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OUR PURPOSE: The Salado Historical Society is dedicated to researching and preserving the history of the area and of the families that helped build this community. Our mission is “To locate, educate, and preserve the history and the historical integrity of the Village of Salado.”

A Word From Our President - Bill Kinnison

Your Salado Historical Society Board of Trustees has been busy during the summer after our Fourth of July pot luck lunch. There were 104 attendees, a new record. We hope all SHS members and guests enjoyed the lunch and the program presented by Meryl Stalcup.

The SHS Board has updated and revised the Bylaws and will vote to approve them in October. They will then be posted on our webpage at www.saladohistoricalsociety.com

The Church of Christ’s old church building will be donated to the SHS if we can arrange a site for it, among other things. We have discussed possibilities including the land where the log cabins sit, behind the Salado ISD building. The Church of Christ is trying to find a reasonable bid for moving the building. The final decision for SHS is primarily centered on our ability to fund the project. The building is over a century old and will need work to be useable after it is moved. If we accept the project, we hope that we will have the support of SHS members.

At our August 1st board meeting we elected Beverly Turnbo as Vice-President to fill a vacancy left by Dr. Wallace Davis when he moved to Dallas. Also returning to the board is Andy Jackson, who is the chairman of our Historic Preservation Committee. Andy fills a year-long vacancy. We are pleased to have these most capable additions. For the past four-plus weeks Beverly has been serving as the

SHS representative on the Village of Salado's Task Force. This group is writing the new Historic District Overlay ordinance for the Village. It is important work and will culminate in identifying a historic overlay district and developing an additional layering of requirements for properties in that district to protect the character and historical integrity of Salado.

Please plan attend our next pot luck supper on November 7th where we will elect officers for the next term. It will be at the **Church of Christ, beginning at 5:00**. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact me at bkinnison@embarqmaill.com and I will put you in touch with our nomination committee.

Finally, as we look forward to the end of 2022, SHS is pleased to sponsor our annual Tour of Homes under the leadership of Shirley Lett. The tour will be held on December 3, from 9 to 5. Five homes will be featured as well as our historic log cabins. One of the homes is the recently restored and spectacular Rose Mansion. It has been many years since this historic treasure was part of the tour. SHS is grateful to all of the property owners who are so graciously opening their homes for this occasion. We suggest that you get your tickets early for \$20. (See flyer below for details) Tickets purchased on the day of the tour will be \$25..



Salado Historical Society TOUR OF HOMES

Tickets for Sale at the Library

Nov. 26th 9-5 & Dec. 3rd 8:30-2:00

Tickets Online: **CentralTexasTickets.com**

The Kindness of Strangers saves Documents/photos

It began several years ago when a gentleman in Fort Worth was poking around at a yard sale and came upon a random box of photos and memorabilia pertaining to a Bell County family. To our good fortune, the man purchased the box and placed it into the capable hands of a family friend named Amy Summers. Summers used her casual interest in genealogy to guide her steps, researching the family and posting several copies of photos to a genealogical website.

That cache of historical treasures had once belonged to a Miss Louzelle Rose Barclay (1913-1989). Louzelle and her only sibling, a brother named William, had died without descendants, which helps explain how Louzelle's personal effects landed in the hands of strangers. Most of the items in the collection relate to Louzelle's childhood as she and William grew up in this fashionable home on Fifth street in Temple. The family was a prominent one in Temple but also had a substantial tie to Salado.



Mansions aplenty — The Barclay house shown above, completed in 1910, should not be confused with another mansion by the same name located on 25th Street in Temple, adjacent to the old Santa Fe hospital building. The 25th Street mansion, completed in 1915, was the home of Louzelle and William's paternal grandparents, William and Martha Barclay. Their maternal grandparents were Archibald Johnson "A. J." Rose and Sarah Rose of Salado, best known for another grand home: the historic Rose Mansion of Salado.

The wedding that linked these two families took place in Salado on April 19, 1904, when Rigsby Barclay took Louzelle Rose as his bride. The Rose/Barclay union produced William in 1907 and baby Louzelle in 1913. This photo features baby and mother, both named Louzelle to the confusion of many! The elder Louzelle was born and raised in Salado, the ninth and last child of the well-known Rose family.



Archibald Rose is remembered in Salado history for his tireless work in the Grange organization and his church, his considerable landholdings and his family consisting of an abundance of daughters. Unfortunately, both Sarah and A. J. Rose died prior to Louzelle's 1904 wedding.

The Barclay children, Louzelle and William, lived charmed lives in a blur of private lessons, recitals, parties and travels that centered around family, education, and music. Both attended the most prestigious schools, including studies for Louzelle at the world famous Sorbonne in Paris. Both were highly accomplished in adulthood with Louzelle trailblazing in the field of psychotherapy and William excelling as a talented organist and minister of music. The siblings lived long and productive lives, much of it in Fort Worth, but neither produced offspring. In fact, Louzelle never married and by the time she died in 1989, she was devoid of living relatives except for a few distant cousins.

And so it came to pass that Louzelle Barclay's box of memorabilia was relegated to the status of yard sale inventory. We are fortunate that considerate strangers found and preserved these items and made them available to us. Featured above and below is a small sampling of the photos. All are presented courtesy of the afore-mentioned Amy Summers but we are grateful to all who had a hand in preserving them.

The photos below, in order of appearance: 1) Louzelle and William with their father Rigsby, 2) Louzelle with parasol outside Temple home, 3) Louzelle with dolls, 4) the elder Louzelle with husband Rigsby in later years, 5) the family's much-used grand piano, 6) and the two Louzelle, mother and daughter, in later years.



We hope this story stimulates your interest in the A. J. Rose family of Salado. Their Salado home, the Rose Mansion, will be featured on our Home Tour.



