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**Reddick Mansion to Present "Massacre 1769: The Search for the  
Origin of the Legend of Starved Rock" by Mark Walczynski**

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On Saturday evening, March 22nd, at 7:00pm, the Reddick Mansion Association along with the Book Mouse will present the first in a series of "Readings by the Author", Massacre 1769: The Search for the Origin of the Legend of Starved Rock by Mark Walczynski.

Were the Illinois Indians destroyed by their enemies, the Potawatomi and Ottawa Indians, at Starved Rock or is this legend just fanciful fiction? Walczynski examines the earliest, most popular and most influential accounts of the incident and compare these accounts to period documents and archaeological investigations to determine whether the massacre was an actual historic event.

Mr. Walczynski is retired from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Office of Law Enforcement and is an adjunct educator at IVCC, teaching history, criminal justice and philosophy. He is also the Park Historian for the Starved Rock Educational and Historical Foundation.

After the presentation, the author will sign his books (which the Book Mouse will have available for sale).

This event is free and the public is invited. Refreshments will be served and any donations will be gratefully accepted. All money raised will be used for the preservation and renovation of the Reddick Mansion.

The Reddick Mansion, at 100 W. Lafayette Street in Ottawa, IL was built in 1858 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites.