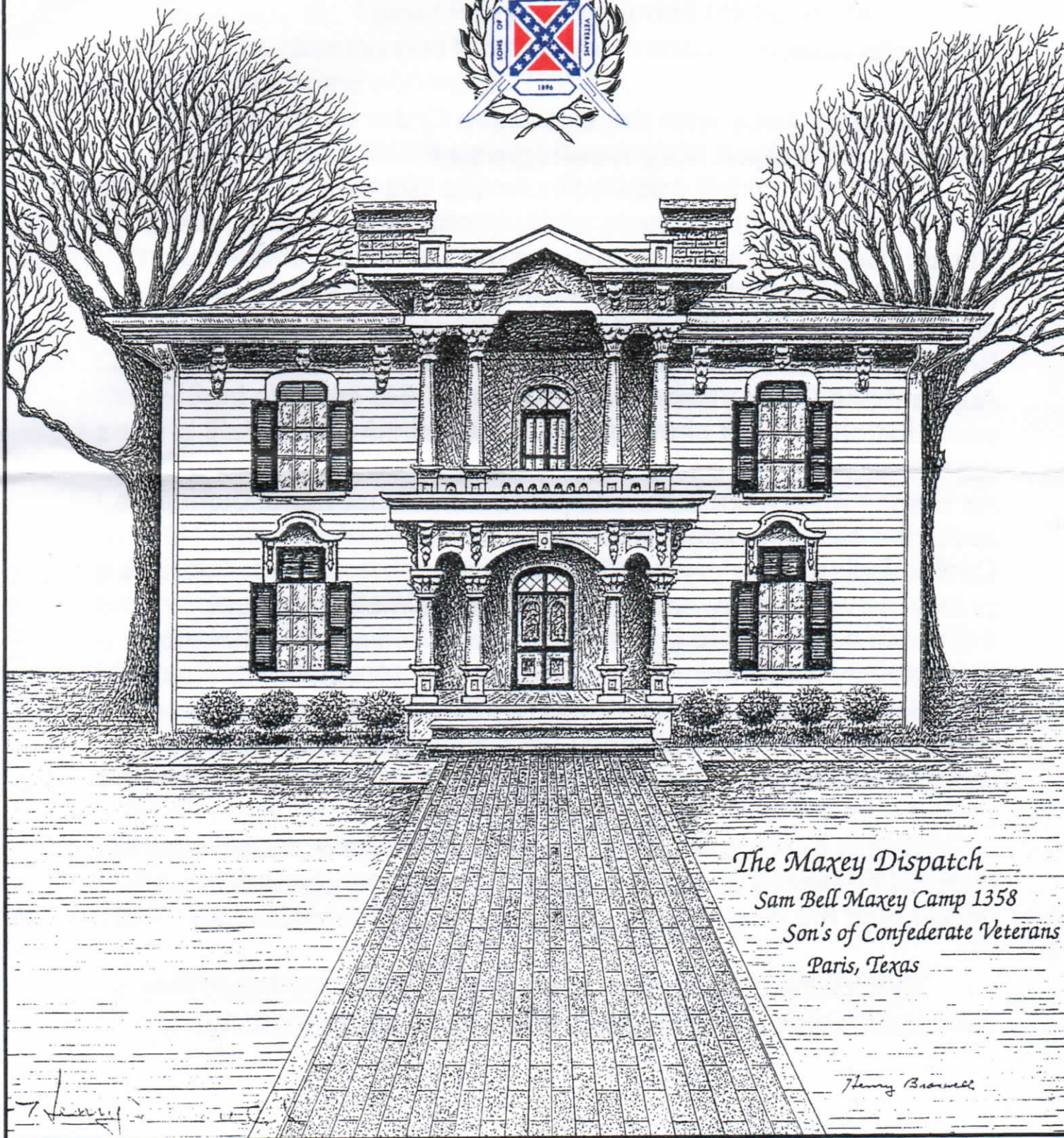


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The Newsletter of the Gen. Sam Bell Maxey Camp 1358
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Adjutants Report

In compliance with the Executive Order by the Governor of Texas our 7 April 2020 meeting was CANCELED.

The April 2020 Dispatch, #297, informed the Camp that I, Clayton Coker, would be taking over the duties of Camp Adjutant (upon approval of the membership) as of April, 2020. I will be honored to take over the duties of our previous Adjutant, John M. Brown, who has served the Camp for many years as both Adjutant and Camp Commander. John, who is going to be 88 years old on his next birthday, has more than done his duty to our organization as well as our country. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and is a consummate patriot and supporter of our ideals about the citizen-soldiers who fought for the Confederacy. The Confederate soldier personified the best qualities of America. The preservation of liberty and freedom was the motivating factor in the South's decision to fight the Second American Revolution. The tenacity with which Confederate soldiers fought underscored their belief in the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. These attributes are the underpinning of our democratic society and represent the foundation on which this nation was built.

Today, the Sons of Confederate Veterans are preserving the history and legacy of these heroes so that future generations can understand the motives that animated the Southern Cause.

There is nothing to write about for our April meeting as it was cancelled. I was going to give a presentation about the 29th

Texas Cavalry Regiment but this will have to wait until we can physically meet again. It will be a very informative presentation.

We received an application for membership from our March meeting guest, Dr. Terrell Perry. I forwarded his application to GHQ and TX Division and have already received notification of approval. Welcome aboard Dr. Perry!

Since we are effectively on a "Lockdown" during this COVID 19 incident I will take this opportunity to give the membership a synopsis of my biography to "introduce" myself.

My family has been in Texas and in Lamar County for several generations. I was born in Dallas and went to school in Carrollton/Farmers Branch. I served in the United States Marine Corps from 1982 to 1987. I was a Field Artillery Cannoneer serving first on 105mm howitzers and then on the self-propelled, 8 inch howitzer. After serving in the USMC I began my career in Law Enforcement in 1987. I served as a Civilian Police Officer with the International Police Task Force in Kosovo in 2000 and as a Professional Law Enforcement Mentor in Afghanistan in 2009. I am married and have six children and four grand-children. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, am a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the National Sheriff's Institute. I retired at the end of 2018 after 31 years in Law Enforcement, serving both as a Chief of Police and an elected Sheriff. My Confederate Veteran ancestor was Henry Walker (1820-1886). He served as a Private with Co. F Texas State Troop, C.S.A. He is buried here in Paris, Texas at the old Odd Fellow Cemetery. I was surprised that he was 41 years old at the war's outbreak. That was "old" in 1861; "grandfather old".

In continued compliance with the Executive Order by the Governor of Texas our 5 May 2020 meeting is CANCELED.

Editorial:

I believe that it is time to set a couple of goals for our Camp as we move forward into this new decade.

Goal one is that every member put together a "presentation" or at least a fact sheet about their Confederate Veteran Ancestor. Each member can present the information at a meeting or, if you are not comfortable with public speaking, another member (such as me) can present the information. I am sure that the membership would be very interested in our local heritage and it would be a tribute for our ancestors.

Goal two is to reach out and recruit new members into the organization. I am a grandfather and am still one of the youngest members of the Camp. We need to reach out to our younger generation. I am going to purchase (at my own expense) some SCV Recruiting Coins to give to our membership to be able to pass out to prospective members. We need to reach out to the next generation to insure that our heritage is not lost to the passage of time!

Quasi Editor - Clayton Coker

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