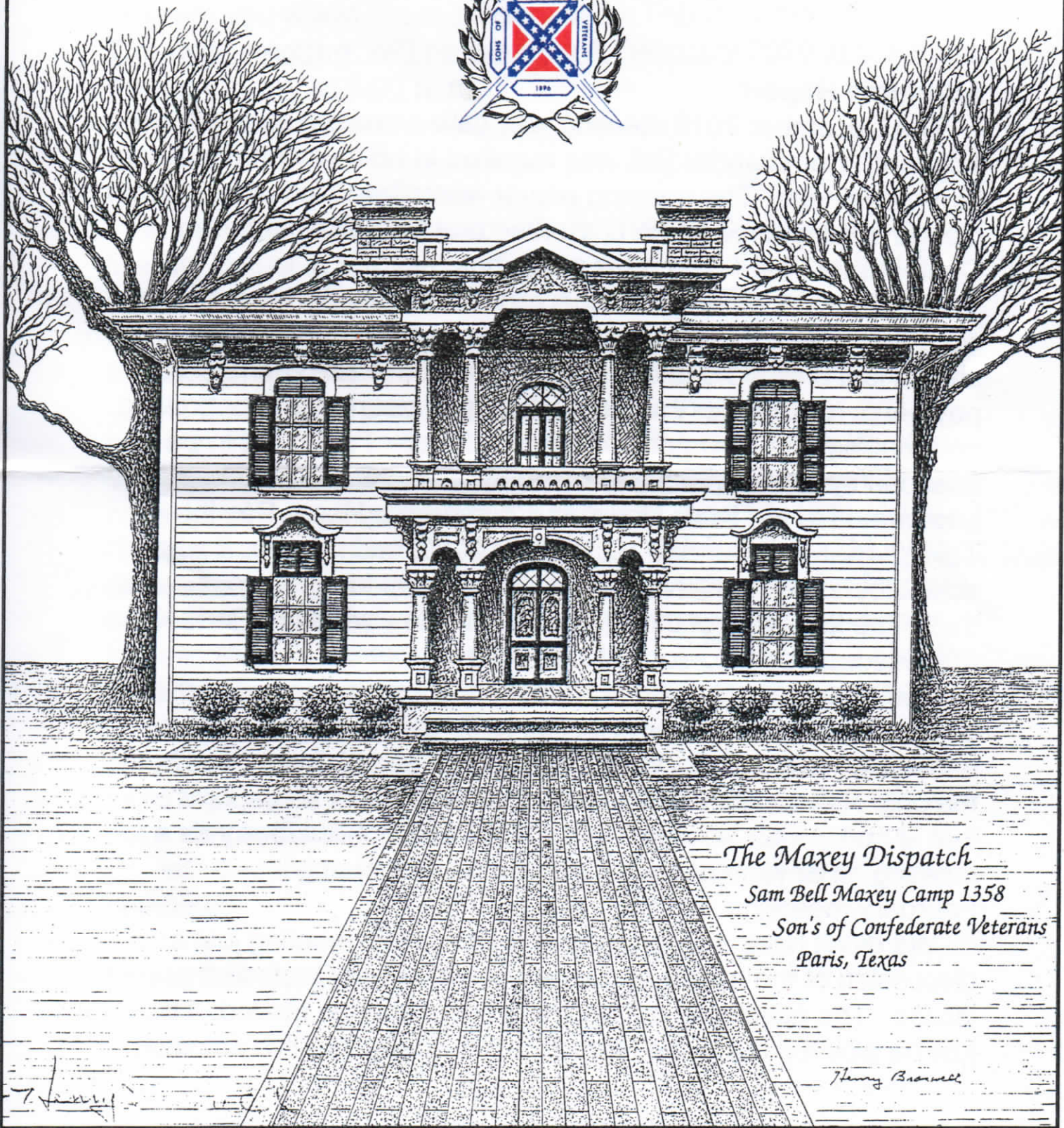


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**Adjutants Report**

The December 2019 meeting was called to order by the Adjutant. Commander Ball was required to be away on necessary family business. The opening prayer was offered followed by the pledge of allegiance to the U. S. Flag and the salute to the Confederate Flag.

The financial report was accepted as read where I reported that we are at the midpoint of the fiscal year and funds available should last until the end of the year on 31 July 2020. The only payments required for the rest of this fiscal year will be for printing, and mailing, the Dispatch. Any special project will need to be financed by donations. I had the memorial to General Robert E. Lee printed in the Paris News on Confederate Heros Day in Texas. That was Sunday 19 January 2020, and I hope all who subscribe to the Paris News saw it. No Camp funds were used for that. The last page of this Dispatch will show what the Paris News printed for those who don't take the paper.

The turnout for the December meeting was very small. I think some of our members may not like to be driving after sundown especially if it's COLD. Well, it aint fun gitten old, but it does beat the only other option. We have not found another place, or time, that is better than we now have at the Paris Public Library for a meeting. If anyone has a suggestion however bring it up at the February meeting.

We didn't have a program for the December meeting just a discussion of the events of the day that involved Confederate issues. The attacks on our ancestry seem to have abated. I may just be isolated out in the "woods" at Powderly, but I've not seen

the usual number lately. Could it be that the activist think they have put us out of commission? Well, not me. I expect our organization will be around longer than they are because we are supported by "true" history and they are not. If anyone has a program you would like to present at the February meeting do it.

**The next meeting will be tuesday 4 February 2020 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 p. m.**

**John Brown: Adjutant**

### **Quasi Editorial Comments**

Many skirmishes took place in early 1861. Some were bloody, like Big Bethel in Virginia, and some were bloodless but better known like Fort Sumter where on April 12 1861 no one died. Many claim Fort Sumter was the first battle of the Civil War but most historians still consider that to be First Manassas.

Big Bethel in Virginia is often named as the site of the first battle a distinction it shares with Phillipi, in what is now West Virginia. Because more troops were engaged at Big Bethel it is considered more important of the two. On June 10, 1861 Union General Benjamin Butler commanding a division at Fort Monroe ordered a poorly conceived surprise attack against a Confederate outpost at Big Bethel. Butler's troops were repulsed with heavy losses. Butler's immediate subordinate, E. W. Pierce, bungled the advance by warning the Confederates and dooming the attack.

First Manassas, or Bull Run as the Union called it, is still considered the first major battle of the war with the same outcome as at Big Bethel. It was obvious after First Manassas that this was not a simple insurrection, it was a major war that lasted almost four years until 1865, and killed more americans than all other wars combined.

**Quasi Editor; John Brown**

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And trust in God and Davis  
But keep your powder dry***