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WKNO-TV to present Memphis Memoirs: Historic Homes

Memphis, TN – WKNO-TV will present an addition to the Memphis Memoirs series this Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. The newly produced program is called, **Memphis Memoirs: Historic Homes**. This show will take viewers on a tour of historic homes from Downtown Memphis through Midtown to the far reaches of Shelby County.

What makes a home historic? In some cases, it's the age, the architecture and the beauty of an antebellum mansion that was built by hand before the Civil War. In other cases it's the enduring craftsmanship of a sturdy farmhouse constructed from the trees that were on the land, back when Union, Poplar and Lamar were dirt roads. And sometimes, there's nothing special about the architecture, nothing fancy or expensive in the construction; but someone who changed the course of history—perhaps a teenage boy with a guitar—once lived within those walls.

Among other homes in the program, we'll visit the Hunt-Phelan House, a veritable time capsule that looks almost exactly like it looked on the day when Union forces took it over and General Ulysses Grant planned the Battle of Vicksburg inside. We'll take a look at the stunning frescoed ceilings of the Annesdale Mansion, the detailed plasterwork that graces Memphis Theological Seminary, and the Greek-inspired front room where E.H. "Boss" Crump once received his visitors (and entertained his little granddaughter).

Memphis Memoirs: Historic Homes is not just about the grand houses of Memphis' wealthiest citizens; we will also look inside humble little rooms where history was made; where a long-ago bride scratched her name on a windowpane; where a family with five children had only a fireplace for warmth. And we'll show you a few "Lost Memphis Houses" that are gone now, but had their place in local history. "Although it's clear that not all old structures can—or should—be saved," said program producer, Bonnie Kourvelas, "it's important to remember that with some imagination, many old historic homes can be beautifully repurposed, which gives them a whole new life that can last for decades more."

These old houses were truly built to last, so each one that can be saved and repurposed becomes a new asset for Memphis and Shelby County.”

This is the fifth Memphis Memoirs in the series to be produced by Bonnie Kourvelas, who also produced “Beyond the Parkways”, “Lost Memphis,” “At the Movies” and “When TV Came to Town”.

Memphis Memoirs: Historic Homes will air on WKNO on 8/12 at 7:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., 8/13 at 1:30 a.m., 8/15 at 9:00 a.m., 8/16 at 10:00 p.m., 8/17 at 3:30 a.m. and 8/23 at 4:30 p.m. on WKNO (10.1), and 8/18 at 7:00 p.m. on WKNO2 (10.2).

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