

**Moultrie County
Historical &
Genealogical Society**

NEWSLETTER

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NEXT Regular Monthly Meeting will be Thursday, 16 March 2017 – 7 pm !!!

“Restoring forgotten cemeteries!”

This month John Heider of Monticello will share how his business, named R.I.P. Ltd, restores and preserves old cemeteries that have not been cared for. He uses a technique called dowsing to find lost graves. From undergrowth clearance and grave location to monument repairs and research, Heider will describe how he has been the answer to saving abandoned cemeteries.

Heritage Center is open again at 12 noon on Saturdays & Mondays

(((Call Kaye at 728-1739 or Pat at 728-2456 for special appointments)))

Executive Board meeting was March 7th .

Time to pay your ANNUAL DUES...NLT March 31st

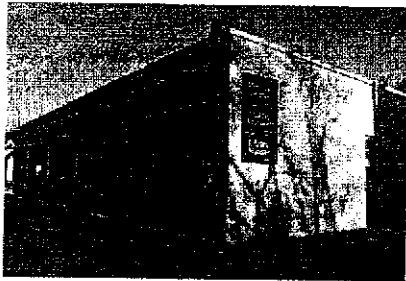
CHARTER: \$12 FAMILY: \$25 SPONSORING: \$35 SUSTAINING: \$100

LEGACY TRUST: Lifelong memberships (paid in 3 installments of \$500 per year)

- Janet Roney & Pat Cribbet continue their prep work for our “new hard cover book” on Moultrie County Pictorial History, which we hope to publish next year.
- We have begun our fund-raising campaign to underwrite the cost of publishing this special edition Pictorial History book + capital improvements for our buildings. Our goal is to have book published by Spring of 2018.
- According to Carol Howard, we have 148 members paid so far. Invite friends & family to join us.
- Friends of Lincoln Trail Homestead State Park and Memorial present: “Welcome Mr. Lincoln” - An Evening of Music and Discovery, Friday, March 24, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Rock Springs Nature Center - 3939 Nearing Lane in Decatur... Guest Speaker: Mark Sorensen, Official Macon County Historian. “LINCOLN'S ILLINOIS PHOTOGRAPHS - PORTRAITS OF A PRAIRIE LAWYER.” Music by The 1st Pres String Band. Free admission. Open to Public. Call 217-423-7708 for more information.

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HOURS OPEN: Noon to 3 pm...Saturday & Monday or by appointment. (over)**

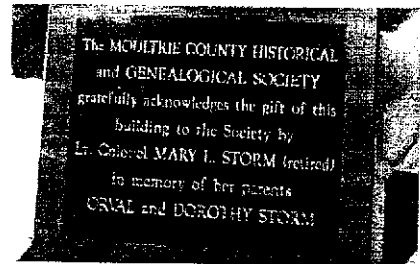
*This month we tell the story of the Storm Building...
and how it came to be part of the MCHGS Library & Museum...*



Heritage Center – NW corner



Storm Building (lt) & Heritage Ctr (rt)



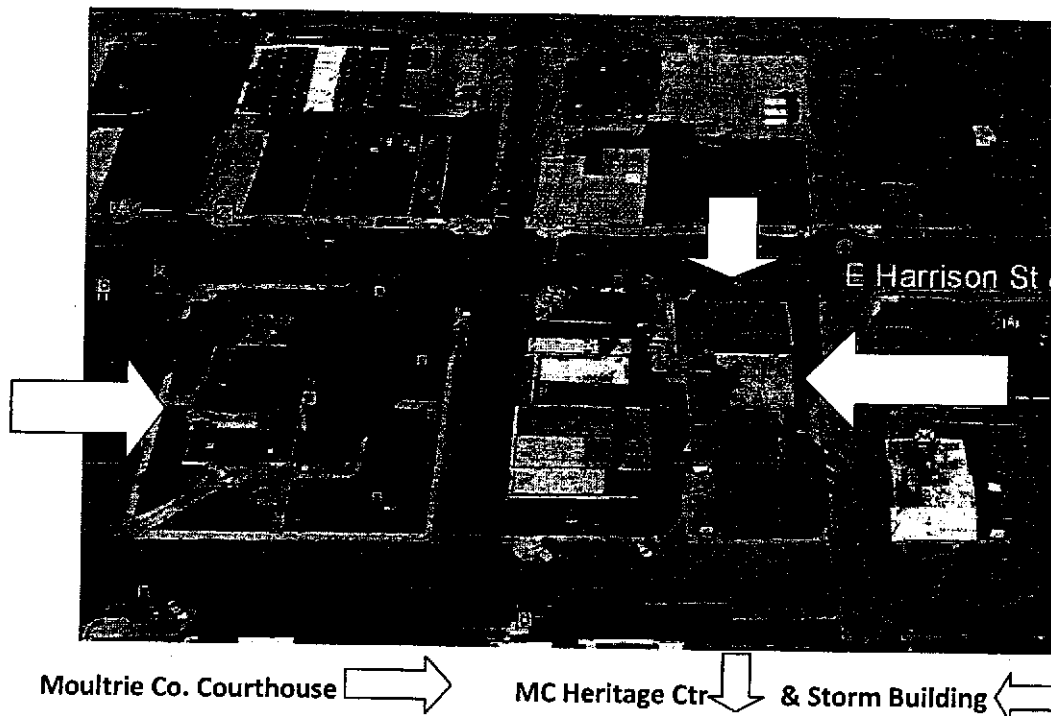
Gratitude plaque for Mary Storm

At the most recent Annual Meeting of the Society, President Paul Stone presented the plaque above to retired Lt. Col. Mary Storm in gratitude for her recent donation of the “Storm Building” to our Society. This Storm Building is located adjacent and south of Heritage Center. The Storm Building is about 2/3rds the size of the Heritage Center and thus adds significant space for our Society’s needs.

Stormy purchased this building from a private owner in 1985 in memory of her parents, Orval and Dorothy Storm. For the past 30+ years it has been used as office space by the Sullivan Chamber of Commerce and the American Red Cross. In addition it soon provided storage for the Society. About 1995, when printing facilities of the Society required more office/work space, the Storm Building became an Office Annex of our Society.

The Storm Building also has been used for several years as a rehearsal hall for the Little Theater on the Square.

Our most sincere thanks to Stormy for her years of service and gift of this building to the Society’s needs.



Moultrie Co. Courthouse

MC Heritage Ctr

& Storm Building