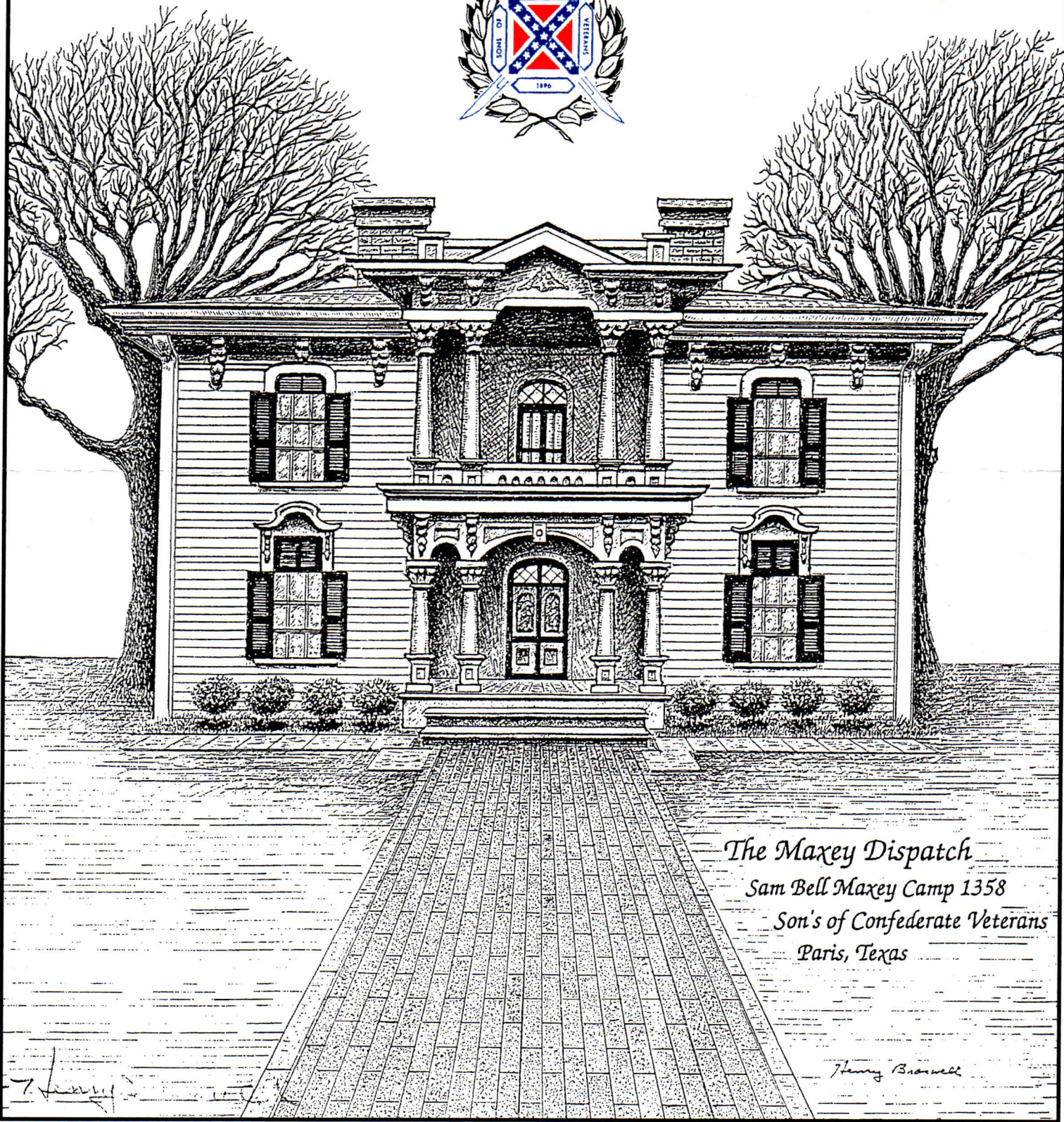


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**The Newsletter of the Gen. Sam Bell Maxey Camp 1358**  
**Sons of Confederate Veterans, Paris, Texas**  
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**Adjutant's Report/Editorial:**

The March 2022 (3-1-2022) meeting was called to order by the Adjutant according to SCV ritual. The opening prayer was offered by member Jim Coker. 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. The charge is applicable to us, living Confederate Sons, as much as it was to our ancestors over a century ago.

There are two events of interest this month for those who can participate.

**Dedication of Confederate Soldiers Memorial Plaque-** Saturday April 9, 2022 at Reeves Chapel Cemetery next to Reeves Chapel Methodist Church 267 County Road 3326, Pittsburg, TX. Muster time 10:00 AM, dedication 11:00 AM.

**Jefferson Pilgrimage Parade-** Saturday April 30th, 2022  
Muster 9:00AM at the Lions Park Parade time 10:00AM.

At the recent GEC Meeting, an idea was presented by the Fund Raising Committee for consideration. The Fund Raising Committee discussed ways to increase our donations from outside individuals. Their opinion is that one way would be changing or expanding the name of our HQ property. Here are their suggestions:

Option 1) Museum Name Change Only: "National Confederate Museum and Southern Heritage Center"

Option 2) Campus Name Change: "Confederate Heritage Center". The Museum, the Home and SCV Headquarters would remain the same.

Option 3) Campus Name Change: "Southern Heritage Center". The Museum would also change to "National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs". The Home and the SCV Headquarters would remain the same.

Option 4) None of the above changes.

National HQ would like input from the camps within the next 30 days so please contact me if you have any opinions about this issue.

The Texas Division SCV 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion is coming up soon. It will be in McKinney at the Sheraton McKinney Hotel and Conference Center, June 3-5, 2022. For registration and general information go to [www.SCV2022TXDIVISION.com](http://www.SCV2022TXDIVISION.com).

I thought it would be appropriate for the "Dispatch" to give biographical information about our Camp's namesake; General Sam Bell Maxey.

Sam Bell Maxey (March 30, 1825 – August 16, 1895) 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.

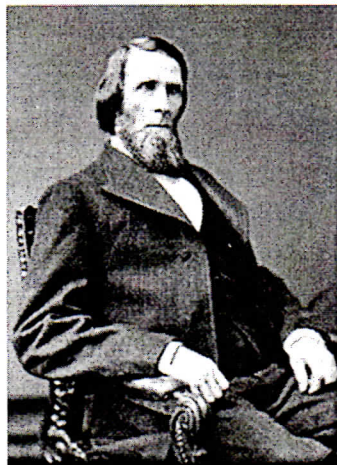
Maxey's new command was plagued by desertions and his inability to get supplies and equipment. Frustrated and discouraged, he was allowed to resign on May 22, 1865. He returned home to Paris, and formally surrendered in July, 1865 to Union Major General Edward Canby. Although nominally a prisoner of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

Deo vindice.

**Clayton Coker: Adjutant**

**The next meeting will be Tuesday 5 April, 2022 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 pm.**



**Gen. Sam Bell Maxey**

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