

# HISTORY CENTER

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

## "Mama" Dallidet



The only extant image of Asencion Concepcion Salazar Dallidet,  
the mother of the Dallidet family

All too often when discussing the Dallidet family, we tend to focus on Pierre, the patriarch, or the children, each of whom lived varied and interesting lives. We know far less about Asencion Concepcion, the matriarch of the family, and what little we do know is filtered through the lenses of her father, her husband, and her children.

Asencion Concepcion Salazar was born on May 5, 1840 in New Mexico. Her father had been an officer in the Mexican army, but received a land grant and moved to San Luis Obispo - his father-in-law, Asencion's grandfather, had moved here a few years earlier, so Asencion grew up surrounded by family, which would only grow as her siblings married into other local families.

Asencion herself would marry the dashing Frenchman Pierre Hypolite Dallidet in 1855 when she was only 15 years old. Her family clearly approved of the match as they helped the new couple settle into a new home mere yards away from her parents. Over the next 18 years she would bear a child every two years, before dying from complications of bearing her ninth child in 1873.



One activity we know Asencion enjoyed was carving wood, a skill which she taught to her children. We believe that the wooden shelf hanging on the wall in the picture above was likely carved by her, and its intricate design is a testament to her skill.



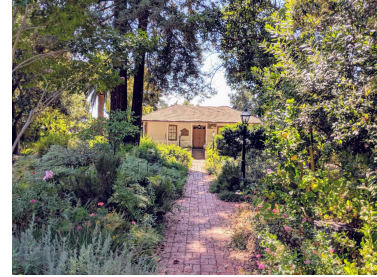
We also know that she believed strongly in the importance of family. The dresses hanging in the closet are likely to have belonged to her great grandmother. You can see one of these dresses above, being worn by Bernice Throop in the late 1920s. Rose Dallidet wrote on the back of this photo that the dress belonged to her Great Great Grandmother, truly an important family heirloom.

While the dress is still in our collection, it is no longer being kept in a closet of the Dallidet Adobe. The wood carving, however, is still hanging on the wall of the Dallidet Adobe along with other art, collectibles, and books belonging to the Dallidet family.

There's still time this year for you to come and visit as we are still offering open hours at the Dallidet Adobe! Now through October, we'll be open from noon to 4:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

This is the perfect time for us locals to visit this amazing site in our own backyard.

You can check the [calendar on our website](#) to make sure the gardens aren't closed for a private event. If you want to book your own private event, email us at [info@historycenterslo.org](mailto:info@historycenterslo.org)



## *Mumtober at the Dallidet*

*We've got chrysanthemums on our mind.  
So forget about October, this year it's Mumtober!*

*We've been growing over 20 different varieties of mums at the Dallidet Gardens, along with our usual assortment of flowers, vegetables, and herbs.*

*The menu will include:*

- Heirloom Tomato Bisque*
- Four-bean Black Corn Soup*
- Onion Soup*
- Squash & Pumpkin Soup*

*Learn about the care and cultural significance of the chrysanthemum while soaking in the beauty of the fall garden.*

*You don't want to miss out, buy your tickets today!*

*Saturday, October 23, 2021  
12:00 to 2:00*

*\$50 per ticket*

*1185 Pacific Street  
San Luis Obispo*

*Plus, we'll be raffling front-row center tickets to "An Irish Christmas" at the Clark Center*

*1856*  
**DALLIDET**  
*ADOBE & GARDENS*

*[www.historycenterslo.org/mumtober](http://www.historycenterslo.org/mumtober)*

September and October are probably the best months on the Central Coast - the weather gets nice, the beach tourists go home, and the harvest comes in. So get ready to celebrate the harvest at the Dallidet with Mumtober!

We have over 20 varieties of mum flowers getting ready to bloom, and we want to show them off, while feeding you with food made from Dallidet produce.

If you've joined us at any of our recent Dallidet events since last November, you know the quality of the Dallidet produce. If you missed out, [act fast so you don't miss out again!](#)

We couldn't be more excited to share the fruits (and vegetables) of our labor with you all once again.

Take home a piece of the Dallidet with our [2022 Dallidet Garden Calendar](#)! Each month features 3 photographs of flowers, plants, fruits, or vegetables growing in the Dallidet Gardens, along with history and descriptions of each plant.

Bring the beauty of the Dallidet Gardens into your home for the whole year! [Click here to order now!](#)





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Haven't visited the museum lately? Now's the perfect time, to see our new exhibit [L'dor V'dor](#): Generations of the Jewish Community on the Central Coast.

In Hebrew L'dor V'dor means "from generation to generation" and since the 1850s generations of Jewish migrants have made their way to San Luis Obispo County from all over the world.

The Blochmans, Cerfs, Goldtrees, Greens, and others came from as far away as Russia to make their homes on the Central Coast, creating the community we recognize today.



Thomas Kessler  
Executive Director

