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**CELEBRATING “THE UNSUNG HERO OF THE BATTLE OF SHILOH: A TRIBUTE
TO GENERAL WILLIAM H. L. WALLACE”**

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The Ottawa Avenue Cemetery Association and the Reddick Mansion Association are working together to present a weekend of events honoring the life and death of General William H.L. Wallace, one of LaSalle County's greatest Civil War heroes. Several events have been planned on Saturday, April 14th and Sunday, April 15th, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Wallace's death.

These include

- Guided tours of the Reddick Mansion and Washington Square by costumed docents and uniformed re-enactors.
- A Civil War re-enactor encampment in Washington Square.
- An evening program on the life of General Wallace presented by local author and historian, Dave Mumper, at the Reddick Mansion. A reception will follow the program.
- Special access to the Masonic Temple, Christ Episcopal Church and the Third District Appellate Court Building featuring displays of Wallace-related items.
- Dedication of site at Ottawa Avenue Cemetery for the future placement of a monument honoring Wallace.
- Civil War re-enactor honor guard at the cemetery.
- Self-guided tours of the Ottawa Avenue Cemetery with people in period costume at notable Civil War gravesites.
- Public viewing of a documentary depicting the final hours of General Wallace's life—the time spent with Ann, his wife.
- Several other events are still in the planning stages.

The public is invited to all events-- some will be free, some will have an admission cost. All money raised will be used toward the cost of placing a 10' tall monument honoring General Wallace in the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) section of the Ottawa Avenue Cemetery. General Wallace is buried in a family cemetery that is not accessible to the general public.

Tax-exempt donations can be made to WHL Wallace Memorial Fund
c/o Ottawa Avenue Cemetery Association
Attn: Joe Ferrero
1506 Ottawa Avenue
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For more information, please check our websites, www.reddickmansion.org and www.ottawaavenuecemetery.com.

PROPOSED WALLACE MONUMENT



Money is being raised to be used toward the cost of placing a 10' tall monument (photo above) honoring General Wallace in the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) section of the Ottawa Avenue Cemetery. This monument is very similar in design to the one currently honoring General Wallace that is located in a family cemetery (the Dickey-Wallace Cemetery) that is not accessible to the general public.