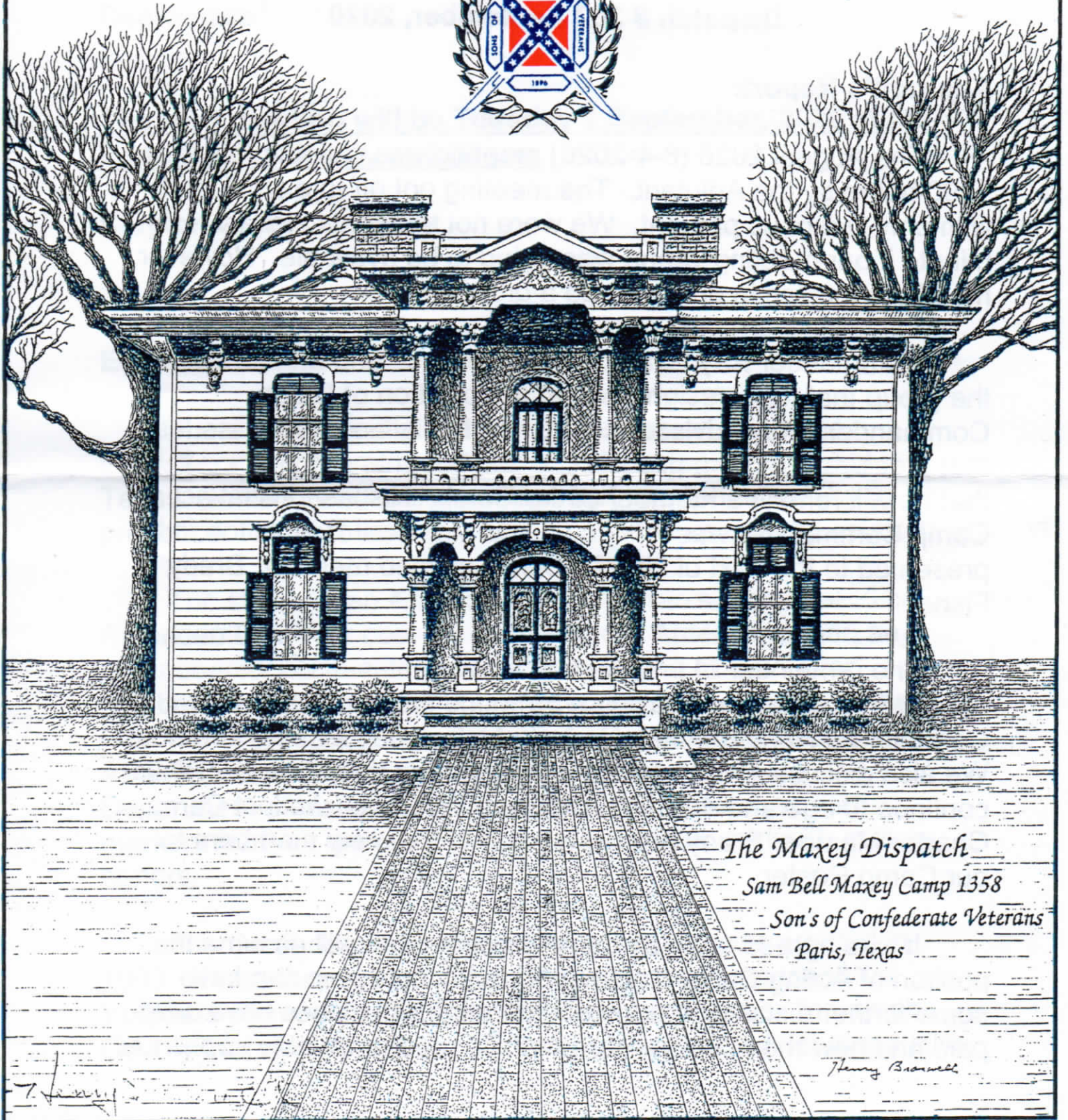


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The Macey Dispatch
Sam Bell Macey Camp 1358
Son's of Confederate Veterans
Paris, Texas

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THE MAXEY DISPATCH
The Newsletter of the Gen. Sam Bell Maxey Camp 1358
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Adjutant's Report:

The August 2020 (8-4-2020) meeting was called to order at 1800 hours by the Adjutant. The meeting got off to a slow start with only two of us present. We were not sure until the last minute if our meeting venue was going to be available. However, members trickled in until we had a group of five.

Commander Ray Ball was in attendance and announced to the group that he is resigning from the position of Camp Commander. Ray advised that he has family and health issues that preclude him from maintaining the Commander position but that he will remain a member of the Camp. His last official act as Camp Commander was to sign a SCV Memorial Resolution to be presented to the next of kin of recently passed member, Brady Fisher.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in discussion of current events that are having a profound impact on our Confederate Heritage; the removal of monuments being foremost. We also discussed the need to focus on recruitment as our ranks continue to age and diminish. However, although we lost Camp Charter Member Brady Fisher, we added four new members to our Camp Roster.

It was agreed upon by those present that I will assume the position of Acting Camp Commander until the Camp can have some further discussion and consideration. Our dues have been paid and new membership cards will be made available soon. Let

us all continue to uphold our charge to the “defense of the Confederate soldier’s good name” and “the guardianship of his history”.

Deo vindice.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 1 September, 2020 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 pm.

Clayton Coker: Adjutant

Editorial:

There has recently been more discussion about the Confederate statue at the courthouse here in Lamar County, Texas. Some individuals claim that they are “offended” by its presence. I want to take this opportunity to express my opinion.

The statue is an American War Veteran’s memorial. The American Civil War cost the lives of more Americans than any other conflict we have fought. The definition of “Civil War” is a war between citizens of the same country. All veterans of the Civil War were “American Veterans”. Confederate veterans were AMERICAN veterans; their widows received pensions; the Department of Veteran’s Affairs provided headstones and markers for their graves and many were laid to rest with military honors.

The Confederate statue in Lamar County was erected in 1903. It was there years before the other two American War Veterans memorials that flank it. There is no person in Lamar County that was alive when the statue was erected; let alone alive

during the time it commemorates. No one has any right to be "offended" by its presence! Anyone that had any right to an opinion about this statues placement is long dead.

Many of the men that fought each other during the Civil War had fought together years before during the Mexican-American War (1846-48) as well as together again during the Spanish-American War (1898). One former Confederate General, Joe Wheeler, led all cavalry units in Cuba, including Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders. These American Heroes seem to have reconciled the years of 1861-65. Why can't people today?

The American Veterans that we remember and commemorate in this country, and in Lamar County, are honored for their service. They are not remembered for the policies or political views of their governments at the time they served. Again, I quote former Israeli Prime Minister (1969-74) Golda Meir who stated, "One cannot and must not try to erase the past merely because it does not fit the present." This is wisdom that is pertinent for today.

I personally had great, great grandfathers serving on both sides of the Civil War; Blue and Gray. I am also an American Veteran; Green. What the Confederate statue in Lamar County represents to me is what we currently say to veterans and active duty personnel when we see them in public; **"Thank you for your service!"**

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!**