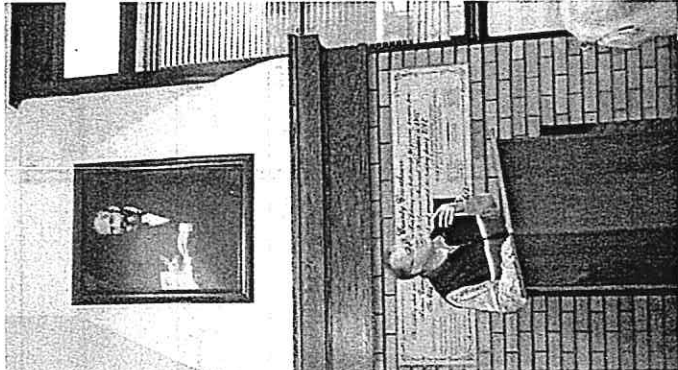


Platt R. Spencer Historical Society

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The 2013 dedication of the Spencer Room in the Geneva Western County Courthouse was attended by Master Penman Michael Sull who donated the picture of Platt R. Spencer (above the fireplace) and other memorabilia. The engraved stone above the fireplace describes events and people involved with several dedications that year. Call the courthouse for best times to visit.

Known as the "Father of American Penmanship", Platt R. Spencer created Spencerian Penmanship, a script that standardized the written word throughout the U.S. and abroad. Also taught in the "Log Seminary", near his home on N. Myers Rd., was ornamental engraving. See his historical political banner & other memorabilia on exhibit at Geneva Library.

The Platt R. Spencer Historical Society has been busy ...arranging a public dedication of the Spencer Room in the Western County Courthouse; bringing Master Penman Harvest Crittenden to two area

schools for memorable penmanship presentations; examining Spencer-related items at the Smithsonian and in the Geneva Library; visiting with Harvest Crittenden's Spencerian Saga students from around the world at Geneva-on-the-Lake in October (go to acornarts.org). Spencerian street banners (designed by Master Penman Michael Sull) for downtown Geneva, and metal highway markers are underway. Our life-size wooden replica of Spencer was created by Geneva art teacher Gina Monahan. (Do a "selfie" with him at the Grape Jamboree!)

After a letter written by Donna Reese was sent to Spencer School alumni (1938-1961) by our board members, memberships reached a milestone of 100 - - - fantastic! However, memberships are not limited to Genevans! Anyone around the world interested in Spencer or his penmanship, cursive writing, or history is encouraged to join us and share knowledge, questions or ideas. (See the application at end.) A "thank you" list of members and supporters is included on the back page.



PRSHS board members with Master Penman Michael Sull at the 2013 dedication of the Spencer Room in the Western County Courthouse, formerly the Geneva Library; (from left) Mary Lou Cheney; V.P. Vaughn Reese; Donna Reese; Corr. Secretary Charlotte Hunt; Michael Sull; Treas. Phil Schmidt; Barbara Rand; Pres. Beth Stillwell; Lucille Romeo. (Back): Recording Sec'y Cathie Schmidt; Dick and Barbara Pruden.

PRSHS Members at information table next to the Spencer Monument at the 2013 Geneva Grape Jamboree.

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Suggested: Single \$10 ; Couple, \$15;
*****Donation Due July 1 annually*****
Payable to "P.R.Spencer Historical Society"
c/o Treasurer Phillip Schmidt
6297 N Ridge W, Geneva, OH 44041
440-466-6414 or 440-466-8033

Amt. enclosed by check or money order: \$ _____

of Memberships _____ and/or Donation \$ _____

Member Name(s) _____

Mailing Address – street or P.O. Box _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____
Members receive a membership card, newsletters, memorabilia & special event invitations.

A huge THANK YOU to all of the members below (and from the past) who have been supportive in helping the Platt R. Spencer Historical Society to

GROW and GO! There are so many more projects to undertake to keep Platt R. Spencer's contributions preserved so that they can be enjoyed

by future generations (as well as cursive writing)... we cannot do it without your help. **Memorial and In Honor of contributions are welcomed**

PLATT R. SPENCER HISTORICAL SOCIETY Geneva, Ohio	
Membership as of 9/10/2014: (100 members, including Honorary!)	
HONORARY MEMBERS:	MEMBERS PAID THRU 7/1/15 (cont.):
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(&Ray F)		
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Spencer Room

