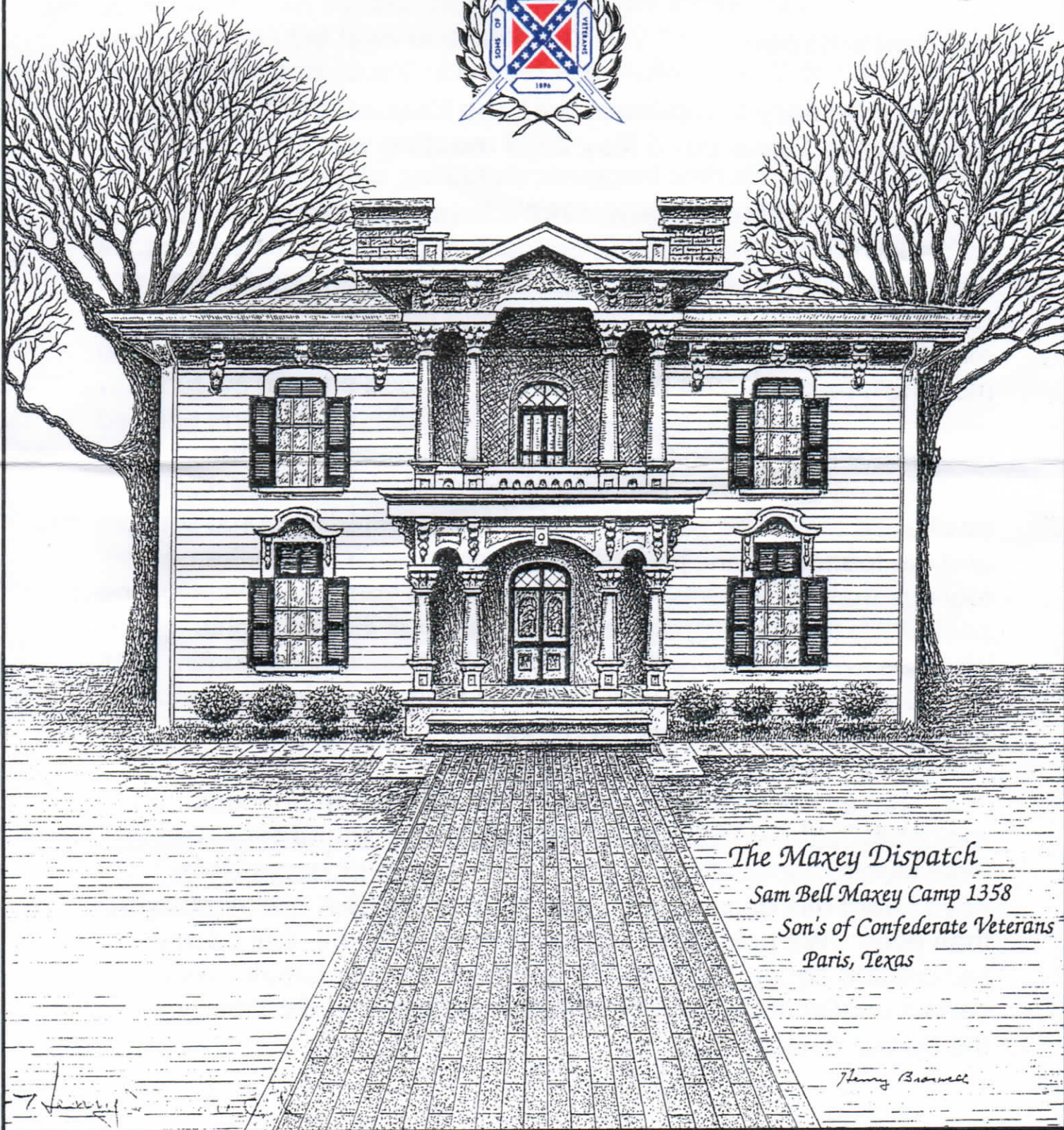


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**Adjutant's Report**

**In voluntary compliance with the Executive Order by the Governor of Texas our 5 May 2020 meeting was CANCELED.**

The May 2020 Dispatch, #298 informed the Camp we had cancelled yet another meeting because of the Covid-19 incident. We have voluntarily complied with the Governor's Executive Order and done our part to help keep our membership safe from exposure. Therefore, there is nothing to report as far as any meeting minutes.

There is one thing that I find very interesting about the Federal and the States response to the Covid-19 incident. It has awakened within the people a renewed interest in personal liberty and the founding principles of our nation. These are the same feelings that were stirring our ancestors 160 years ago. Many people are recognizing again the concepts of "States Rights" as to who has the authority to "open or close" a state's operations. Countless people are as well asserting their "individual rights" against state governments overreach.

I have noticed that more and more people, in the media, on radio, YouTube, Facebook, etc. are quoting from our Founding Documents; especially from the Declaration of Independence. I have heard this document quoted more in the past few months than ever. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Unalienable Rights are Rights that are the natural rights of all men. The best example of a natural right that is universally recognized is the right to self-defense. These are rights no government can control. Natural rights are those that are not dependent on the laws or customs of any particular culture or government, and so are universal and inalienable (they cannot be repealed by human laws).

Our Confederate ancestors struggled with similar convictions which ultimately led to the Civil War; something never experienced by our people. After four bloody years of conflict the war ended. The nation slowly healed. The United States began a new era. We are now experiencing something new which has disrupted our lives. It has not been as devastating as the Civil War but we may be beginning another new era. Hopefully we will be wise enough to make it a good one.

With the state slowly returning to "normal" we are now able to meet again at the Paris Public Library. The number of members that usually attend is between four and eight. I encourage attendance but keep in mind your own health and safety. If you are not comfortable with attending a public meeting as of yet, by all means, stay at home. There will be more meetings. Deo vindice.

**The next meeting will be Tuesday 2 June 2020 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 pm.**

**Clayton Coker: Adjutant**

## **Editorial:**

Word of the firing on Fort Sumter (12 April, 1861) reached Texas on 17 April, 1861. Texas, the only Confederate state to hold a citizen's referendum authorizing secession, mobilized for war against the Union on 18 April, 1861. The governor, on that date, issued a call for 68,000 men. Only about one third of Texans were staunch Confederates; but the remainder most all believed in the right of secession and strongly opposed coercion, as being demonstrated by the Union.

Charles DeMorse [Editor of the "Standard" in Clarksville, Texas- 1842-1887] had received authorization to raise a regiment of Cavalry directly after the news of Fort Sumter broke over Texas. But with his position of Editor of North Texas' largest newspaper, he had found little time for recruitment of men, and it was not until late in June 1862, that the required number of men had been recruited. The regiment was registered as the 29th Texas Cavalry Regiment, C.S.A., and was composed of ten companies, each comprised of from sixty to one hundred twenty-five privates. The total preliminary strength of the 29th was about one thousand men.

There will be a presentation at the June 2, 2020 meeting that will elaborate in more detail about the 29<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry Regiment and their service during the war.

## **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!**