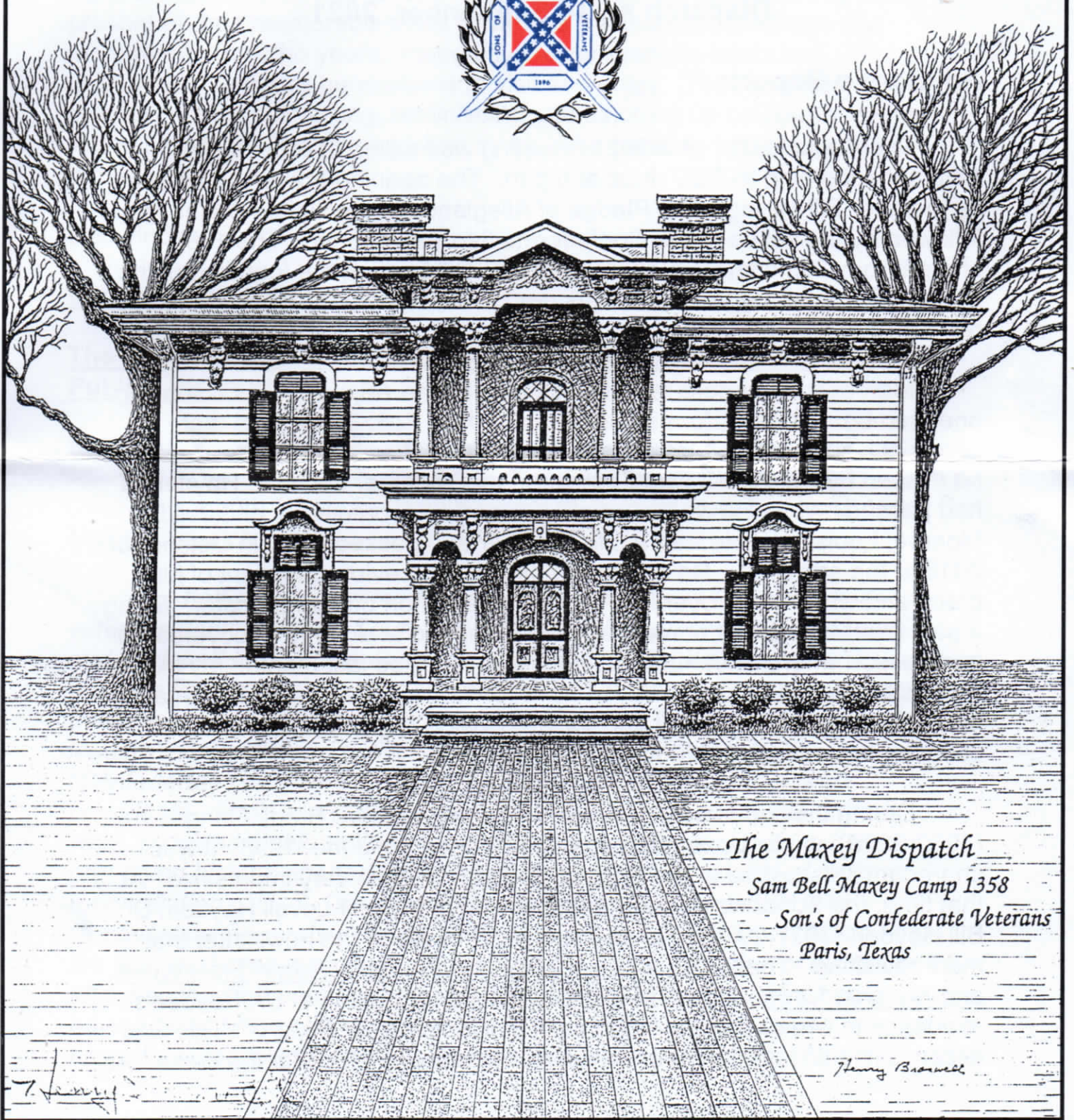


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Adjutant's Report:

The August 2021 (8-3-2021) 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. There were six regular members present.

Membership update report was given by the Adjutant. We are losing one member this year, former Commander Ray Ball. He regrets that personal issues prevent him from active participation at this time. He will be missed by all. Also it was discovered that member Lovell E. Hayden III had passed away. He was a "satellite" member of our camp, and lived in Monroe, Louisiana. He was a Life Member and passed away in October of 2018 at the age of 91. No one ever notified the previous Adjutant of his death and when I took over last year he was still on our camp roster. Being a paid Life Member his name was never dropped and I only discovered he had passed when his camp newsletter was returned last month. My inquiry found that he had passed away. I have forwarded The Last Roll form and his obituary to both National and Texas Division Adjutants. Our belated condolences are offered to his family.

During the estate sale of recently passed member Brady Fisher (1952-2020) an old *Maxey Dispatch* was found from June, 1998. It was shared and discussed at the August meeting and was very impressive. At that time, the Editor was former member and relative of Lovell Hayden, Dr. Bill Hayden (1927-2010). He had several sections to the newsletter that merit revisiting. There was a Quote of the Month, Local News, State News, and National News. At that time the meetings took place at Dr. Hayden's residence in what was referred to as "*The Confederate Gallery*." This was essentially a private Civil War museum and meeting place for the camp. All

of the "Old Timers" present remembered Dr. Hayden and those days of meeting at his residence.

Member Bill Milling brought and shared several photographs from his visits to historic Civil War locations. This prompted a discussion by those present of their memorable visits to various museums, battlefields and monuments over the years. Hopefully they will remain intact and unchanged for future generations to visit and enjoy. The remainder of the meeting was spent visiting, reminiscing and catching up on current events. A good time of fellowship was had by all. The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Deo vindice.

Clayton Coker: Adjutant

The next meeting will be Tuesday 7 September, 2021 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 pm.

Editorial:

This month I thought I would reprint an excerpt from the June, 1998 Maxey Dispatch.

For half a century after the war, the thinning gray line of Confederate veterans dominated the South's regeneration in economic matters, politics and social affairs. Veteran's role in rebuilding the region was, as one leader put it, "a fitting climax to their splendid record in the war." To many people they served as "living inspiration for future service." Not only were they leaders in industry and politics (1877-1900 was referred to as the "Confederate Era), but universities sought them as professors and presidents. Their contributions were many: They set examples of hard work, provided stable political leadership, secured state veterans benefits, preserved history, shaped the mind of the South and advocated national reconciliation....U. S. Grant had some interesting relationships with Confederate Generals... Grant helped Maxey secure his law practice after the war, and even was indirectly responsible for construction of his house after helping lift the embargo on Robert McDonald's cotton; McDonald having hired Maxey to represent him in the affair. General James Longstreet received numerous government appointments from Grant.

Colonel John Singleton Moseby, renowned for his partisans, supported Grant's bid for the White House and being kindred spirits, held mutual appreciation for each other..... And for a finishing story this month, consider the remarkable relationship between Confederate General John B. Gordon and Union General Francis Barlow. (Gordon was the first Commander of the United Confederate Veterans). On July 1, 1863, Gordon's Brigade swept away Union operations and streamed toward the City of Gettysburg. Gordon observed a brave Union officer who was trying to rally his men and was cut down by Rebel fire. Admiring the man's courage, Gordon rode to the wounded general who was grievously injured and paralyzed with a bullet in his back. Gordon gave the poor man water from his canteen, had him moved under the shade of some trees, and at the request of the wounded soldier, who told Gordon his name was Barlow, burned some personal letters he was carrying. Later in the day, Gordon sent a message through the Union lines under a flag of truce to Barlow's wife, who the General had told him was travelling with his army, and offered her safe conduct to the side of her dying husband. Miraculously Barlow recovered. The next spring he read in the papers that General J. B. Gordon had been killed in combat in Virginia. Barlow assumed the man was his benefactor at Gettysburg but it was actually Gordon's North Carolina relative with the same initials. Both Gordon and Barlow thought the other was dead. It was not until years later after the war that both men, then politicians, happened to be at a dinner party together. Making conversation, Gordon asked Barlow if he was kin to the Barlow killed at Gettysburg. "Why, I am that man, sir," as an astonished Barlow replied. "Are you related to the Gordon that "killed" me?" "Why, I am that man, sir" responded Gordon. Overcome with emotion, the two men rose and silently embraced. They remained close friends for the rest of their lives.

From Former Editor: Dr. Bill Hayden

It is amazing that the men who actually fought each other on the battlefields were able to reconcile after the war and get along politically, economically and socially; while those who were not involved, a century and a half removed, cannot tolerate a monument.

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