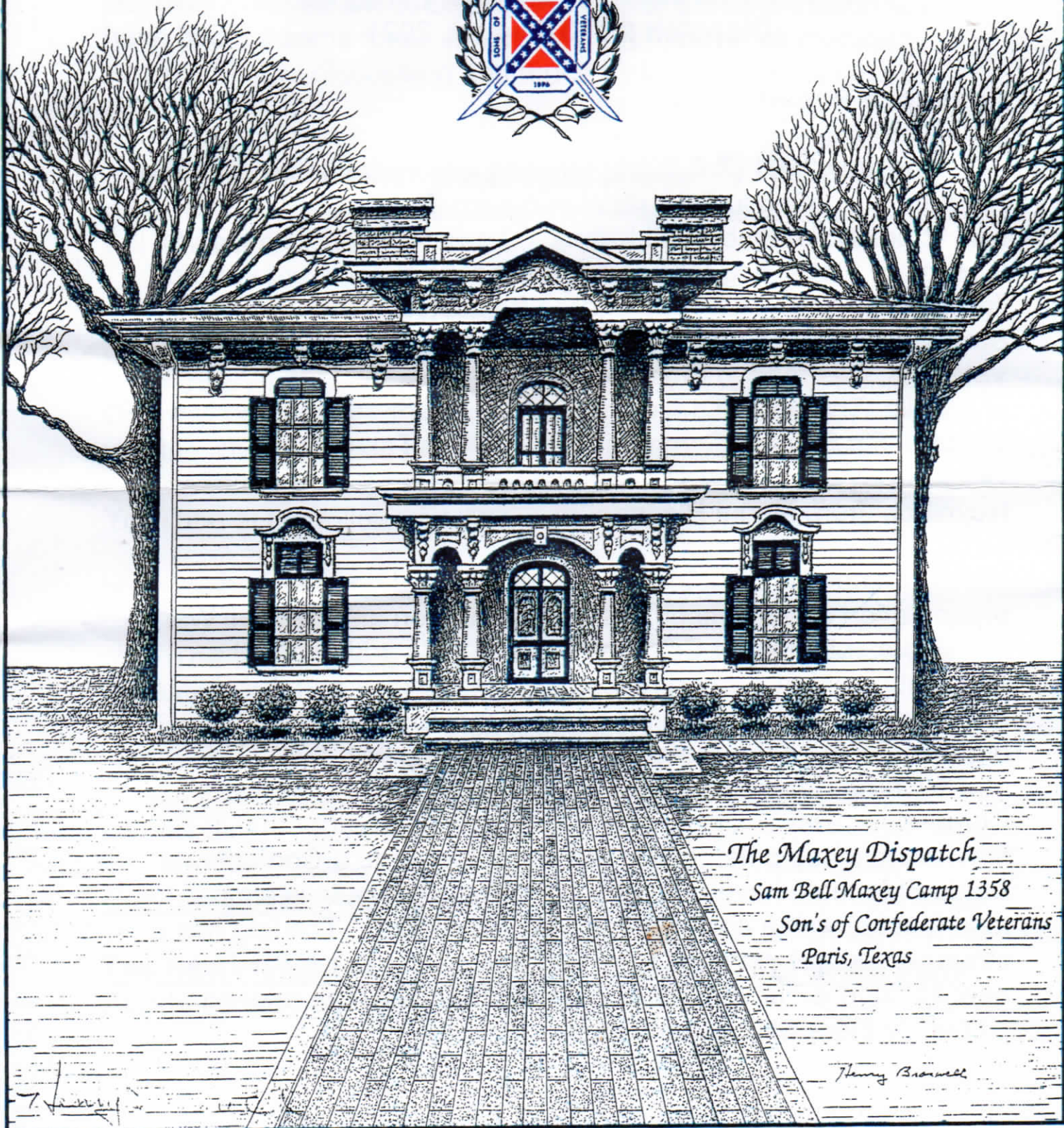


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Adjutant's Report:

The July 2021 (7-6-2021) meeting was called to order by the Adjutant according to SCV ritual at 6 p.m. 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 turnout was the largest in a while. There were seven regular members present and two visitors. 5th Brigade Commander, Bill Elliott Texas Division visited from Marshal and Lieutenant Commander Larry "Joe" Reynolds, from Mount Pleasant.

Commander Elliot introduced himself and gave a short presentation about himself, the Texas Division and his Civil War ancestors. Lieutenant Commander Reynolds addressed the group about what support he could provide to our membership, the importance of keeping tabs on our members and the organization's goals. He presented the Camp with the "2021 100% Camp Retention Award" from the Texas Division Awards Committee. The award is a certificate and a streamer that is flown from a flag pole. I attached the streamer to a Confederate Battle Flag that I have made for our camp. The pole is almost nine feet tall with a 4'x4' Confederate Battle Flag. The flag has a streamer that reads "Gen. Sam Bell Maxey Camp 1358". This new addition is our second award streamer for 100% retention. Hopefully there will be many more.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in discussion of the continued attacks on our Southern heritage, the Confederacy, and our distinguished ancestors. It was one of the best meetings we have had for some time. It was very informative, all members engaged in the discussion and much historical information was shared.

Membership renewal was again addressed. We have received about half of the Camp's renewal forms. Hopefully we will have 100% retention again this year.

We concluded the meeting with the playing of a song, *Josephine*, by member Bill Milling. The song was inspired by a letter from Private J. W. Robison, Maury Light Artillery, Maury County, Tennessee, C.S.A. to his wife Josephine. It was very moving and indicative of the conditions that our ancestors endured during the conflict. You can listen to the song on YouTube at the following URL:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTrkq_41nv0

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m. but several members lingered to visit for several minutes longer. Everyone finally dispersed and headed to their respective homes.

Deo vindice.

Clayton Coker: Adjutant

The next meeting will be Tuesday 3 August, 2021 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 pm.

Editorial:

There were three "battles" in the month of August 1861; two Confederate victories and one Union.

The Battle of Wilson's Creek, also known as the Battle of Oak Hills, was the first major battle of the Trans-Mississippi Theater of the War. It was fought near Springfield, Missouri. Missouri was officially a neutral state. At first light on the morning of August 10, the Union began a surprise attack on the opposing forces. Union forces overran the enemy camps and took the high ground at the crest of a ridge, which would become known as "Bloody Hill". Early Union hopes for a rout were dashed, however, when the artillery of the Pulaski Arkansas Battery unlimbered and checked the advance, which gave the Confederate infantry time and cover to organize lines on the south slope of the hill. The casualties were about equal on both sides – around 1,317 Union and an estimated 1,232 Confederate soldiers were killed, wounded, or captured. Though the Confederate force won the field, they were unable to pursue the retreating Union forces.

The Battle of Cross Lanes, a Confederate victory, took place on August 26, 1861 in Virginia. The Battle of Hatteras Inlet Batteries (August 28–29, 1861) was the first combined operation of the Union Army and Navy in the War, resulting in Union domination of the strategically important North Carolina Sounds.

Editor - Clayton Coker

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