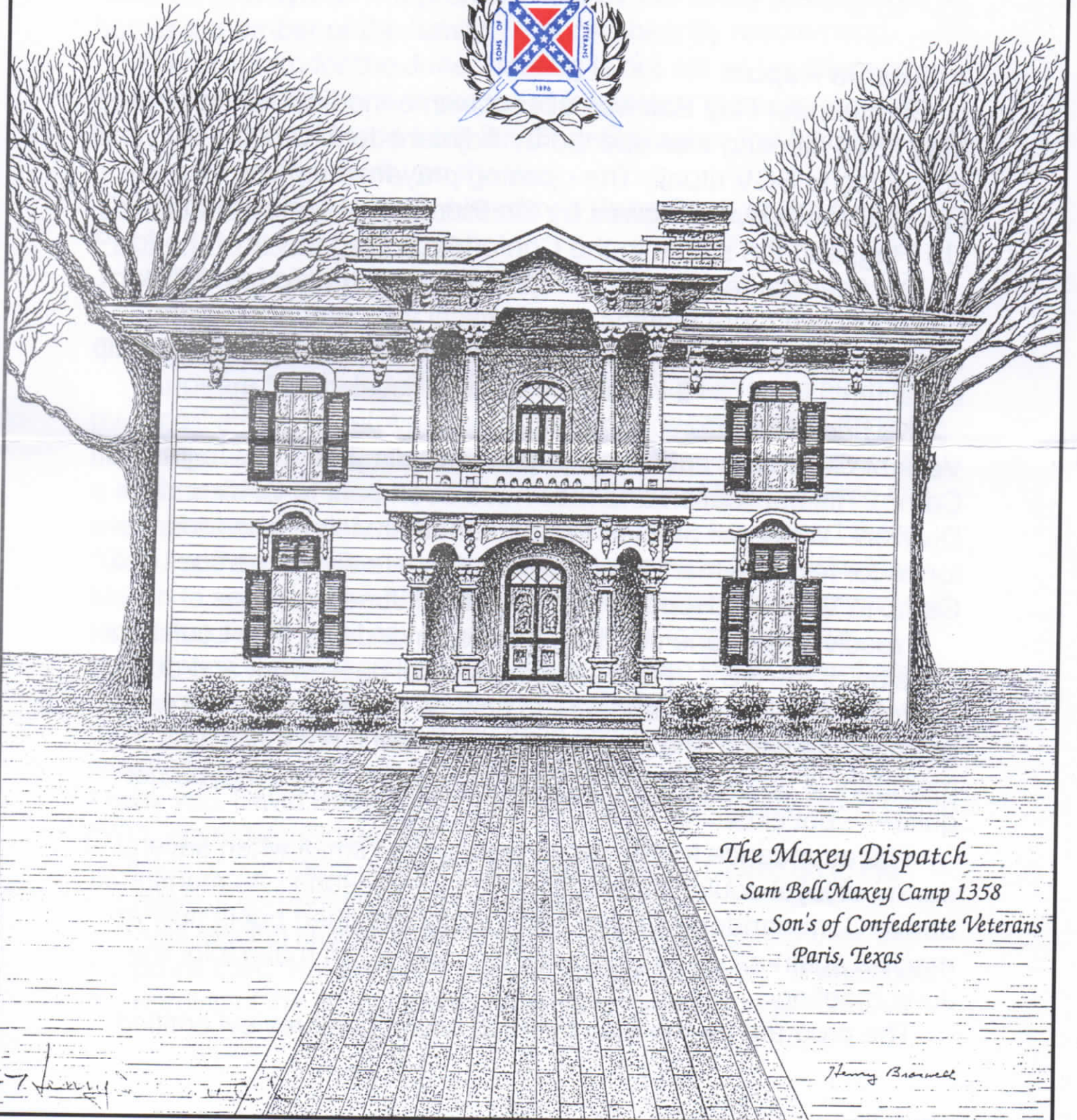


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Adjutants Report

Commander Ray Ball was absent with a medical issue. The May 2018 meeting was opened by Adjutant John Brown according to SCV ritual. The opening prayer was given by Gordon VanDeaver followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag, and the salute to the Confederate Flag.

The financial report was accepted as read. I reported that we have only two more months for this fiscal year and are in good shape to complete this year. We should be receiving membership statements from GHQ in July for the next fiscal year.

We had two visitors at the May meeting. Jamie Drake from Valliant Oklahoma submitted paperwork and paid dues to join our Camp. His application and fees have been sent to GHQ and TX Division. Welcome Jamie. We had another visitor who took the forms for reinstatement to complete later. He was a member of a Camp in Virginia. Hope to see him at the June meeting.

I received a phone call from the Commander of The Louisiana Division of the SCV. He was going to mail paperwork and dues to me for a member who appears to now be in our area. That was possibly the same one mentioned above but if not three new members is as exciting as winning the Lottery. Well maybe not quite----- but close.

The attendance for the May meeting was small when several of our most loyal couldn't make it for various reasons. As mentioned above Commander Ball was temporarily sidelined but is now at mach-2 again as usual. Hope all the others can make it for the June meeting.

The program for the May meeting was a book review entitled

"Free to Stay" about a lady born to slavery but when free choose to remain with the family of her former owner. The original title of the book was "One More Promise To Keep" and that promise was to see that she was buried next to her former owner and not in the "colored graveyard"----a promise kept by the family that thought of her as a member of the family. A book I heartily recommend.

The program for the June meeting is not set as the Dispatch goes to print. If no one is prepared to present the program it will likely be a DVD. Maybe from Dr. Gary Gallagher the historian that is the foremost authority on the war.

The next meeting will be tuesday 5 June 2018 at the Paris

Public Library at 6:00 p. m.

John Brown; Adjutant

Quasi Editorial Comments

I appears that the Dallas City Council may have changed their mind about destroying the monument at Pioneer Park. I think the flood of calls to Austin in protest of their pranks may have caused a state agency to land on them. But I received the following Div-wide announcement so something could have happened there. "Call For Photos of Pioneer Park, Dallas" We have been asked by a Mason to see if anyone has pictures of the cemetery from January thru today that would show any changes in regards to vandalism or modification to any headstones. They would also like to know if anyone has personally witnessed city officials or Parks and Rec removing or modifying any headstones. If you need additional details or have information, please feel free to email me or call me at 214-843-3304. Thank you, David Rediger; Commander Rockwall Calvary (sp ?) Camp 2203; scvrediger@gmail.com

If any of our Camp members are visiting Dallas please go to the cemetery, if convenient, and check it out.

I was reading an item in the latest issue of "Confederate Veteran" magazine titled "Knowledge is Key to Heritage Defense." It was about the wording of the US Constitution that is sometimes vague. It's not

clear if vagueness was intentional or not. I would like to add some background about why that probably occurred.

Article 1 of the Treaty of Paris in 1783 which ended the war between the Colonies and England held the 13 colonies each to be free sovereign and **Independent States**. Representatives of these states met in 1787 in Philadelphia to form a union and write a constitution. The debates to ratify the constitution brought out that it was not simple since 13 different states had to agree on one constitution.

Virginia's delegates said that, "The powers granted under the Constitution being derived from the people of the United States may be resumed by them whensoever the same shall be perverted to their injury or oppression." Several other states has similar sentiments

At the Convention a proposal was made to allow the federal government to use force to suppress a seceding state. James Madison rejected it saying "a union of the states containing such an ingredient would provide for its own destruction."

The first secessionist movement started in New England after the Louisiana Purchase by then President Thomas Jefferson. Several prominent men supported the secession but it failed to gain support at the 1814-15 Hartford Convention. The U. S. Constitution would never have been ratified, and a union never created if the people of the 13 free sovereign, and independent states, did not believe they had the right to secede. That belief was certainly in place on the eve of the war in 1861.

At the start of this I mentioned the vagueness of the U. S. constitution mentioned in the article in the Confederate Veteran. The Confederate Constitution, although similar to the U. S., removed it and made it quite clear that secession was legal.

Quasi Editor; John Brown

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