing on land administered by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. The project analyzed the condition of the house with specific reference to its use as a residence for the property's steward. With GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.; completed in November 2010.

