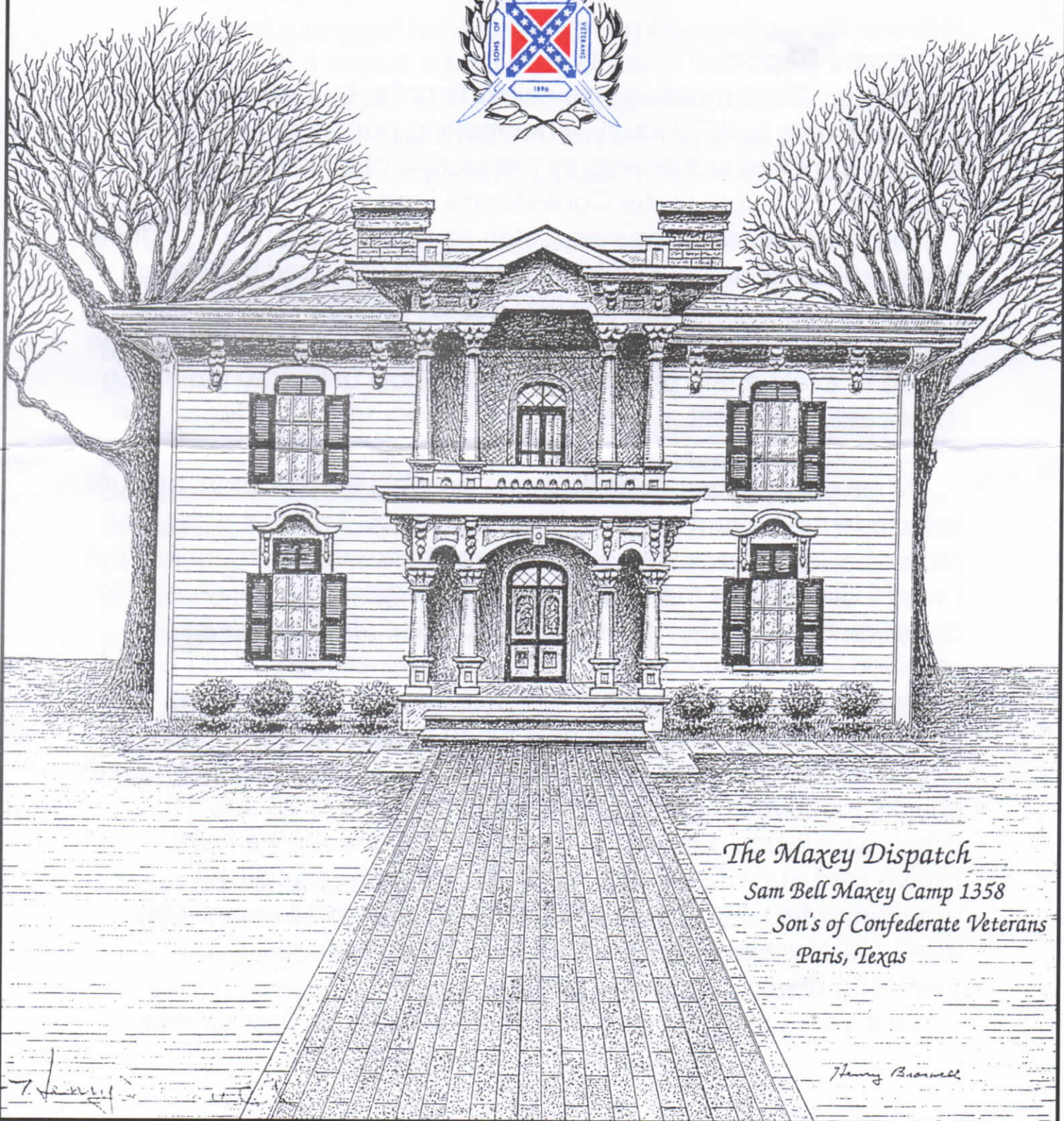


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Adjutants Report

The July 2018 meeting was called to order by Commander Ray Ball 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 dues statement for fiscal year 2018/19 should be delivered this month. Payments are due as soon as you get the statement since changes have been made at National, and TX Division. The grace period to avoid a late payment charge is now only one month. So if not paid by the first of September 2018 an additional fee will be required for membership.

When you mail your check, made payable to the Camp, be sure to include the bottom portion of the statement. I need that for my records. Some dues were paid before statements were mailed but I would like to have the bottom of the statement you will receive to complete the records. If you paid before the statement was received I have you covered, You don't owe anything, but I would like to have the Camp portion of the statement they will send to you. Our two new members paid when they joined, and one eager long-time member paid at the July meeting. I have received to date checks for seven more, so we have ten paid as of 23 July 18. When we include our two life members that means we have twelve paid at GHQ for sure. One life member may still be required to pay Tex. Div.. Both life members should pay Camp dues which are needed for normal Camp operations. Many thanks for taking care of this asap.

Last year I didn't receive membership cards so nobody was

sent one. I think GHQ, and maybe also TX Div, was in the process of updating their system's and let it slide. I think they have it together now and when GHQ receives your dues they will send the cards to me (I think) and when I receive them I will pass them on to you, probably via the September Dispatch.

I received a request for information on becoming a life member. I also received a recent e-mail from Division that had some information about that. Life membership at National is prorated according to age, and information can be found on their web page www.scv.org, or call 1-800-MY-DIXIE. The fee at TX Div. is a flat fee of \$315.

We were honored to have the Commander of the North East Texas Brigade present at our July meeting. Sam Mercer is always more than welcome because he brings information, and a great spirit of devotion to our Confederate ancestors that is inspirational to say the least.

We had no official program for the July meeting but with a short period of time before the end of the meeting Commander Ball conducted a question and answer session. I always learn something I didn't know when he does that. And I thought I knew everything. Our newest member Bryan Bailey volunteered to present the program for the August meeting. I don't recall if he said what it would be about but I'm looking forward to whatever it is.

The next meeting will be tuesday 7 August 2018 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 p. m.

John Brown; Adjutant

Quasi Editorial Comments

The Texas Historical Commission has provided information about events of interest to those of Confederate ancestry. For those of us who live in the Paris area this is their blurb.

"Lamar County was one of the few counties to vote against secession during the Civil War, but many inhabitants fought for the South. Confederate Gen. Sam Bell Maxey, who later became a U. S. senator, choose Paris as his home. Visitors to Paris, the county seat, can explore the 1860s Greek Revival home at the Samuel Bell Maxey State Historic Site."

As usual they oversimplify since Lamar County was the only one where both delegates voted against secession. But when the War started many Paris, and Lamar County men served the Confederacy with great honor. At least one who served with great honor was a free Black gentleman that volunteered. I had his name but I misplaced it. Sure wish someone would provide it if you have it.

Another nearby site to Lamar County is mentioned by the Texas Historical Commission, Tyler. Their blurb.

"During the war this city was an important arms manufacturing center for the Confederacy. Camp Ford, the largest prisoner of war camp west of the Mississippi River was also here. The grounds of Camp Ford are being developed to interpret the importance of the site. Features include a walking tour, signs and replicated structures. Local history exhibits are on display at the Carnegie History Center."

There are a number of sites with monuments in this area that were put there to honor our Confederate Ancestors. I bet our out of state members have them in their states also.

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***