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It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for the restoration of Pope's Museum.

This long-neglected museum has been a stain on the cultural and historical heritage of Grady County, Georgia. It took a person with the vision and persistence of Michelle Dean to recognize this valuable site of Americana and what it could become. The restoration of Pope's Museum, its building, grounds and artwork is not only a worthy cause, it is an imperative one. Decades of neglect and outright vandalism have taken their toll.

From my perspective as an historian, it is clear that this property should never have been so ignored. From a cultural perspective it must be preserved and restored as one of the folk art gems of this nation. It is a community treasure and a national treasure.

We are fortunate that Ms. Dean not only has concern and the persistence to see this project to its conclusion, she also has access to outside resources and experts to see it is done right. In addition, she has the support and encouragement of this entire community.

Sincerely,

Don Nickerson,
Museum Administrator