



The Salado Historical Society is dedicated to researching and preserving the history of the area and of the families that helped build this community. Their mission is "To locate, educate, and preserve the history and the historical integrity of the Village of Salado."

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## **2nd Quarter Newsletter - 2020**

Stated meetings are the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Salado Public Library. **All board meetings are open to the membership.** Meeting minutes since 2017 are posted on the web site. Months (March, July, November) when there is a general membership meeting, there are no minutes for those months. **(Currently, board meetings are suspended until the first Monday in August).**

[www.saladohistoricalsociety.com](http://www.saladohistoricalsociety.com) This site is a wealth of information about Salado's history. You can see pictures and short descriptions of the sites with National Register Markers as well as Texas Landmark Awards. Under the heading "More" you can see information on Early Settlers, Meeting Minutes, and the Salado Cemetery. Thanks to Linda Griffith for maintaining the historical society web page.

## **Membership**

Currently, our membership is 95. We welcome all who are interested in preserving Salado's history. Membership dues are \$25 for individual and \$40 for family. Membership renews each November. A completed membership form with current email address will assure you receive the most current quarterly newsletter. Please mail dues and your current information to P. O. Box 251, Salado, TX 76571.

## **A Word From Our President**

Because of the current situation of the virus impact on our society, it is the general consensus of the board that we **cancel the Fourth of July picnic**. I deeply regret having to do this for the first time in our history but we cannot risk spreading the virus. Also, I don't see that we need to meet in June as that is usually a planning month for the Fourth. Many of our members are unable to attend a regular board meeting so we won't have a quorum. That means **our next meeting will be the first Monday of August** unless the "stay at home" policy is extended.

## **The 1918 Influenza Pandemic**

The 1918 influenza pandemic was the most severe pandemic in recent history. It was caused by an H1N1 virus with genes of avian origin. Although there is not universal consensus regarding where the virus originated, it spread worldwide during 1918-1919. In the United States, it was first identified in military personnel in spring 1918. It is estimated

that about 500 million people or one-third of the world's population became infected with this virus. The number of deaths was estimated to be at least 50 million worldwide with about 675,000 occurring in the United States.



Read about the 1918 influenza pandemic and progress made in preparedness and response. Mortality was high in people younger than 5 years old, 20-40 years old, and 65 years and older. The high mortality in healthy people, including those in the 20-40 year age group, was a unique feature of this pandemic. While the [1918 H1N1 virus has been synthesized and evaluated](#), the properties that made it so devastating are not well understood. With no vaccine to protect against influenza infection and no antibiotics to treat secondary bacterial infections that can be associated with influenza infections, control efforts worldwide were limited to [non-pharmaceutical interventions](#) such as isolation, quarantine, good personal hygiene, use of disinfectants, and limitations of public gatherings, which were applied unevenly. ([www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic-resources/1918-pandemic-h1n1.html](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic-resources/1918-pandemic-h1n1.html))

### **What Was Happening in Salado During 1918-1919**

On January 18, 1919, the stockholders of Salado College voted unanimously to donate the grounds and buildings to the public free schools of Salado, to be operated under the public free school system. (The list of stockholders can be found in Appendix 5.)

As a result of the stockholders' transfer, during the time period from 1919 to 1924, the school was used by the local public school system. One former Salado College student said, "By 1924, we needed a new school building and the old building was getting old. It was just a makeshift kind of deal for us." ("Salado Texas – Frontier College Town" by Charles Turnbo, Pg. 118)

### **FOOTNOTES IN TEXAS HISTORY - The Forgotten Pandemic** by Shannon Oelrich

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