

**Historic American Building Survey Documentation:
Terry Homestead (HABS No. CT-463)
54 Middle Street, Bristol, Connecticut**



Improvements to the intersection of Mountain Road, Pine Street, and Middle Street (State Route 229) in Bristol, Connecticut, necessitated encroachment on the setting of the Terry Homestead, one of the town's few remaining 18th-century houses. Formerly the home of one of Bristol's most prominent families, the house now serves as the museum of the local historical society. The Federal Highway Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Connecticut Department of Transportation, and the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office executed a Memorandum of Agreement calling for Historic

American Building Survey (HABS) documentation of the property prior to the start of construction.

AHS historian Bruce Clouette, Ph.D., prepared the documentation in accordance with HABS standards. Clouette is the co-author of *Bristol, Connecticut, A Bicentennial History, 1785-1985*, and so was well-qualified to research the house and place it in the context of the historical development of the community from an agricultural town to a small industrial city. The photographic documentation that accompanied the narrative text included views of the house's overall setting, elevations and perspective views, close-ups of distinctive architectural details, and views of interior spaces that retain their historical appearance. The documented property also included a small barn at the rear of the house. The HABS documentation was archived at the Library of Congress as HABS No. CT-463.

