

THOMAS JEFFERSON'S

Poplar Forest

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"...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

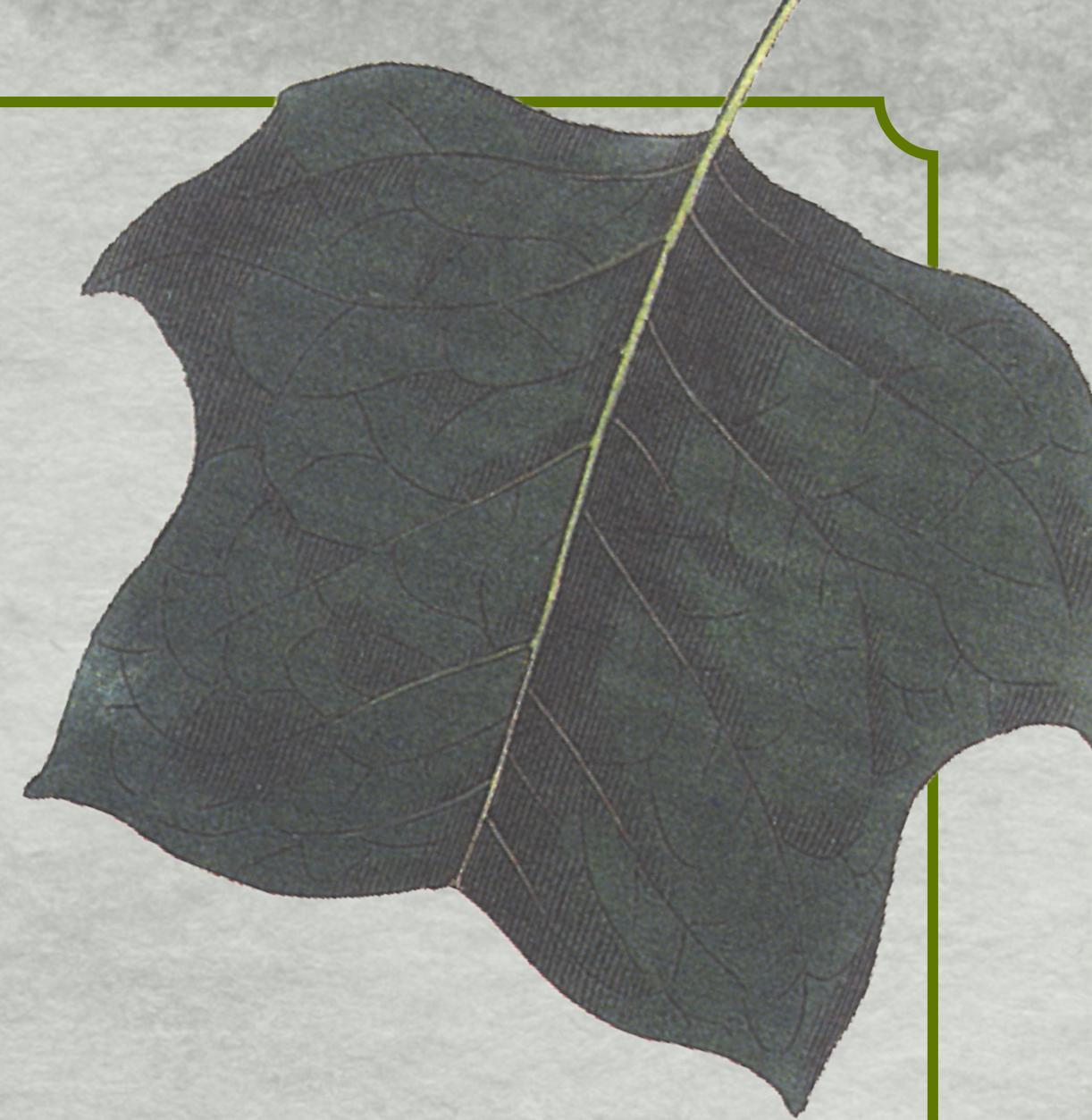


LOOKING

BACK AT

FORTY

YEARS



Abbreviated Structural Timeline



1806

Jefferson begins construction of his retreat home on his Poplar Forest plantation. He hires master bricklayer Hugh Chisolm to begin the process.

1823

Jefferson makes his final visit to Poplar Forest, leaving the property in the hands of his grandson, Francis Eppes. He sells it just two years later to the Hutter family.

1846

The Hutter family experiences a devastating fire originating from the dining room fireplace. Nothing but the brick is left. They rebuild the house to meet the needs of their growing family.

1946

The Watts family purchases the property from the Hutters and modernizes the house, outfitting it with updated plumbing, heating, and electricity.

Abbreviated Structural Timeline



1983

The Corporation for Jefferson's Poplar Forest is formed to restore the house back to Jefferson's original design and vision.

1995

Restoration of the exterior structure is completed. Works begins on the wing of offices soon after.

2009/10

The restoration of the wing of offices is completed, followed closely by the start of the interior restoration process.

2023

After 34 years of restoration, Thomas Jefferson's historic retreat home is finally unveiled as completed!





Restoration coordinator named by Poplar Forest corporation

Travis C. McDonald Jr. has been appointed coordinator of the restoration team at Poplar Forest, Thomas Jefferson's second home in Bedford County.

McDonald, who holds a master's degree in architectural history from the University of Virginia, most re-



burg, where he managed the research and reconstruction of the 18th century Public Hospital, the largest historic project at Williamsburg since the 1930s. His forthcoming book, "Design for Madness," will tell about the architecture of the colonial city's mental hospital.

McDonald is the second member of the restoration team to be named by the non-profit Corporation for Jefferson's Poplar Forest. Archaeologist William M. Kelso was appointed ear-



Denise and Travis McDonald at Poplar Forest

Partners

Husband, wife team up at Poplar Forest

By BILL HOY
Staff Writer
and Denise Adams

Four years before she made the transition into public relations, becoming a media coordinator for the Cal-

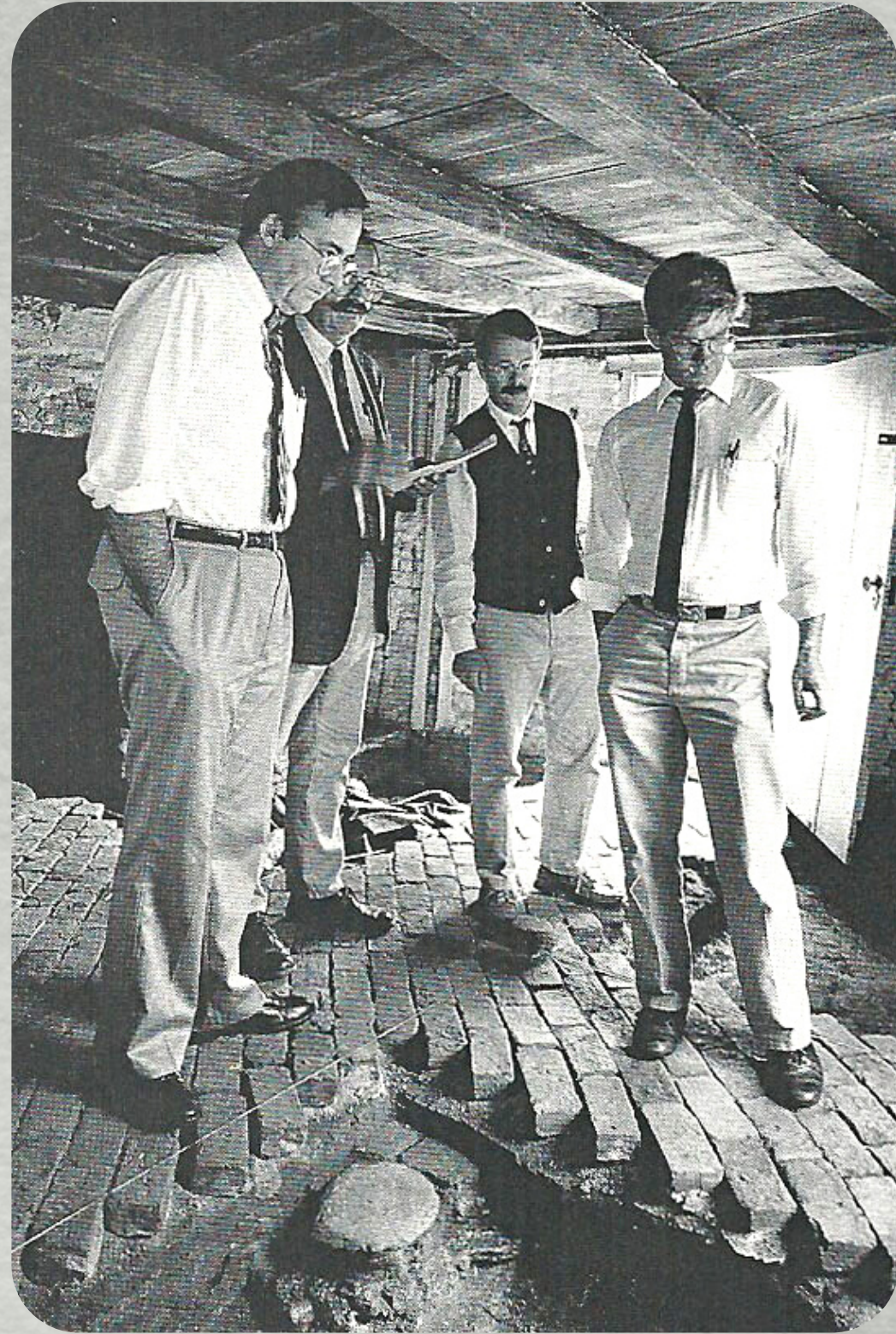
filming of the "George Washington" mini-series for CBS. She had just started working for

ding party posed for front steps, a crowd "It was the h-











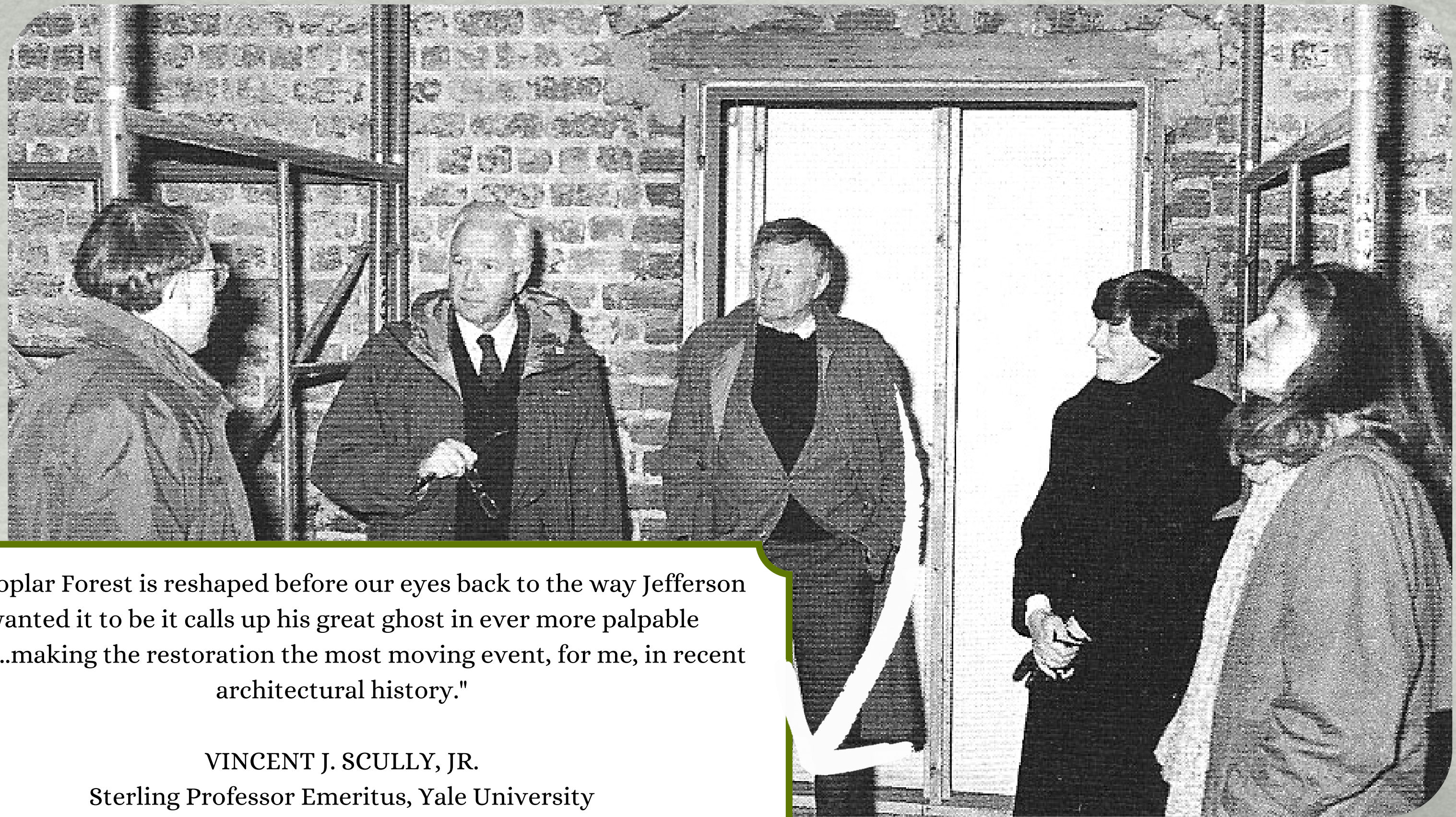






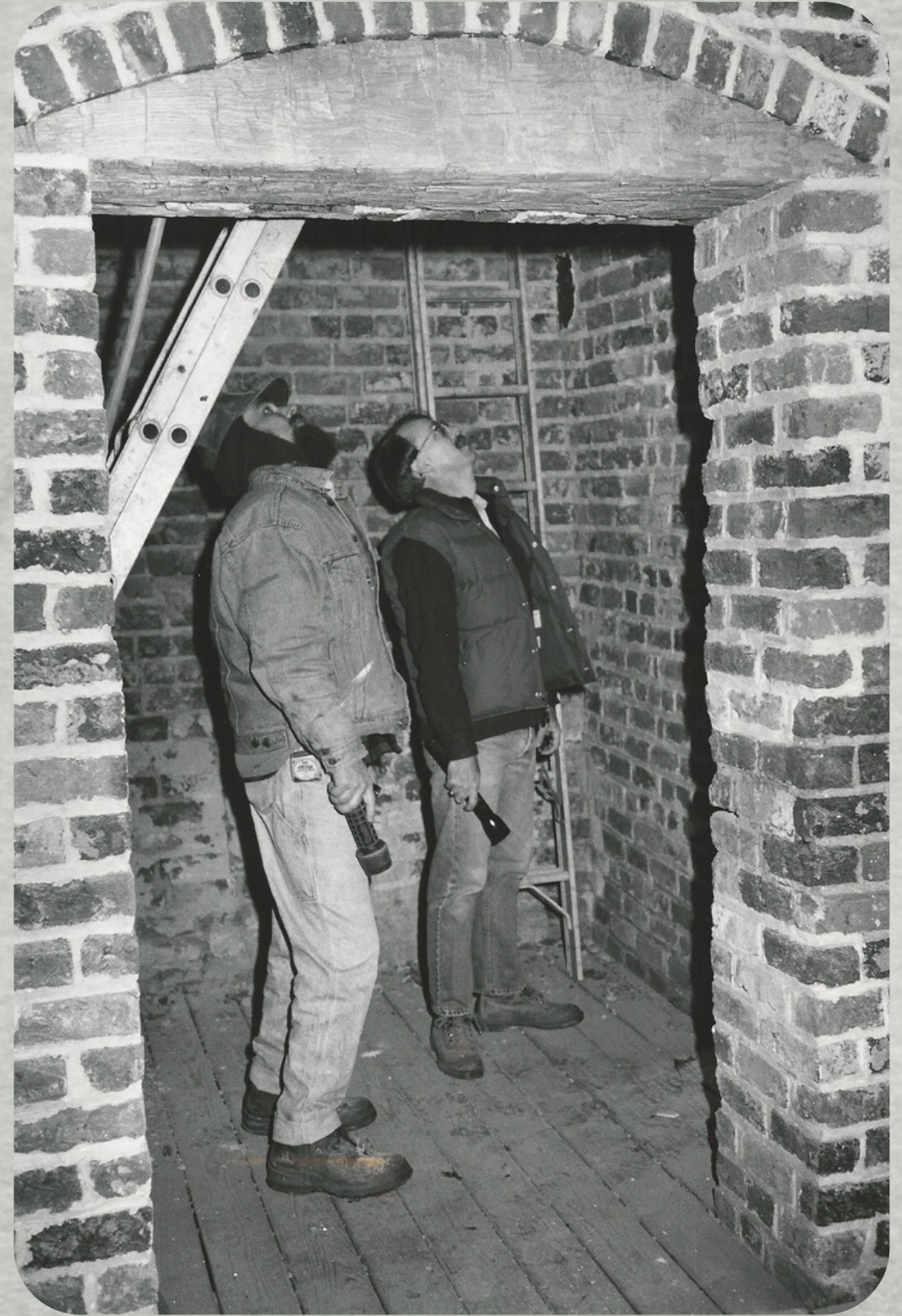
"More and more it is becoming clear how very important Poplar Forest is to our enlarged understanding of Thomas Jefferson and the reach of his imagination... **the originality and ingenuity of Poplar Forest-- especially now that it is being so superbly restored-- raise his standing still higher. This is an American masterpiece by a great American artist who also happened to be the President of the United States.**"

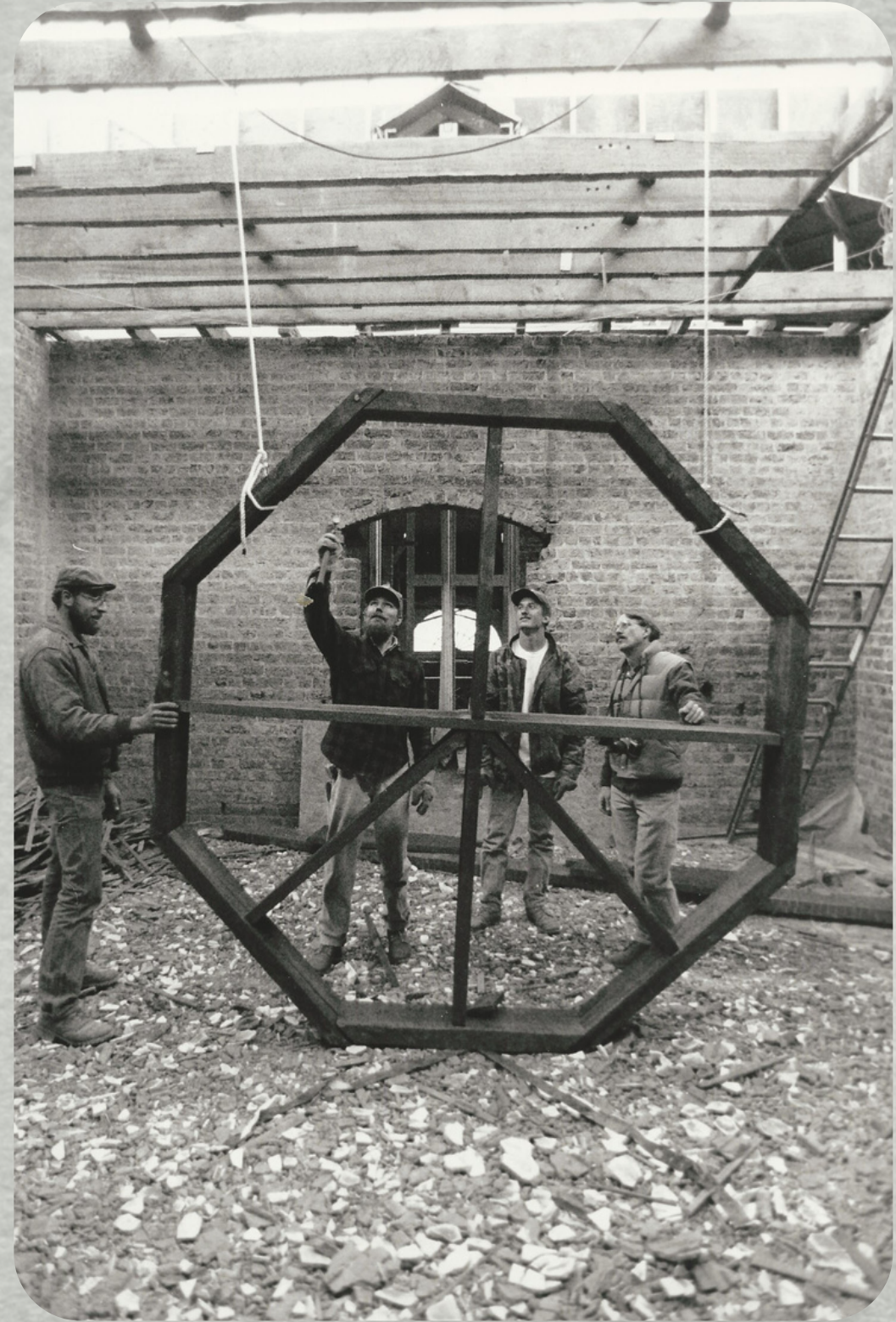
David McCullough
Historian - Author



"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













**“Architecture is my delight, and
putting up and pulling down, one of
my favorite amusements.”**

Thomas Jefferson
as quoted by
Margaret Bayard Smith

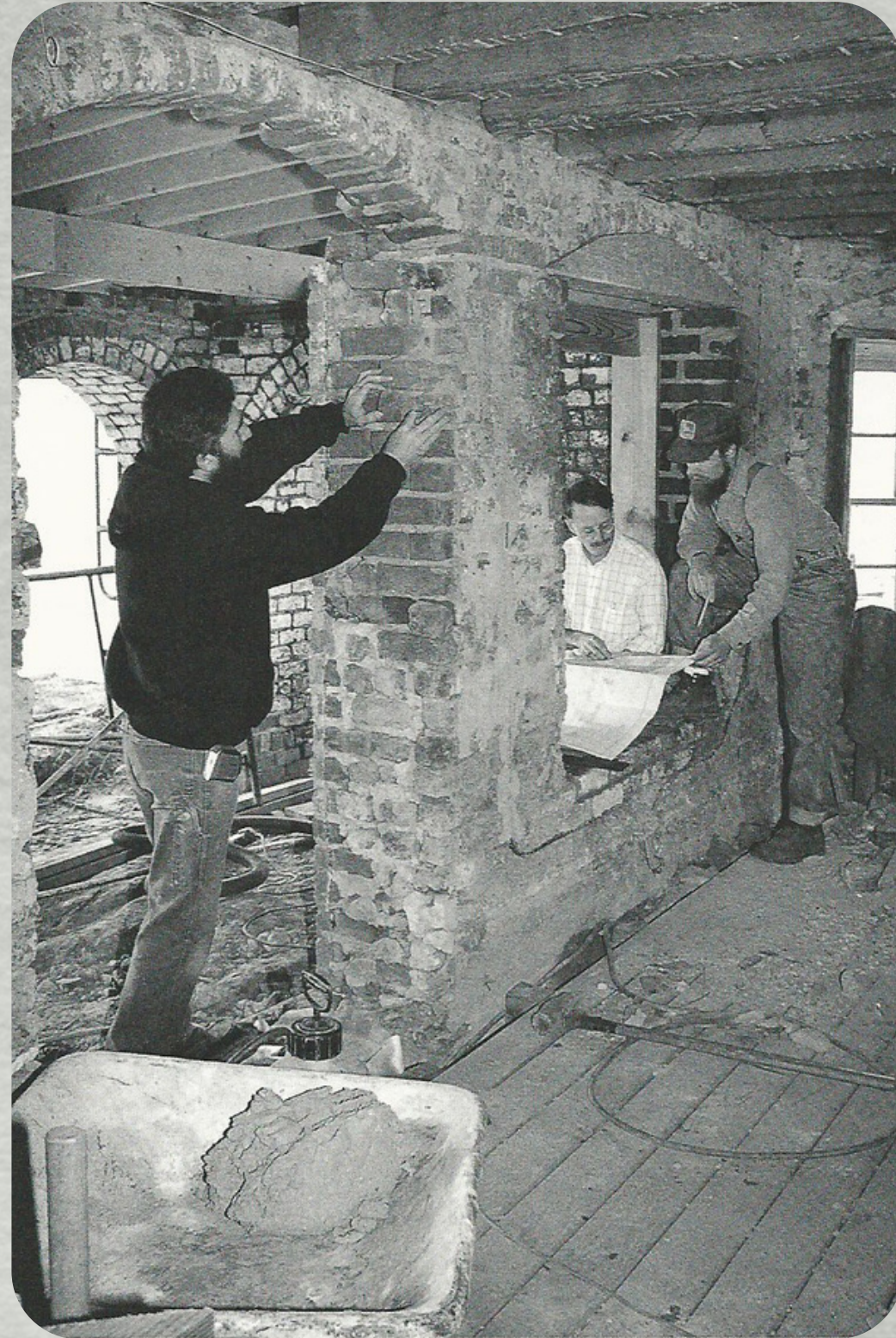


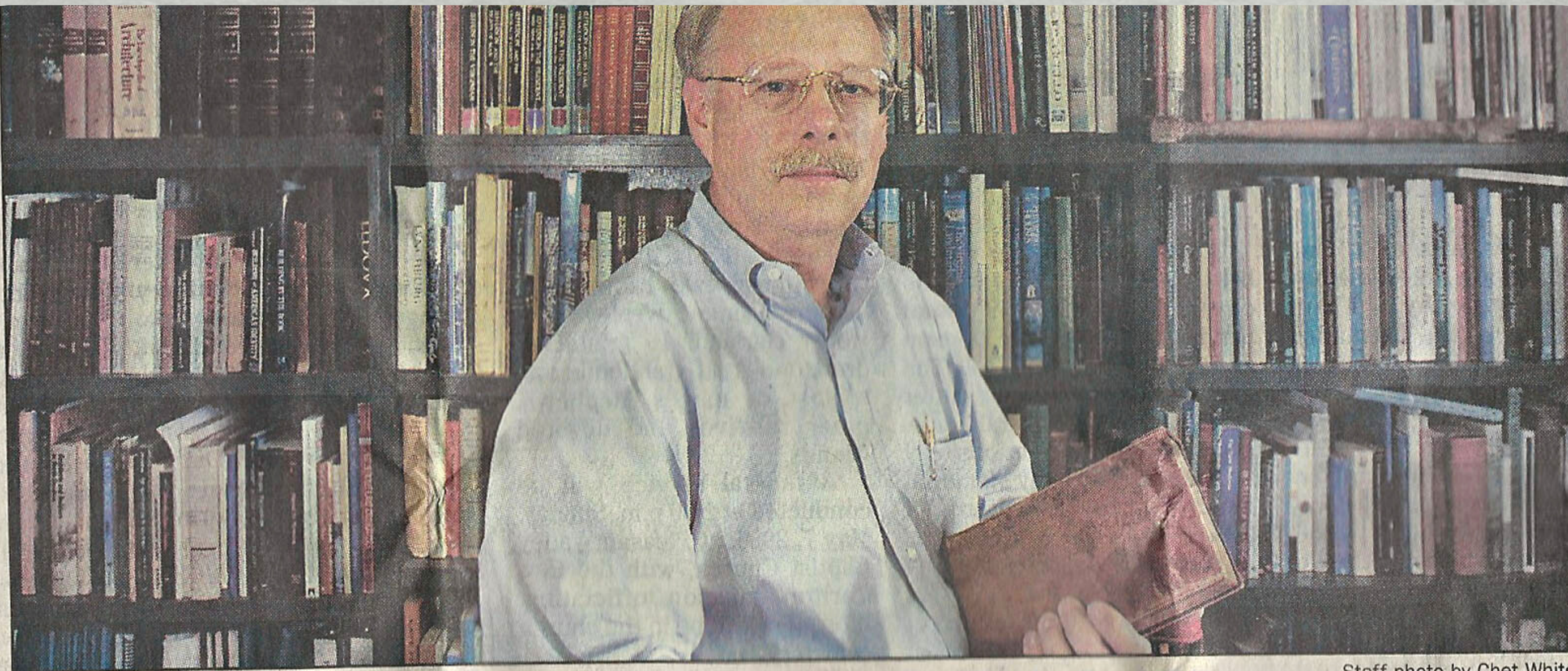












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Travis McDonald, director of architectural restoration at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest, is traveling to New Orleans next week to help with the restoration of the city's historic buildings.

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Travis McDonald in Poplar Forest's unrestored east chamber suite.

"When they offered me the job," McDonald says, "I asked whether they wanted to do it right." Thirty four years later, the first phase of Poplar Forest's meticulous restoration is complete.













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BROUGHT US

TOGETHER























Jefferson's Retreat Restored

After 34 painstaking years, Poplar Forest celebrates a remarkable milestone.

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