



THOMAS JEFFERSON'S *Poplar Forest*



## SCHOLARS' PERSPECTIVES ON POPLAR FOREST

"More and more it is becoming clear how very important Poplar Forest is to our enlarged understanding of Thomas Jefferson and the reach of his imagination. That Jefferson was, along with so many other things, one of the premier American architects, has been long appreciated, but the originality and ingenuity of Poplar Forest-- especially now that it is being so superbly restored-- raise his standing still higher. This is an American masterpiece by a great American artist who also happened to be the President of the United States."

**David McCullough**, *Historian*

"As Poplar Forest is reshaped before our eyes back to the way Jefferson wanted it to be it calls up his great ghost in ever more palpable form...making the restoration the most moving event, for me, in recent architectural history."

**Vincent J. Scully, Jr.**, Sterling Professor Emeritus, Yale University, *Architectural Historian*

"...he yearned for a place where he could, at his pleasure, be alone. Poplar Forest is the place. ....The house is elegant, like all of Jefferson's buildings, but minimalist at the same time. A gem in the wilds."

"The whole site is Jefferson's last dramatic marriage of classical art with the American wilderness. Alone of the buildings associated with Jefferson it will someday take its place with Monticello and the University of Virginia as a masterpiece of Jefferson's art and a revelation of his mind."

**Garry Wills**, *Historian*

"...from a strictly architectural point of view [it is] even more perfect [than Monticello].... When restored to its pristine state...it will constitute one of the revived glories of Virginia, and a treasure for the nation."

**A. L. Rowse**, Emeritus Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, *Shakespearean scholar*

"Poplar Forest is for Thomas Jefferson what 'Falstaff' was for Verdi: the consummate final work of the mind of genius."

**Roger Kennedy**, *Historian*

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