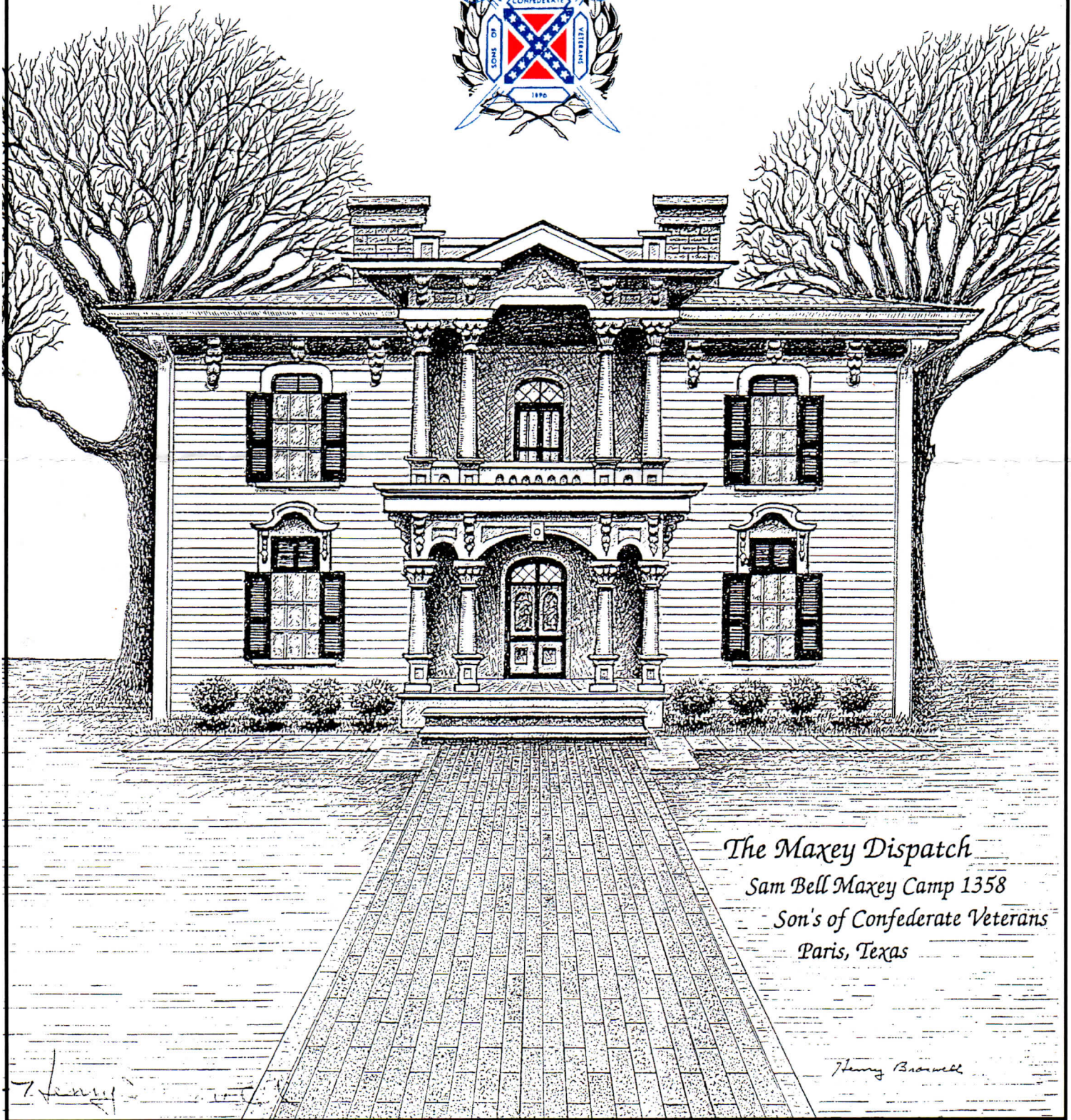


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Adjutant's Report:

The August 2022 (8-2-2022) meeting was called to order by the Adjutant according to SCV ritual at 6 p.m. The opening prayer was offered by member Jim Coker. 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 four regular members present and one guest; Texas Division, 5th Brigade Commander, Bill Elliott once again attended.

Old business was discussed and consisted of our annual renewal dues. As of this writing we still have a couple of members that have not renewed. Please send in your renewal form and dues ASAP if you are one of these members. I will be sending out additional reminders as well as follow up phone calls to late paying members. We would like to attain another 100% renewal year for the Camp.

New business consisted of informing those present of the passing of one of our camp members. I received a letter from Thomas S. Pike of Reno, Texas. He wrote, "*I am writing to inform your organization that my father, Thomas H. Pike, of Garvin, Oklahoma has passed away. He was a member of the SCV and received correspondence from your organization here in Paris quite often. He was very proud to be a part of the SCV and really enjoyed learning as much as he could about that period of history. I know that he will be greatly missed by all or your members that knew him personally. Thank you for being a positive part of his life.*" A copy of a Resolution from our camp, mourning his passing, was presented to his family and copies forwarded to the Texas Division and General Headquarters.

Commander Bill Elliott addressed those present and gave a report of Texas Division happenings as well as SCV national events. He also encouraged all members to pay close attention to and to read all the articles presented in our *Confederate Veterans* magazine. There is much pertinent information imparted through these articles that our membership needs to know about our heritage and purpose. Make the effort to read it all.

Commander Elliot also made two presentations to the Camp Commander/Adjutant. The first was a certificate and medallion that declared Clayton L. Coker a *Guardian* for the Devoted Care and Protection of the Final Resting Place of Henry Walker, Co. F, Texas State Troops CSA. The second was a presentation of the *Silver Cross* in recognition of meritorious service to the Texas Division. The recognition was greatly appreciated.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing how the majority of our current population is sadly lacking in the knowledge of the history of our nation and what lies ahead of us in the fight for our heritage. A good time of fellowship was had by all and the meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Deo vindice.

Clayton Coker- Adjutant/Commander

The next meeting will be Tuesday 6 September, 2022 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 pm.

Editorial:

The following is an obituary from the Miller and Miller Funeral Home in Valliant, Oklahoma:

TOM PIKE, 71, went to be with the Lord on June 14, 2022 while in the hospital in Paris, Texas where he was being treated for pneumonia.

*Tom was a graduate of Baylor University. He was an excellent chemist, an educator, and a writer. He recently completed the publication of a book entitled *Forgotten Promises*, an account of the Choctaw tribe's journey over the Trail of Tears during the 1830s.*

He was the middle son of R.D. and Dora Pike of Broken Bow. He was married for 49 years to Julie Simpson, daughter of Clarence and Almeda Simpson. Tom and Julie made their home near Millerton, and raised one son, Thomas, who played professional baseball, became a teacher and is now a radiology technician in Paris, Texas.

Tom was inducted into the most elite organization of professional chemists, limited to a membership of 100 members, who have been recognized for their research accomplishments and scientific publications. He was the plant chemist at the electric utility power plant in Ft. Towson for more than 30 years before his retirement. Tom was also a Sunday School Superintendent for 14 years at First Assembly of God in Valliant. During his retirement years, he and Julie enjoyed many visits and outings with his only grandson, Gavin. He and Gavin especially enjoyed hiking, canoeing and swimming.

He is survived by his wife Julie, his son Thomas and his wife Tina; grandson Gavin; one sister; his 95 year old Aunt Toodie Thomason Tyson; brother and sister-in-law Mark and Linda Simpson; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 16, 2022, at Miller & Miller Funeral Home in Valliant, and followed by interment at the Wheelock Cemetery. Tom was not a tribal member, but he will be remembered by the Choctaws as a hatak achukma, or "good man."

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!**