

ABOUT THE REEDS



STEVEN REED O.D. Steven Reed is a prominent board certified optometric physician in Mississippi. He has been practicing in Magee, Mississippi for the last 20 years. In 2011 he was named the Mississippi Optometrist of the year by the Mississippi Optometric Association (MOA), where he served as President several years earlier. He also serves as the chairman of the board at Southern College of Optometry (SCO) and as Mississippi's trustee for SECO International (Southern Council of Optometry). Dr. Reed serves on the Alcon Speakers Bureau as an expert on glaucoma. He is a graduate of Southern College of Optometry and the University of Southern Mississippi. He was raised in Forest, Mississippi.

Dr. Reed has a passion for history, metal detecting, and historic homes. He spends available weekends driving the state looking for the lost Mississippi grandeur. Inspired by Prospect Hill, Windsor Ruins, Arlington House, and the Oldfields House he recognized what Mother Nature and vandals could do to these Mississippi treasures if no one set out to save them. When he discovered that McRaven Tour Home was for sale, he remembered it as the most interesting house tour he had ever taken. At first he could only dream of saving it. Through careful thought and planning he decided to make that dream a reality. The house is a ready-made museum that Mother Nature and vandals ignored. Perhaps that's because it is the most haunted house in Mississippi, and the ghosts have preserved the home, waiting for someone to come along.

KENDRA REED Dr. Reed's wife, Kendra Reed is not a native Mississippian, but "got here as quick as she could." Originally from southern Oregon she too loves history, antiques, and the Mississippi charm. She has a B.S. From Southern Oregon University. Married in Natchez at Monmouth Plantation, the two shared their wedding weekend with family touring some MS favorites such as Melrose, Stanton Hall, and Longwood. Kendra is not new to tourism as she has published two best-selling books about Disneyland in California. For four years she served as President of the Disneyana Fan Club and now claims to have bought her own "haunted mansion." Buying McRaven seemed like a "no brainer" as the antiques appraised for more than the property, but the stories of the people who lived there set this house apart.

Set immediately next to the railroad and so close to the in Vicksburg National Military Park, McRaven played an integral part in the Siege of Vicksburg rocketing this house into importance. The city of Vicksburg, just a couple of blocks away is filled with Southern hospitality and charm. McRaven is the missing link to these great tourism opportunities. Kendra is employed as a district sales manager in pharmaceuticals and is eager to save and share McRaven with you.

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