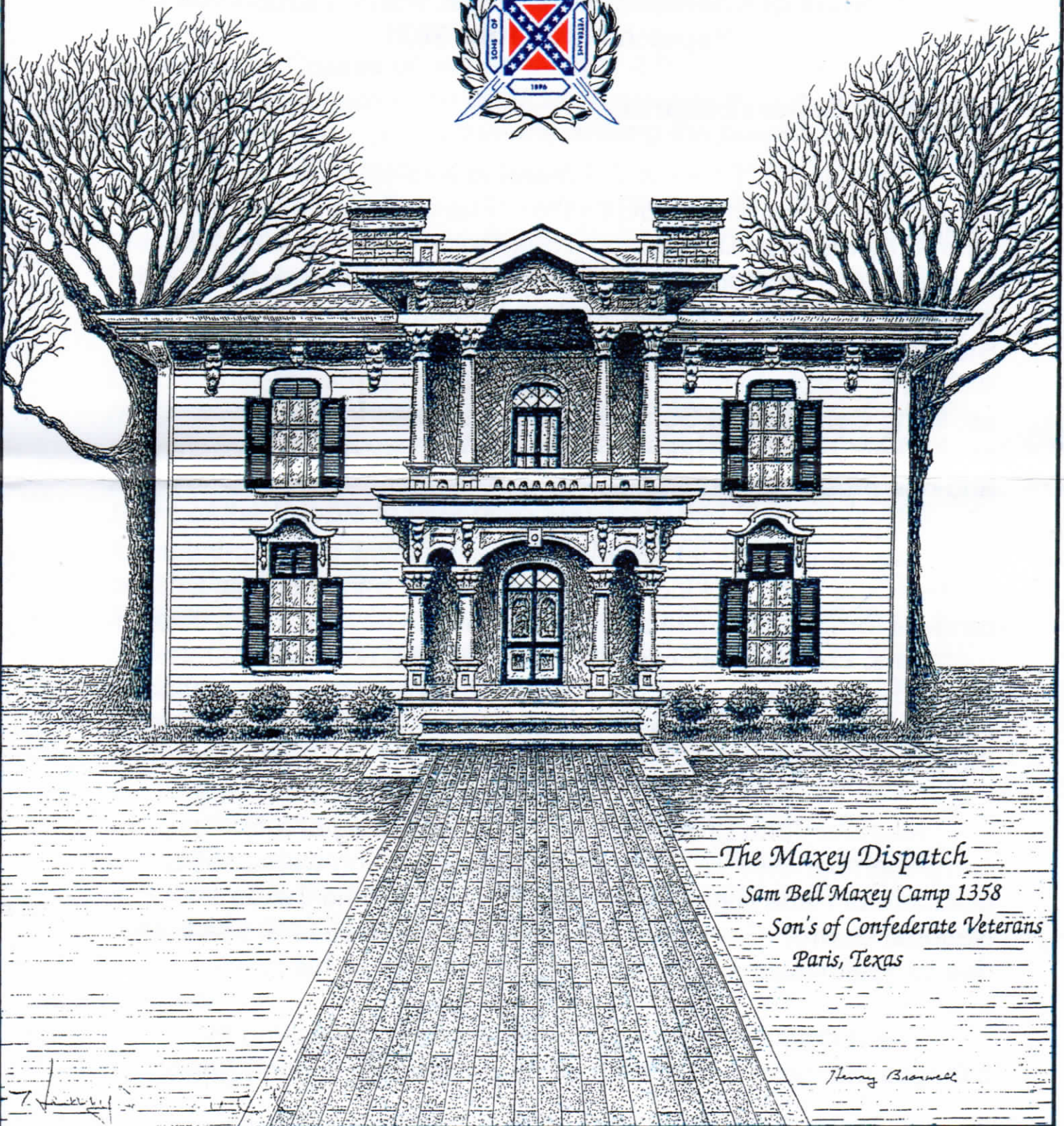


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**The Newsletter of the Gen. Sam Bell Maxey Camp 1358**  
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**Adjutant's Report/Editorial:**

The June 2021 (6-1-2021) meeting was called to order by the Adjutant according to SCV ritual. The opening prayer was offered by member Bill Milling. 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 were four regular members present and one prospective member.

The camp financial report was given as well as a reminder to all members to be looking for this year's Membership/dues renewal forms in the mail soon. Our camp is now at twenty-two members; eleven local, two out of county, and nine out of state. Our prospective member had submitted his application to National Headquarters and was approved after our June meeting and by the printing of this newsletter.

Member John Brown recognized the passing of a former camp member Billy W. Glenn, 87, of Paris. Glenn was a 1951 graduate of Paris High School and a veteran of the Texas National Guard. Glenn resigned from the camp several years ago due to health issues. Condolences are offered to his family.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the changes that have occurred in our country in the last few years

and how they are similar to what our Confederate ancestors had to face one hundred and sixty years ago. I cannot help notice that our first founding document, the Declaration of Independence, talks about secession when the government gets out of control.

*“When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. 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.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.”*

Deo vindice.

**Clayton Coker: Adjutant**

**The next meeting will be Tuesday 6 July, 2021 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 pm.**

**Editorial:**

There were five “battles” in the month of July 1861; four smaller engagements with two union and two confederate victories and the first major ground engagement of the war.

The Battle of First Manassas (the name used by Confederate forces) also known as the First Battle of Bull Run (the name used by Union forces), was the first major battle of the American Civil War. The battle was fought on July 21, 1861, in Prince William County, Virginia, just north of the city of Manassas and about 30 miles west-southwest of Washington, D.C. The Union's forces were slow in positioning themselves, allowing Confederate reinforcements time to arrive by rail. Each side had about 18,000 poorly trained and poorly led troops in their first battle. It was a Confederate victory, followed by a disorganized retreat of the Union forces.

The American Civil War was now fully underway. Our nation was proceeding headlong into what would be the most costly war in American lives of our nation's history.

**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!**