



PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP

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SPAFFORD HOUSE MUSEUM



## BICENTENNIAL FESTIVAL

On May 13, 2023, Perrysburg Township and the Spafford House Museum will be celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> anniversaries with a "Bicentennial Festival" to be held at the Spafford House Museum, 27340 W. River Road. Perrysburg Township was formed on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1823, on lands then owned by the Spafford family. The Spafford House was built the same year Perrysburg Township was formed, and today this same home is the Spafford House *Museum*. In the 1800's, Spafford family members were also elected as Perrysburg Township Trustee's. The festival will have "period music" hammer dulcimer players and fiddlers. Blacksmiths, Native American reenactors and other artists will also be part of the festival. Perrysburg Municipal Court Judge Aram Ohanian will be hearing cases portraying "Circuit Judge Spafford," where some may be incarcerated in the reconstructed township jail. Perrysburg Township Trustee's Robert Mack, Gary Britten and Joe Schaller will conduct a Trustee's meeting under the big-top tent during the event. *Additionally, nationally recognized historian Dr. Douglas Brinkley will be giving a speech on our local history. His books have been on the New York Times Best Seller List 7 times, and he is frequently seen on CBS, CNN, FOX, MSN, PBS and C-SPAN. He won a Grammy Award in collaboration with Johnny Depp for their soundtrack on a documentary and wrote the liner notes for Chuck Berry's last C.D. titled, "Chuck." CNN honored Brinkley as "The man who knows more about the presidency than any human being alive." It is a great honor to have him fly back to his home town from Austin, Texas for our festival.*