

Poplar Forest
Bedford County
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Near Avington
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Historic American Buildings Survey
Eugene Bradbury, Architect in Charge
Grace Securities Building, Richmond, Virginia

POPLAR FOREST
Bedford County, Virginia

Owner: C. H. Hutter

Date: 1806-9

Builder & Architect: Thomas Jefferson

Present Condition: Good, restored after fire.

Description: Brick laid in Flemish bond, one story above high basement, roof hipped; plan octagonal with two axial porticos. Interior trim all restoration work after fire of c. 1840. Poplar Forest is best known as Jefferson's country retreat which he built in the style of the Villa Rotunda. Previous to the fire it had a central cupola that lighted the salon below but that was not rebuilt. The building is low lying, and the porticos broad, giving an horizontal effect. The three bay porticos are of the Tuscan order.

The plan of the house was roughly that of a central salon, lighted from above surrounded by polygonal outside rooms. The high basement provided for extra accommodations and service. Not far from the house and concealed by artificial knolls are octagonal privies with original trim.

The house was built by Jefferson as a country retreat away from the paths of travel, which made Monticello a mecca for his admirers.

Reference: Virginia Guide - p. 515.

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