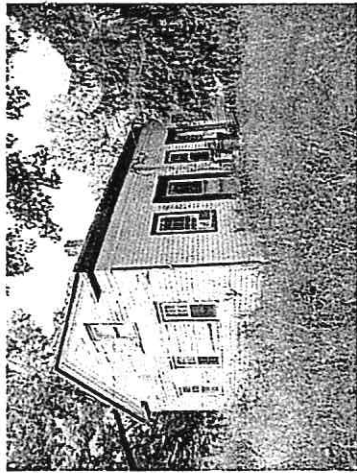


July 2016

SPECIAL EDITION
NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!



Spencer home donated!

We are pleased to share the exciting news that the Platt R. Spencer Historical Society will be the new owners and caretakers of the historical N. Myers Road house lived in by Platt R. Spencer and his family! This has been made possible thanks to a generous donation by owner Thomas Rood. *(Having just learned of his July 4th death, we extend our sincere sympathy to his family.)* Mr. Rood, with the encouragement of his sister, fulfilled a promise made several years ago to allow the Society to have it upon his retirement. We are very grateful to him - there will be a plaque made in his honor for the house. Other related news - with the assistance of Attorney Gary Pasqualone and our Treasurer Phil Schmidt, a new deed was drawn up, the society has officially become a

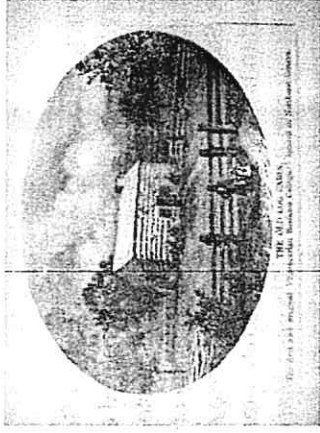
Non-profit Domestic Corporation, and our 501(c)(3) was applied for. Another step will be to apply for an historical marker, if there is none on record, from the Ashtabula County Historical Society.

CAN YOU HELP? All of the legal steps have had fees, and as you can tell from the photo of the home and grounds, it will take considerable time, effort and money to restore the home to a historically accurate condition, inside and out. Our board is made up of about a dozen young-at-heart, but not of body, members and we'll need lots of help from adult volunteers from the community, history buffs, Scouts, students, Township Trustees, and non-board PRSHS members. Master Penmen and their students were instrumental in the obtaining a monument to Spencer for the front of the Western Co. Courthouse and we are hopeful they will be as excited about the house as we are. **Financial Options:** Besides urgently needed donations specifically earmarked for the house project, we have some Spencer related items for sale (below) that will help with Society expenses; in addition, we'd love to have you become a member of the PRSHS; we respectfully ask current members to renew their memberships at this time also.

GIFT SHOP (your purchase, a donation, is tax - deductible, benefitting the PRSHS.)
"Life of Spencer" DVD: Carl Feather's artistic story (as shown at the Dec. Lodge exhibit) and bonuses: the detailed pictorial history of the City of Geneva, and video footage of the Geneva City's/Geneva Township's Sesquicentennial/Bicentennial parade, suggested donation \$10 (picked up); or call for S&H: Mary Lou: 440-8813.
Keepsake Holiday Monument Card: Front features an attractive snowy scene of the red-bow adorned Spencer Monument; back of card features a drawing of Platt R. Spencer. Large card for sending, keeping or framing. Suitable for a variety of religious affiliations, inside reads: *"Wishing you all the*

blessings and wonder of this holiday season", or blank inside. Includes white envelope. Suggested \$3.50 ea.; 10 for \$25; 25 for \$50 (picked up); or call for S&H: Beth: 440-466- 8697.

New! All-Occasion Spencer Note Cards: package of 4 different scenes with Spencer poems or history on backs. Includes envelopes. "Old Log Cabin" - sample below. One pack of 4 assorted photos, Suggested \$8.99 (picked up); or call for S&H: Charlotte: 440-466-8033.



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PRSHS DONATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS
 Change of membership year: Jan. 1 - Dec. 31.
 This July 2016, you can choose either a 6-month membership: July 2016 thru Dec. 2016: (Single: \$5; Couple: \$7.50); or 1 1/2 - year membership: July 2016 thru Dec. 2017: (Single \$15; Couple, \$22.50).
 Payable to P. Schmidt, Treas., PRSHS
 6297 N Ridge W, Geneva, OH 44041
 440-466-6414 or 440-466-8033
 Amt. enclosed by check or money order: \$ _____

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BOARD MEMBERS – NEVER BORED!

Corresponding Secretary Charlotte Hunt, has taken the "Spencerian Saga" courses in the past (at Geneva on the Lake in the month of October) to learn Spencerian Penmanship under Master Penman Michael Sull. She has shared her love of the art by practicing letter strokes with interested area residents at Geneva Library once a week. Call her for dates and what to bring, 440-466-8033. Free.

In June, Recording Secretary Mary Schneider and several other Society members helped educate attendees about Spencer at a *Pop-Up Museum** at Geneva Library in June as part of the City of Geneva's Sesquicentennial events. (*Area residents were asked to bring in antiques or other interesting items to display and discuss.) We wish Mary the best in her change of jobs as she leaves her position as the library's Spencer Archivist, and we are very grateful she is remaining on the Society's Board as our Recording Secretary.



ALL ABOARD! – Board Members Ride the Spencer Float in "Birthday" Parade and win 2nd Place!



In honor of the Bicentennial (200 years old) of Geneva Township and the Sesquicentennial (150 years old) of Geneva City, all our Board members pitched in to create a prize-winning float (2nd only to the large Grape Jamboree Queens float in our category). Above and beyond thank you's to Pres. Beth Stillwell's relatives who helped providing the trailer and tow car and faux Log Cabin Seminary details, and to Vaughn & Donna Reese for the handmade potbelly stove, desks and ink wells & quills. Note that one of the street banners (your contributions supported) brought up the rear. We had many compliments on the float and requests to use it again. Watch for the float in the 2016 Grape Jamboree Parade!

Contact us if you can volunteer:

We'd love to have a list of folks, members or not, who would like to help the Society in any number of ways even if only for an hour or so: researching the house history; restoring the house; mowing and weeding; mailings; creating a website or Facebook; at events; with fundraising, etc. Call a phone number below if you want to come "aboard" and avoid "boredom"!

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