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Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society 20th Anniversary

2016 marks the 20th Anniversary of the Society's founding in September 1996. We will feature a special program focussing on our history at the September meeting.



The traditional gift for a 20th anniversary is china. The souvenir porcelain plate pictured here, found on eBay from a seller located in Louisville, Kentucky, shows the James Street Incline with the Mountain View Hotel at the top of the escarpment.

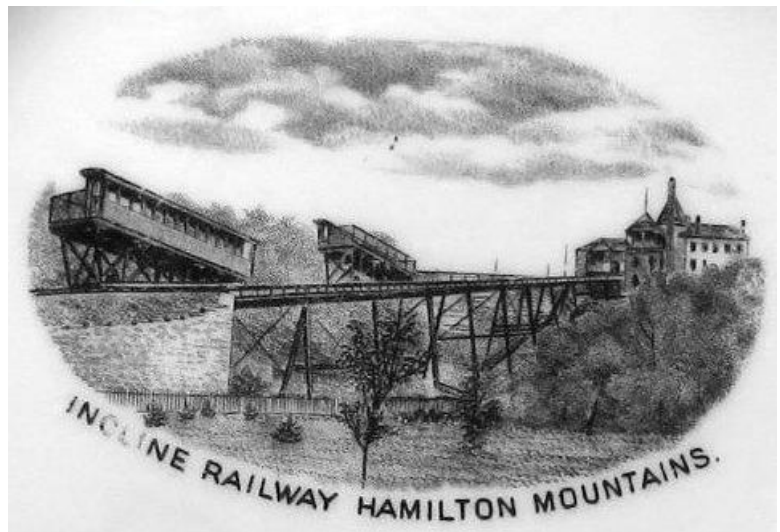
The original visitor to Hamilton must have had a memorable ride!

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Our Society's logo was designed by Jim Elliott, who was a retired graphic artist and charter member of the HMHS. We are proud to display this logo on the masthead of our newsletters and stationery.

Bailey's Bulletin is named in honour of the Reverend T. Melville Bailey, who was a proud Mountain resident and founder of the HMHS.

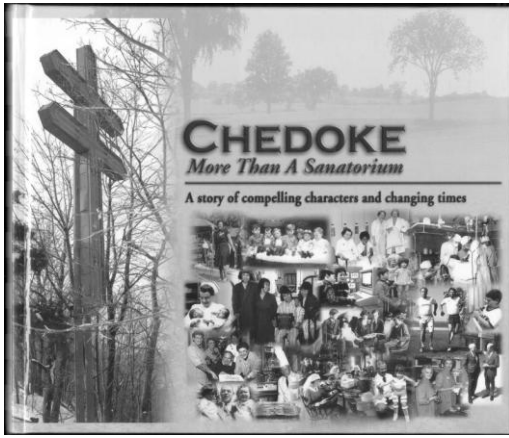
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Chedoke Sanatorium Lands

The Bay Area Health Trust, owners of the former Chedoke Sanatorium lands, are currently reviewing five proposals for the sale of the 18.5 acre site which they believe is worth about \$20 million.

Proposals may include the demolition of the remaining buildings which are named after important donors or staff of the former Sanatorium - Wilcox, Bruce, Southam, Evel, Moreland and Holbrook.



They are hoping to host a public meeting in March of this year to announce the winning bidder and provide details of the future plans for the site.

For information about the history of the Chedoke Sanatorium, the Society has copies of the book *Chedoke: More Than a Sanatorium* for sale for \$35.

Purchase together with *Mountain Memories* for only \$50 (save \$20).

Summers Theatre at the Hamilton Children's Museum

The Hamilton Children's Museum located in the historic Gage home in Gage Park reopened in December after being closed over two years for structural repairs.

One room is modelled after the Summers Theatre which was located in Mountain Park at the top of the East End Incline. Copies of old programmes are available for children to act out or copy to design their own plays.



For more information on the history of the Summers family, the Society's publication *Our World's A Stage: The Summers Family Story* is available for purchase for \$10.



Upcoming Programme Dates

Meetings of the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society are held at Olivet United Church, 40 Empress Avenue on the third Thursday of January, March, May, September and November. All meetings begin at 7:30 pm and visitors are most welcome.

JAN 21, 2016 Every Trail Has a Story

Bob Henderson, author of *Every Trail Has A Story* and *More Trails, More Tales*, will introduce a number of heritage locations with a focus on the curious Dundas Portage.

MAR 17, 2016 The Edge of the Mountain and Beyond – A Look at Hamilton Through the Photographs of Gerald Little

Join David Lindeman from Vintage Hamilton as we explore 30 years of our city's history as captured by the photographs of the late Gerald Little. Gerald worked as a professional photographer at Superior Engraving but loved to explore his city away from work and snapped his own personal photos. This presentation looks at images from the 1950s through the 1970s taken near his home on the Mountain, his views of the lower city from the escarpment and his exploration of Downtown Hamilton. Gerald's photos are some of the most popular postings on Vintage Hamilton's Facebook page. His images provide a historical record of our past and evoke fond memories of our city.

MAY 19, 2016 Hamilton Postcards

Jon Soyka, President of the Golden Horseshoe Postcard Club, will present the history of postcards with an emphasis on images of the Hamilton Mountain.

SEP 15, 2016 Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society 20th Anniversary presented by Murray Aikman.

NOV 17, 2016 Remembrance Day theme with entertainment by Mark McNeil.

HMHS Memberships

The annual membership fee for the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society is \$20 for an individual or family. The membership year is January to December. Visit Susanne at the next meeting to purchase or renew your membership – or submit your fee to our mailing address. Membership forms are available at: www.hamiltonheritage.ca.

Test your “Mountain Memories”

Kerr House, located at the eastern end of Concession Street, is one of only a few private homes on the Mountain which are designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. The home was built in 1855 for John William Kerr (1812-1888), who was appointed as the first Fisheries Overseer in Upper Canada in 1864. The home remained in the Kerr family for almost a century.

John William Kerr was the great-great-grandfather of which former Hamilton mayor? (*See next page for the answer...*)



Upcoming Events

Mental Health Care in Hamilton - Its History

Learn about St. Joseph's West 5th Campus from its beginnings as an Asylum in 1876 to present day with volunteers from the Museum of Mental Health Care

Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
Barton Street Library, 571 Barton St. E.
Registration Required 905-546-3450

Hamilton Mountain History

Learn about the growth of the Hamilton Mountain community from past to present, with Murray Aikman and Pat Saunders

Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Turner Park Library, 352 Rymal Rd. E.

Auchmar Open House

The City of Hamilton will provide an update on the Business and Operations Plan for Auchmar
Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
Tourism Hamilton, Lister Block, 28 James St. N.

Heritage Comes Home

Saturday, February 20, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main St. W.
Heritage Fair with display tables from local heritage organizations including the HMHS
Awards presentation including the Heritage Volunteer Awards and the Rev. T. Melville Bailey Heritage Award at noon in Council Chambers



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HMHS June Outing 2016

The Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society's annual June Outing will take place on **Saturday, June 11, 2016**.

The bus trip includes a river cruise in Port Dover. We also plan to visit museums in Port Dover and Simcoe followed by a surprise stop on our way home.

Tickets are \$68.00 each including lunch at the famous Erie Beach Hotel. Excluding lunch, the cost is \$45.00 per person.

All tickets must be paid for by May 16th.

Please contact Tom Allan to reserve your seat.

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