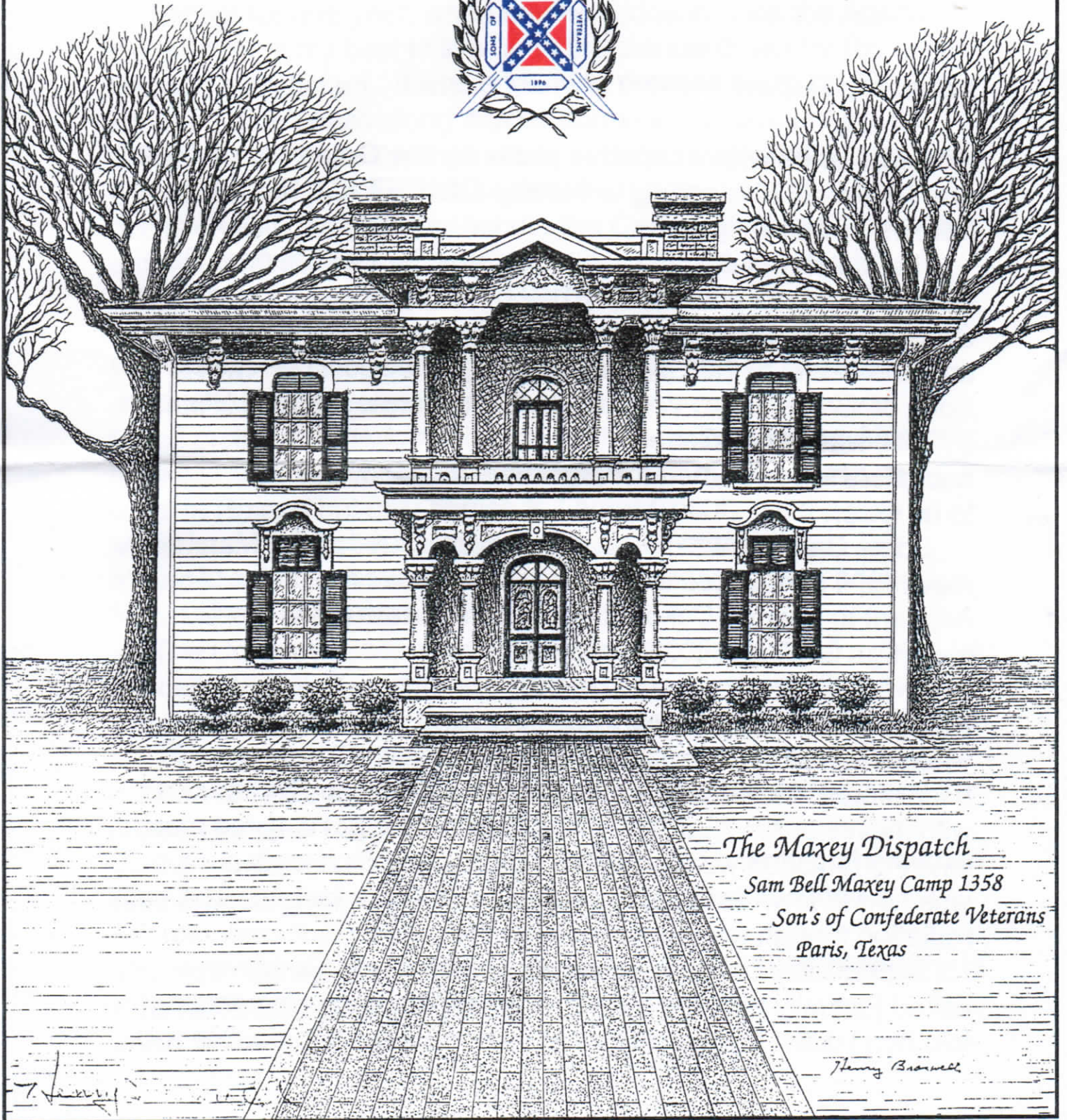


TEXAS



The Maxey Dispatch
Sam Bell Maxey Camp 1358
Son's of Confederate Veterans
Paris, Texas

Henry Braswell

Sam Bell Maxey House - Paris, Texas - By Judge Henry Braswell

THE MAXEY DISPATCH
The Newsletter of the Gen. Sam Bell Maxey Camp 1358
Sons of Confederate Veterans, Paris TX
Dispatch # 297 April 2020

Adjutants Report

In compliance with executive order by the Governor of Texas our 7 April 2020 meeting is hereby CANCELED. More info follows in this Dispatch.

The March meeting was called to order by Commander Ray Ball according to SCV ritual. The opening prayer was offered by Gordon Vandaveer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag, and the salute to the Confederate Flag followed. The charge to Sons of Confederate Veterans by Confederate General Stephen Dill Lee was read. General Lee issued the charge to our ancestors in 1906 when the SCV was founded, and also applies to us today.

Some Camp news of importance was issued at the March meeting. I announced that I was handing over the duties of Adjutant to Clayton Coker effective on the date of the April meeting. GHQ and TX Div have been advised.

I was recruited by the founder of our Camp, Dr. William Hayden. He was our family physician and my wife worked for him when she had to leave her job at the hospital. She was an RT (Registered Technician) which is equivalent to an RN, but dealt with mainly at the time XRAY treatment. She got way too much ionizing radiation working at the hospital and Dr. Hayden, who was new in town at that time, asked her to work for him. The early radiation though eventually took her life.

Shortly after I became a member of the Camp Dr. Hayden asked (actually told) me he wanted me to be the Commander. I told him I didn't have a clue what I was supposed to do. He told

me "don't worry the Adjutant runs the Camp and I will take care of it." When Dr. Hayden went down he told me that I had to keep the Camp operating. He died shortly after that and I became, for a short time, both Commander and Adjutant.

Except for one year, when Lonnie Giddeon took the Adjutant's job, iv'e done my best to live up to the standards set by Dr. Hayden as Adjutant. It was a learning process since he (Dr. Hayden) didn't pass along much information about running the Camp. Now I hope that has changed, and I know that Clayton will will do a super job. He has impressed me on more than one occasion with his ability to handle the Camp. He served as a law enforcement officer and later active duty Marine Corps with overseas duty in harms way. He's well qualified for the job.

We had a distinguished guest at the March meeting, Terrell Perry, PhD no less, in nuclear engineering, and an AGGIE. He desires to become a member of our Camp. What an honor. Small problem that we can handle is that he lives in Los Alamos New Mexico. We will do our best to get him on board He has roots in Roxton but only comes to Lamar County once a year. Membership does NOT require attendance at meetings. We already have members in Louisiana and Oklahoma so adding New Mexico presents no problem.

The Coronovirus is causing meetings of Camp's in Texas to be cancelled. Now it is mandatory by executive order if 10 or more are present. We could have that many members present but there are other people in the Library, so we will follow as if we had the max. We hope at the May meeting that order will be lifted and the cause of it taken care of. Disease killed many more americans during the Civil War than combat. It's the real enemy of the human race it would seem. Now we certainly do not want to lose any of our members that way.

The next Scheduled meeting tuesday 7 April 2020 at the Paris Public Library is canceled

John Brown: Adjutant

Quasi Editor: John Brown

In terms of lives, the Civil War was by far the costliest ever in American history. In fact more Americans died during the Civil War than in all the nation's wars combined through at least Viet Nam, but probably also to date if we include the civilians. The Union lost at least 365,000 men. Confederate losses totaled at least 260,000--one-sixth of the South's males.

Bullets caused the most damage on the battlefield with 93% of all wounds. Artillery caused around 6%, sabers, or bayonets accounted for less than 1%. The type of wound usually determined the chance of survival. Only 13% survived abdominal wounds; 37% survived chest wounds; 40% survived a skull wound; and 67% survived a shoulder wound. Amputations survival rates depended on where the wound occurred. The lower the wound on the limb the better the chances of survival.

Disease killed many more of the 625,000 than died of wounds. Twice as many by most estimates. The filthy conditions of Camps and hospitals didn't help a bit. They died of diarrhea, dysentery, pneumonia, malaria, cattarah (?), bronchitis, scurvy, typhus, typhoid fever, and of all things measles. About 150,000 civilians also died because of the war and nearly all were southern.

Because of the lack of modern medical knowledge their chances of recovery from one of these diseases was not greatly increased even in a hospital. It was usually worse in a prison camp. So should we worry too much about COVID-19 where the survival rate is about 98% and only on those who have underling medical conditions?

Quasi Editor John Brown--Retired

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