



Tree-Limb Truss

This log cabin in South Lake Tahoe, Calif., is part of a collection of buildings owned by shipping baron George Pope during the 1920s. To house some visiting newlyweds, he had his crew build this honeymoon cottage in less than a month. On its Greek Revival front porch, triads of log columns hold up the bottom chord of the truss and the roof—a rustic architrave. The cornice formed by the top chords is sheathed in cedar bark. The frieze's branches were scribed and spiked in place; a steel rod from ridge beam to bottom chord does the real work. The Pope Estate, now owned by the U. S. Forest Service, is open to the public. —Charles Miller

