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News Release

Date: **Saturday, September 29, 2007**
 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Re: **Ghost Tales at the Colonel Davenport House on Arsenal Island**
 (rain location: Memorial Field Pavilion on Arsenal Island)

The Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation (CDHF) presents "Ghost Tales" on Saturday, September 29, 2007, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on the grounds of the Colonel Davenport House on the North end of Arsenal Island.

"Ghost Tales" features stories from local storytellers on Native Americans in this area, the Mississippi River, and the Black Hawk War. The program will also feature the winner of the ghost story contest through The Dispatch/Rock Island Argus newspapers. Stories are suitable for all ages.

Admission to the event is free, but donations are encouraged. Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. The CDHF will be selling refreshments including hot dogs, chips, cookies, soda, hot cocoa, and items from the house's gift shop.

Guests must enter Arsenal Island via the downtown Moline, Illinois, gate. Attendees age 16 and older must show U.S. photo I.D. since the Island is a working military facility. In case of inclement weather, "Ghost Tales" will be relocated to Memorial Field Pavilion on the Island. For more information, visit their website at www.davenporthouse.org.

About the CDHF

The Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation (CDHF) is a nonprofit volunteer group that works to preserve Colonel George Davenport's former home and share his story with the community. The Colonel Davenport House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was built in 1833-1834 and is on the North end of Arsenal Island in the Quad Cities. Colonel Davenport was the first permanent white settler in the Quad Cities and built the first house in the area. The Foundation relies on volunteers to maintain and operate the house. It is open for tours from May to October, Thursday-Sunday from 12-4 p.m.

MEDIA NOTE: All media must be escorted while on Arsenal Island.