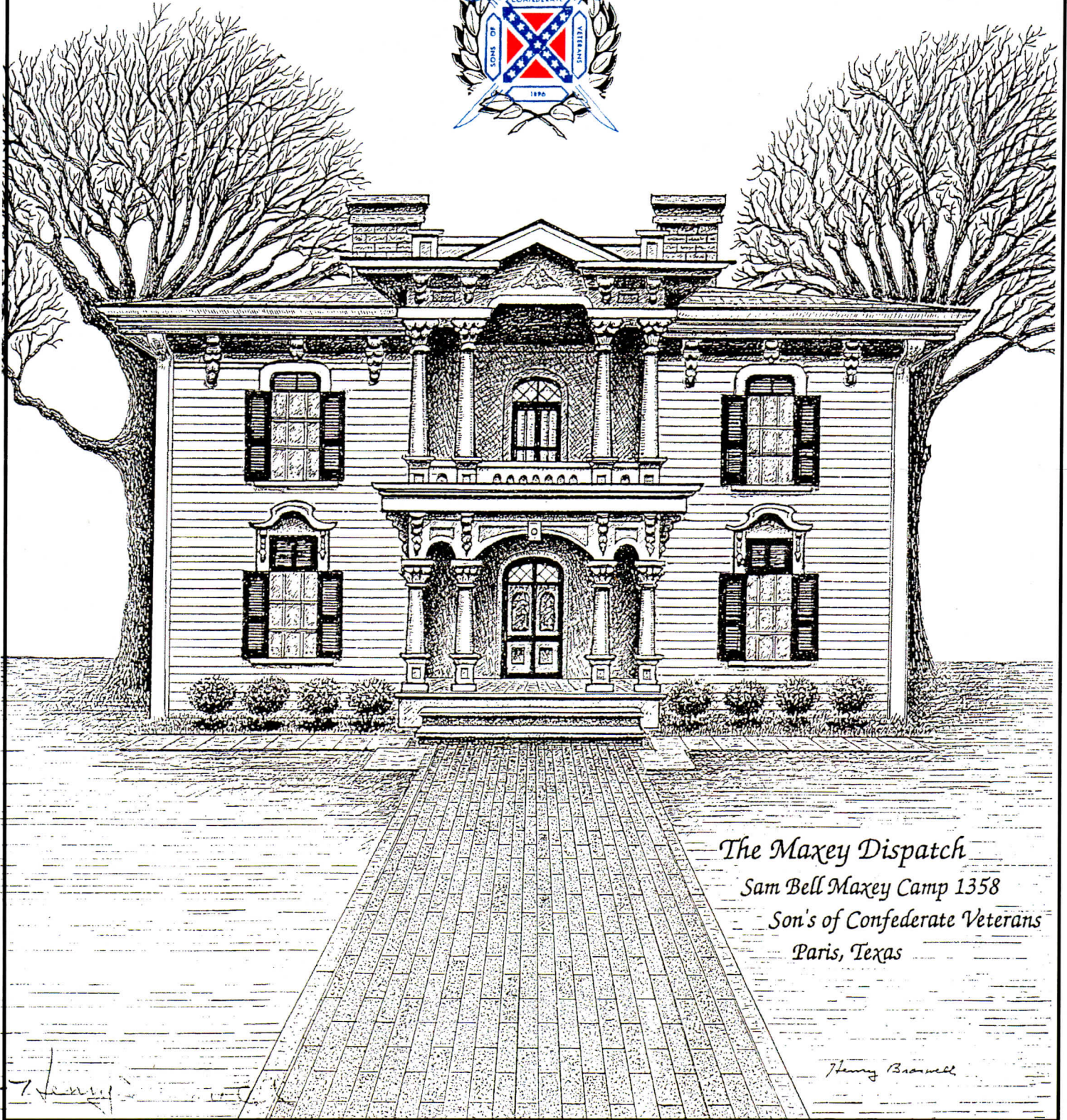
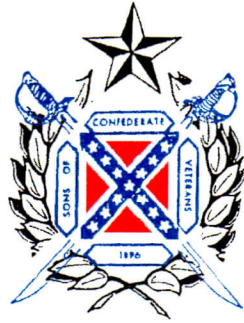


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Adjutant's Report:

The February 2023 (2-7-2023) 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 four regular members present and one guest; Texas Division, 5th Brigade Commander, Bill Elliott once again attended.

Commander Elliot shared with us the *Videos of Texas Generals* on the SCV Texas Division's website (scvtexas.org). We viewed the video segment on our Camp's namesake' General Samuel Bell Maxey. The video was only about six minutes in length but was very informative. It is becoming obvious that it is difficult to have a significant face to face monthly meeting for our camp due to number of attendance. Our camp needs to seriously address this issue. A good time of fellowship was had by all in attendance and the meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Deo vindice.

Clayton Coker- Adjutant/Commander

The next meeting will be Tuesday 7 March, 2023 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 pm.

Editorial:

This month is the 198th anniversary of the birth of Samuel Bell Maxey (March 30, 1825 – August 16, 1895). He was an American soldier, lawyer, and politician from Paris, Texas. He was a brigadier general in the Confederate States Army during the War of Northern Aggression and later represented Texas in the U.S. Senate. In 1842, young Maxey got an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He was also a veteran of the Mexican-American War.

Maxey was elected the district attorney for Lamar County, Texas in 1858 and was a delegate to the state's Secession Convention in 1861. That same year he was elected to the state senate, but never served, preferring military duty. His father, Rice Maxey, was elected to replace him. Maxey had been given authority by the Confederate government in September to raise a regiment as its colonel. Maxey led his 1,120-man Ninth Texas Regiment from Bonham, Texas to join General Johnston at Memphis, Tennessee. The regiment was badly mauled at the Battle of Shiloh.

In December 1863, General Maxey was assigned as commander of the Indian Territory. His early success in conducting raids and capturing supplies prevented a Union Army invasion of Texas. In 1865 he was ordered to Houston, Texas, to take command of a Division.

Maxey's new command was plagued by desertions and his inability to get supplies and equipment. Frustrated and discouraged, he was allowed to resign on May 22, 1865. He returned home to Paris, and formally surrendered in July, 1865 to Union Major General Edward Canby. Although nominally a prisoner of war, he remained at home on parole.

Camp Maxey was a World War II infantry-training camp and German POW camp. It was occupied from July 1942 to early 1946 in Lamar County, Texas. The facility near Paris, Texas was named Camp Maxey in honor of Confederate Brigadier General Samuel Bell Maxey. Our Camp will be attending to General Maxey's grave site in Evergreen Cemetery this month.

Editor - Clayton Coker



General Samuel Bell Maxey

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