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**REDDICK MANSION ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES PRESENTATION FOR
ANNUAL MEETING**

**REDDICK MANSION ASSOCIATION
OTTAWA, IL**

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Curt Simonsen will speak at the Annual Meeting for the Reddick Mansion Association on Thursday, October 10, 2013. Mr. Simonsen will tell the story of his ancestor, Colonel Daniel Hitt, in first person. While in uniform, "Colonel Hitt" will talk about his life in LaSalle County, his involvement in the Civil War, and his connections to local historic figures including Gen. W. H. L. Wallace and Col. T. Lyle Dickey. In addition to wearing the Colonel's pistol and sword, Simonsen will also display a cross Hitt found at Starved Rock while his family owned that property. The cross was given to the Indians by Father Marquette.

The RMA Annual Meeting will begin at 6:00pm with a light meal in the west parlors of the Mansion. After a short business meeting and the election of board members and officers, Mr. Simonsen will give his presentation.

All members of the Reddick Mansion Association are invited. Current members may pay their annual dues at the meeting and new members are always welcome. An individual membership is \$20.00; a family membership is \$30.00; and a corporate membership is \$100.00. Membership in the Reddick Mansion Association supports the continued restoration and preservation of the historic building.

Current and new members are encouraged to call the Mansion at 815-433-6100 to reserve their seats.