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## **Hear the story behind Soldiers Reunion**

NEWTON— Reunion Day will draw thousands to Newton on Aug. 20. In fact, the Newton celebration includes the longest-running parade of its type in the nation.

How and when did it all get started?

Local historians Sidney Halma and Sylvia Ray will explore that question on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Catawba County Library in Newton. The public is invited to the local history discussion beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the library auditorium. The program is free.

Halma, history consultant, author and former executive director of the Catawba County Historical Association, will join Ray, local journalist and historian, to share the story behind the tradition. Dr. Gary Freeze, history professor and author from Salisbury, is expected to be on hand as well.

Catawba County Library System has a variety of local history sources for further reading including histories co-authored by Halma as well as monographs, photos and other resources within the Rhodes Local History Room. For more information, contact the Genealogy Department at the Main Library at 465-8669.

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