

Platt R. Spencer Historical Society, Inc.

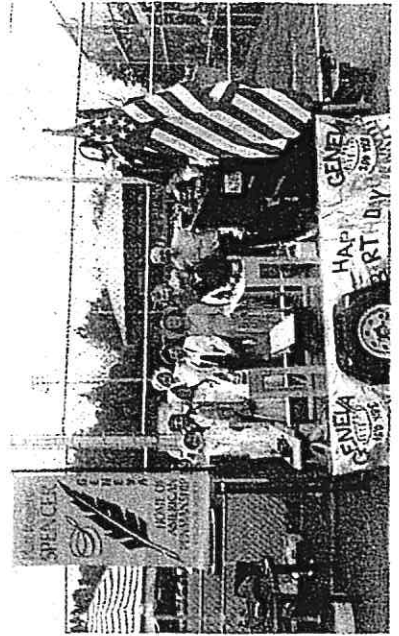
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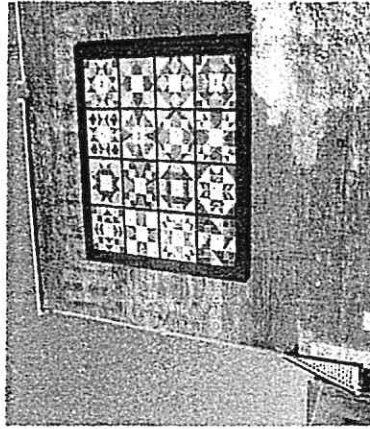
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Bicentennial Fever!

With 2016 being the 150th birthday of Geneva City and the 200th birthday of Geneva Township (Ohio home of Platt R. Spencer, the "Father of American Penmanship"), our Platt R. Spencer Historical Society, Inc. has been celebrating all year along with other area groups and residents. Events started with a chilly spring **outdoor party** at Geneva Township Park (east of Geneva on the Lake) complete with birthday cake and commemorative coins; then May 21st, a **parade with a float** of Spencer's Log Cabin classroom (complete with pot belly stove & quilts)...part of a combined



sesquicentennial-bicentennial "Community Extraganza" event held at Memorial Field. At "Art Day" July 23rd, a "barn quilt", touted as the largest in the U.S., was unveiled on the east side of an E. Main St. bldg. (near the old

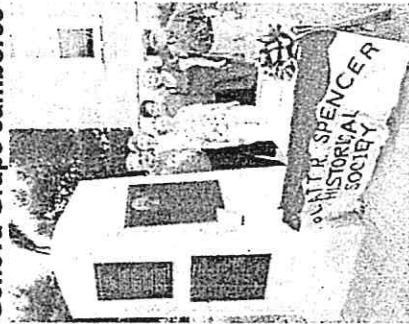


Gen. City Hall).

PRSHS participated by purchasing and

painting one of the squares. (Also in July, Spencer School alumni (many are PRSHS members) served 200th birthday cake at their annual all-classes **reunion** and honored present & past twp trustees and businesses.)

Sept. brings the **Geneva Grape Jamboree** - look for us in the parades riding the Spencer schoolhouse float, and at our table by the Spencer monument in front of the courthouse. End of



October, the **Ghoulfest Cemetery Tour** will include a stop at the Spencer family burial site where our PRSHS Historian Bill Peters will tell you about Spencer family history and the giant stone with quilt dedicated to Platt R. Spencer.

Buy your copy of the Special 2016

"**BirthDay DVD**" which includes a video of the May 2016 events including the sesquicentennial- bicentennial parade & celebration, plus a history of Geneva and

Geneva Twp. You'll enjoy the artistic **Story of Platt R. Spencer**, Geneva Township's famous penman. **DVD: \$10 donation** - contact the PRSHS treasurer.

SPENCER NOTE CARDS: with envelopes. 4 different scenes - (the Spencer farm, the Log Cabin Seminary, Geneva monument, picture of Spencer with practice book from the Smithsonian). Back of cards have Spencer poetry and/or history. Variety pack of 4, **\$8.99 donation**. Contact Corresponding Secretary below.



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WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SPENCER OR OUR GROUP? Contact one of the officers listed.

PRSHS DONATIONS - MEMBERSHIPS

CHANGE of MEMBERSHIP YEAR: Jan. 1 - Dec. 31.

Membership: if paid for January -Dec. 2017:

(Single \$10; Couple, \$15)

Membership: if paid for bal. of 2016 thru Dec. 2017:
(Single \$15; Couple, \$22.50).

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