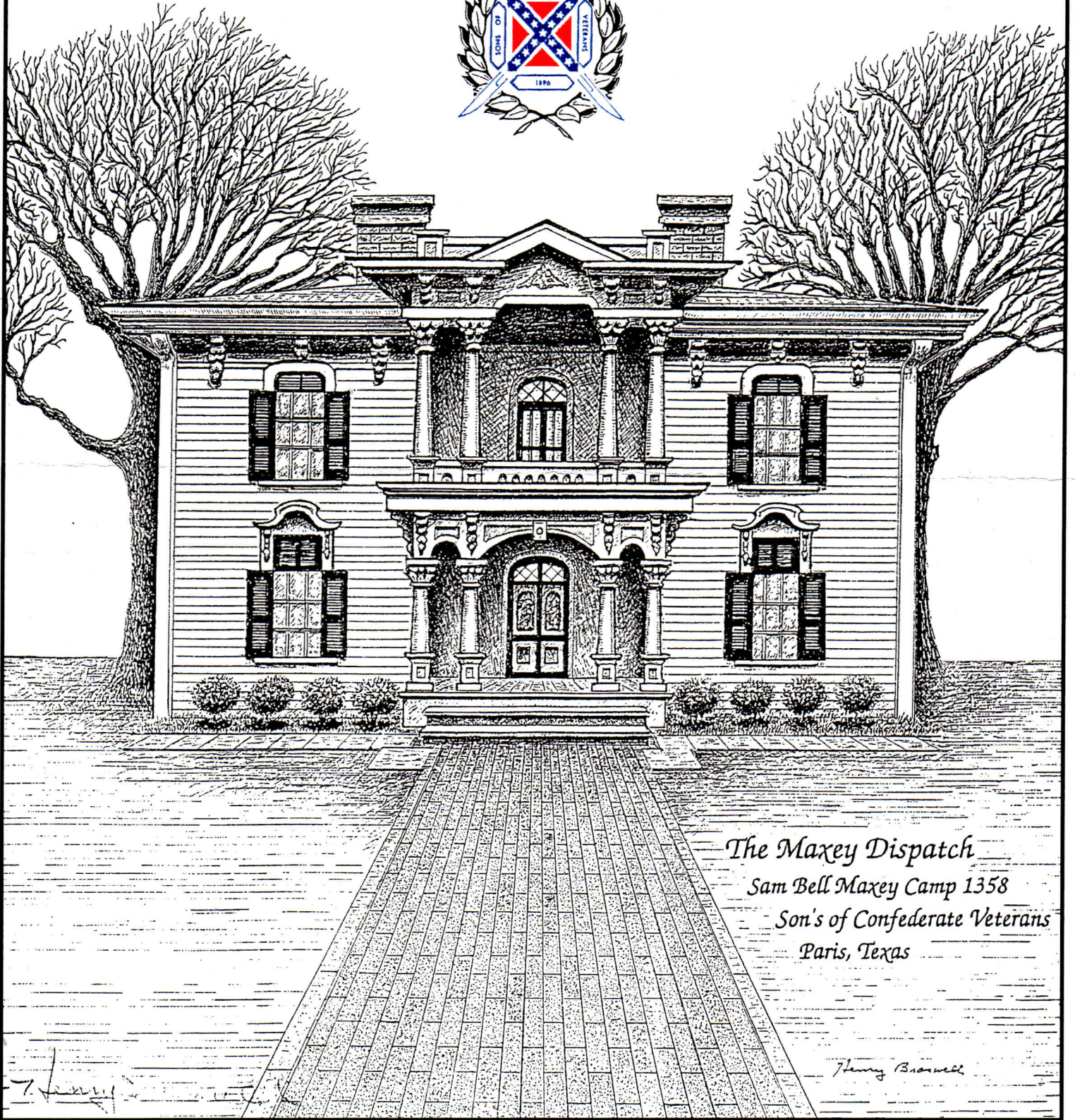


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**THE MAXEY DISPATCH**  
**The Newsletter of the Gen. Sam Bell Maxey Camp 1358**  
**Sons of Confederate Veterans, Paris, Texas**  
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**Adjutant's Report/Editorial:**

Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. The December 2021 (12-7-2021) meeting was called to order by the Adjutant according to SCV ritual at 6 p.m. The opening prayer was offered by member Bill Milling. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag followed by the salute to the Confederate flag was intoned. The 1906 charge from Confederate General Stephen Dill Lee, on the founding of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, was read to those present. There were six regular members present. We spent the meeting remembering the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the events of the past year, and contemplating what lies ahead in the New Year.

I want to call upon all of our members to start this New Year out by remembering the SCV STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

*We, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, having been commissioned by the Confederate Veterans themselves, retain our responsibility and right to adhere to the founding principles of the United States of America remembering the bravery, defending the honor and protecting the memory of our beloved Confederate Veterans, which includes their memorials, images, symbols, monuments and grave sites for ourselves and future generations.*

Let us all remember that January 19th, is Confederate Heroes' Day in Texas. Please make every effort to observe this important Official State Holiday in some meaningful way. If you can attend a formal presentation; do so. Also, stand ready to again defend this Official State Holiday from further attempts by opponents to abolish it from our heritage.

In 1973, the Texas legislature combined the previously Official State Holidays of Robert E. Lee's and Jefferson Davis's birthdays into a single "Confederate Heroes Day" to honor all who had served the Southern

cause. Confederate Heroes' Day commemorates those who died fighting for the Confederate States of America during the American Civil War. An Official State Holiday in Texas, Confederate Heroes' Day falls annually on January 19th—the birthday of Robert E. Lee.

Robert Edward Lee, the son of Revolutionary War officer Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee III, was born on January 19th, 1807. Lee was a top graduate of the United States Military Academy and an exceptional officer and military engineer in the United States Army for 32 years. During this time, he served throughout the United States, distinguished himself during the Mexican–American War, and served as Superintendent of the United States Military Academy. He was also the husband of Mary Anna Custis Lee, adopted great-granddaughter of George Washington. Lee was second-in-command of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Texas in 1855. He served under Colonel Albert Sidney Johnston at Camp Cooper, Texas; their mission was to protect settlers from attacks by the Apache and the Comanche.

Lee served as the Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia and later as General in Chief of the Armies of the Confederate States. He surrendered them to Grant on April 9, 1865. Lee died on October 12th, 1870 at the age of 63.

Deo vindice.

**Clayton Coker: Adjutant**

**Remember that there is no camp meeting in January.**

**The next meeting will be Tuesday 1 February, 2022 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 pm.**



**General Robert E. Lee**

**Stand firmly by your Cannon  
Let ball and grapeshot fly  
And trust in God and Davis  
But keep your powder dry!**