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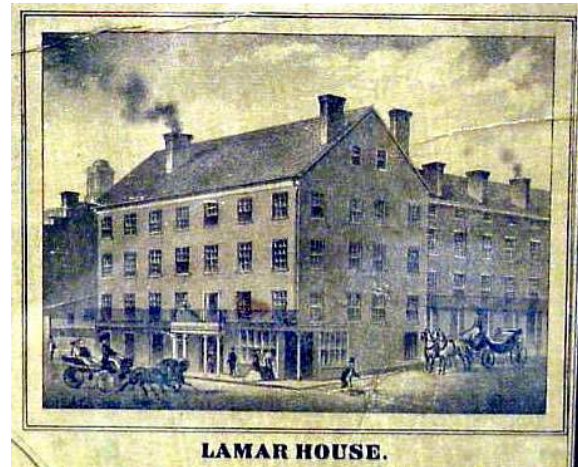
***“Andrew Jackson Never Slept Here:
The Lamar House from 1817 to Today”***
A Brown Bag Lecture with Dean Novelli

PROGRAM: *Andrew Jackson Never Slept Here: The Lamar House from 1817 to Today*, a Brown Bag Lecture by Dean Novelli

DATE: Noon, Wednesday, July 13, 2016

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch



(Knoxville, TN) The third oldest building in Knoxville, the Lamar House, which houses the present day Bijou Theatre, has stood for 199 years with a nearly unbroken record of providing the city with business, cultural, and entertainment services. In a Brown Bag Lecture on Wednesday, July 13, Dean Novelli will discuss the storied building’s construction and its survival through war, bankruptcy, remodeling, urban renewal, and shifting ownership.

Dean Novelli received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and holds a Master of Fine Arts from the California Institute of the Arts. He is a freelance writer and researcher covering a wide range of topics including history, genealogy, politics, and healthcare issues, with a particular interest in 19th century East Tennessee history. Novelli is the author of “On a Corner of Gay Street: A History of the Lamar House-Bijou Theatre, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1817-1985,” which was published in the 1984-85 East Tennessee Historical Society’s *Publications* and won the McClung Award for best article in that issue.

The program is sponsored by the Gentry Griffey Funeral Chapel & Crematory and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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