

# Save the Round Rock, TX Old Stage Coach Inn

## Group Facebook Page

### Comments that apply to saving the Inn or the history of the Inn:

**Jerry Thomas Smith** (March 25, 2016) - I've been looking for a home. This could work.

**Simon Guevara** (March 29, 2016) - Good day. I am a Pastor of an intimate size church here in Round Rock. It may seem strange to hear from a Pastor about an historic site but remember that pastors in one part are historians! Our church is called RESTORATION because we believe that the broken and neglected deserve another chance. I've lived here in Round Rock since 2008 and often commute to my work and home on the bike. I ride past the old stagecoach many times. Recently I was made aware of the possibility of the building being torn down and I've spent some time there in the space seeking the council of the Lord. Here's what I could imagine: The stagecoach inn originally served as a greeting space and hospitality center for incoming travelers and residents. It still could. Round Rock continues to gather many new friends to the banks of the Brushy Creek. I would propose a mixed use the facility in which during the week it would serve as a Hospitality Center. New friends could come and find information about jobs, local businesses and social services. Couple of days during the week we could offer job seeking courses.) Our church has worked with one of the local job clubs here in the area.) Perhaps as a church we would be able to provide some type of financial assistance when needed and potentially galvanize many of the area faith communities in support of that kind of assistance. I can imagine many other ways the space could be used during the week for hospitality. It could also be a gallery for local artists as well as sampling of local businesses. Of course, on the weekends for worship. As a church we have a solid foundation and history here in the area and would be ultimately responsible for the care and maintenance. We would certainly be willing to work with any and all parties to maintain and develop the space while keeping its original beauty intact. Please consider meeting with me and let's discuss this further. It may not be too late to restore this land as it was originally intended... "He said to them, 'Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.'" Matthew 13:52

**Julie Crisp Corson** (March 17, 2016) - I am the founder & exec director of a non-profit. We are purchasing an old farmhouse (not historically designated since it's been added onto, but still has original farmhouse from the early 1900's with history tied to it) by the Wilco Regional Park. It's not directly in RR (on the border), but if the funds could be raised (& once we officially buy the property), we would be happy to put it on our land. Otherwise, it will be hard for any non-profit (unless they are educational or art focused) to make it into a museum of sorts, as you described. Although we will be selling local made health-friendly products on-site (such as RR

honey) - since we are a holistic wellness center. If our non-profit doesn't work for the cause at hand, then I would suggest forming an educational non-profit, then be independent & raise funds specifically for this purpose. smile emoticon Blessings to yall in finding a new home for the inn - I grew up in RR & have a great love for historical buildings!

**Brian Whitaker** (Apr 2, 2016). I mentioned the Stagecoach Inn to one of the leaders at Jourdan Bachman Pioneer Farms, who are experts at moving and restoring historic buildings. They're interested and are going to see if they can help. No promises, as they did mention that moving stone structures is a very expensive nightmare.

**Buster McDaniel** (July 5, 2013) - Naturally I would like for the Inn to stay in its present location. The dry stack wall is a beautiful part of its history but I understand moving the Inn and the wall both would be a large expense unless there was a contribution from someone. If the wall is sold off would there be enough money if the stones went for \$50.00 to \$100.00 each, depending on the size of the stone? Just a thought. Possibly the plants around the inn could also be sold.

**Mercedes Burks** (March 29, 2016) - It would have been the end of 98 or beginning of 99, I went to work one day and it was no longer Chisholm's it was Frank's Fish and Grill. Chisholm's was my first job.

**Michael Woods** (Apr 1, 2016) – The historic site should be protected. Why are people so ready to tear down our history?

**Kelly Roberts Jenks** (Mar 19, 2016) – Just saw this. I suppose the City owns the ground and the inn? I'd like to learn more. I assume they wouldn't just sell it. I don't live in RR anymore but am interested.

**Joe Harris** (Apr 8, 2026) -I am John J Harris' Great-Great Grandson. I was born in Fort Worth attended Texas A&M and now reside in North Haven Connecticut. I and my two sons JP and Caleb Harris are the only remaining Harris' in this line. My Great Grand-Father was Joseph Pitt Harris of Round Rock, my Grand-father was Carl Harris of Stephenville TX and my father was Albert Joe Harris of Stephenville. As far as photographs I will contact my cousin Roger Mallory of Stephenville. When his mother passed away, she also a Harris, passed along many photographs. I know some were from as early as the 1900's. I also have pictures and there may be an obit floating around of JJ Harris. I will check my records when I get back home. JJ Harris is buried in the Johnson County Cemetery in Stephenville. In the meantime let's save this historic Inn.

**Monte Sheppard** (April 3, 2016) - I would like to learn more, and to see if I could maybe help come up with a solution to save this historic building. I am not from the Round Rock area, could someone please help me and tell me how to find the building on Google Earth.

**Chris Barham** (Apr 3, 2016) I am a decedent of Mr. Harris. Me and my family want to understand the options and Govt bodies we might contact. ..including historical commissions etc. JJ Harris was my great-great-grandfather. The rest of the Harris settled in Stephenville...his son, who had 4 sons, one of which was my great grandfather (Carl Harris). Can Dell help here? Would be wonderful local PR move for them to help. So far no pictures. I am asking my cousin who has tons of family photos. But many are unmarked.

**Kevin Townsend Allen** (March 29, 2016) – Bring back the French Quarter.

**Karen Rowland** (March 29, 2016) - My name is Karen Rowland - and I don't know how much I can help but I am mad as hell about what I see happening to the old Stagecoach Inn! How utterly infuriating and I can only feel how much you are struggling to try to save it! I went to High School in Round Rock from 76-80 and basically left after that, although my mother Kay Rowland owned a 100+ year Swedish farmhouse on Rabbit Run for years- which my sister and I inherited after she died in 2003. I spent most of my life savings saving that old house-( as people all around me told me to just "rip it down" and sell the land! - But being passionate about conservation and preservation and because I also- to be very honest, take a VERY DIM view of your average Texan's lack of passion for history- I did everything I could to save the place. ( At least I see on Google maps , it still seems to be there... You are obviously, coming smack dab up against the fact that your average Texan is far more concerned about their cars and their highways than saving a piece of history- as you try to save the Inn.. I currently live in the UK, and am in the process of getting a Masters Degree in Historic Conservation in Oxford .The programme is a joint programme with the Universty of Oxford and Oxford Brookes University there- and is pretty much the top programme in the country for Historical Conservation. I am also active in the conservation of the historical fabric of the town I live in now not too far from Oxford- and am very involved with the Council in establishing a Conservation Area Advisory Committee to the Council to further secure the preservation of our Conservation Areas here. That said, we have a hell of a lot of an easier time here drumming up interest in historic buildings here than in Texas! I'm not an expert on buildings in Texas- ( obviously we deal far more in medieval and Georgians here...) but I am familiar with the Inn from my association with Round Rock and I know a fair bit about stone as a building material. Maybe I can help? What I do know , is you are fighting a lonely battle - but one that is SO VERY WORTH it as well you know! I really really take my hat off to you with this struggle. What can I do to help? Obviously I can get this out on FB- and on the RRHS pages I know and amongst my classmates which I will do and hound them until they sign! Beyond that, I can obviously write them a letter- and I'm wondering if I can drum up any type of support from over here that might actually "mean something to them" and wake them up.I can write a pretty powerful letter to save a place- but I also need a bit more info in order to do so... I'd love to know more about the practicalities and understand the deadline, a bit better , too- and I'd love to be able to speak with someone at the Historical Commission to find out what they are doing to actively preserve history in the town- and especially this place. That entire Chisholm Trail Road should be a designated landmark- and NOT being plowed over by a bunch of insensitive louts that are - as typical- far more worried about their traffic jams, than saving a chunk of very important town history! As I recall, we used to have friends that lived in that Inn in the 70's? or right next door? The Brownriggs? Have you been there long? Would you

know them? What can I do? How can I lend my support? I don't have a lot of time right now as I am in the middle of classes - BUT - I will do everything I can to try to help you on this! Can you tell me any online books I can access about the history of the Inn itself? ( I admit I've forgotten a fair amount of it..) What were its associations with the Chisholm Trail itself? If it must move- moving it down towards the Beach could be a good idea theoretically, but where, how and by who? Why is this building NOT the City's OBLIGATION to take care of?! Why is it that private citizens have to find funding for this? That is ludicrous! Can you tell me one other thing in terms of moving it- I dread to ask, but hopefully the stone is still lime mortared and not held together with cement (an all -too common practice in Texas). IF those stones are held together with cement- there is no way in hell, you'll ever be able to move that. The stones will crumble when you take them apart. If its lime, then taking that apart will be (a relatively easy thing to do.) And god forbid they use cement to rebuild it! Sorry I've rambled on- and I'll start pushing this on FB tomorrow with a vengeance. It's past 1 a.m. here- and I've just seen this! I hope that there is anything I can do- Dangity- If I had the money I'd fly over there- and bang some heads together! I'm so hopping mad! I look forward to hearing from you here or at my email address at karen.rowland@outlook.com Do hang in there and fight the good fight! I'm pulling for you!  
Kind regards Karen

BTW- here is a link to a very successful campaign that was launched in McKinney Texas recently- Read some of it- Great stuff- and they really used social media to drum up support for their cause which was keeping parking garage out of their historical square... SOS Save Our Square - McKinney, Texas. I had a friend on the Committee.

**Emma Payne** (March 29, 2016) - Please add my name to the petition to save the Old Stage Coach structure on 620.

**J Woo** (March 31, 2016) - is there no way to get the landmark commission involved?

**Kellie Roberts Jenks** (April 1, 2016) - Will the city provide alternate land to move it? Actually it's a small cost to the project - the city should move it somewhere .....what's the overall traffic project cost? Maybe there is extra land at old settlers park.

**Joe Harris** (April 3, 2016) I have a suggestion, as a benefactor in the City of Round Rock would DELL Computers be willing to donate some pocket change to the preservation of this historic Inn.

**Kathy Hudson** (April 8, 2016) - Westinghouse and the Limestone company off of 1431 and 35? Maybe the law offices in Williamson county?

**Dorothy Perez** (March 28, 2016). Have they thought about moving it & making it a history museum?

**Heather Tucker** (March 29, 2016) - This place has so many memories for me. My parents use to take us for vacation there. It was such a treat! I hope it can be saved!

**Susan Todd Meyer** (March 28, 2016) - This lovely old Stage Coach Inn means a lot to me. Laura Davol and her family owned it and lived there for a long time. They were good friends of my family, my grandparents lived across the road in another historic house. We spent many many good times there at the pool, parties and my brother's wedding reception. My grandparents, the Todds, lived just across 620, in a beautiful home they made from an old Spanish school house. That home was torn down and is now the Comfort Inn. Soon there will be nothing left of Old Round Rock. Might as well pull out the Round Rock while you're at it!

**Jeanne Rosdahl** (April 7, 2016) - I am from Minnesota. I hate to see these historical buildings go! In today's world some people cannot appreciate history!!! I lived in Florence, Arizona and I know of a business where they took apart an old family german barn board by board, that was in Wisconsin, marked each board and brought it down to FLornece, AZ put it altogether and today it is part of [The Windmill Winery](#)!!! Beautiful!!!! If I have any suggestions I will pass them on! Be sure to look up the Windmill Winery, it is a beautiful place set among the desert!!!

**Monica Pérez** (March 24, 2016) - I don't think people know, I just found out just right now...

**Bob Rhode** (March 21, 2016) – After viewing the roots in the retaining wall. Roots, like the families had that once lived there. Once those roots are cut. so is the bond they once had. That is what will happen to this beautiful Inn. The City no longer cares about those old roots. If moved, it should sit near the bathing beach near the rest of the Historic buildings.

**Bob Rhode** I am so glad KXAN did this story. Changes along 620 have created the problems we now have. Yes, the train is and always has been a problem. We have seen the Transportation Department make changes they thought would fix a problem, only to see them spend more money trying to fix it again later. Will the dismantle of this beautiful historic building end up being one of those mistakes? I hope not!

**Sherry Powell** (March 17, 2016) - Cost is in the millions because previous owners lost Historical designation

**Brad Sutton** (March 18, 2016) - My great great grandfather is the one who turned this into a family residence after the stagecoach days.....my great grandfather moved back into it and died in the house...My great grandmother's name was Round Rock Mamma b/c of this house.

**Chris Barham** (March 18, 2016) The builder, John Harris, is a distant relative of mine on my dad's mother side. Save it!!!!!! The Harris Stagecoach Inn (also known as the Inn at Brushy Creek) was constructed in 1848 by John Harris.

**Joe Harris** (March 21, 2016) - I am the Great-Great-Grandson of John Harris. The Stage Coach Inn in Round Rock has held a special place in my heart. I would think it would in the Round Rock community given it is part of the history of this part of Texas. Hopefully the City of Round Rock will do the right thing and save and preserve this historic landmark.

**Robi Anderson** (March 16, 2016) - So sad that they r doing this to this historical bldg for cars

**Eva Leeper** (March 16, 2016) - Are there plans for help with pedestrian safety on Chisolm trail?

**Sue Hoover** (March 27, 2016) The first thing is get the word out. Most people don't realize this is happening and what it's about. So little history left so sad

**Mary Bischoff Knape** (March 18, 2016) - I have moved to Arizona, so I guess I have no official way to sign anything except to add I love that place and would be so upset to see it moved. Have people contacted directly all groups, especially those connected with any history to help? It could be a meeting place for a variety of groups who meet regularly? Good luck. I am cheering on the cause from a distance. I wish I was rich!

**Larry Cates** (March 18, 2016) - it would seem more than appropriate for Wells Fargo to step up for this project. ... not only does the building hold history for them it would be a wonderful link between past and present ... nothing better than that when you think of all the founders of Round Rock that walked into that structure

**Robi Anderson** (March 19, 2016) - So sad to see this happen to our historical building

**Deborah Tanner Giraud** (March 28, 2016) - Make the road just go around this beautiful site.. geezzz laweeeee people. Let's quick destroying all our history.....

**Milena Thompson** (March 14, 2015) - Wonderful meals with friends and family, made better by the beauty of that remarkable stone building. Thank you for continuing to keep its preservation top of mind!

**Cathie Ricks** (Sep 11, 2014) – Reference dry stack wall at the Inn -That's Papa Richards!

**Milena Thompson** (August 23, 2014) - I've already signed the petition. Ready to help out more to save the building!

**Sarah Gore** (August 23, 2014 - The city is still maintaining the grounds, landscaping, watering etc. you would think they would use the bldg for something. They could make \$\$\$ for the city and we could keep OUR history!

**Catherine Richards-Adair** (August 23, 2014) - I found a 1974 newspaper article regarding the Inn. I need to get this in the right hand. There is also a letter to family regarding his thoughts. How about Judy?

**Susannah Mae** (March 22, 2014) -Are they still dozing "The Legend?"

**Pocky Southmayd** (March 20, 2014) - I proposed to my wife there.

**Kevin C Hutchison** (December 23, 2013) - This was my great-grandmother's home in the 40's & 50's and where my grandmother was married. Would be a shame to see it go.



**French Quarter** (November 9, 2013)= Last night myself and 3 others were finishing up at the restaurant when the owner Davey asked me if I was going to turn the music off. I had missed doing it and he said to leave it. No big deal. Don, our resident ghost might like it. I unlocked 2 doors and went into the office and hit stop and off on the music. We left 20 minutes later with no music playing. This morning Davey came into the restaurant to music playing. One of Don's little pranks again. Thought I would post this pic for your viewing pleasure! Where's Don??

**Dorothy Hutchison Ingram** (July 5, 2013) - Each one of these stones were placed by my grandfather, Harold Richards. Actually, I should clarify that the original rock walls were built by Harold Richards.

**Larry Lyles**, Spur TX (Apr 16, 2016) – I believe in saving this property for the future generations. Our history is important. The Round Rock area is visited by many due to many reasons. The Old Stagecoach Inn should be one of those reasons. Save it!