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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.

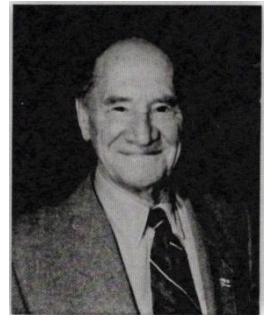
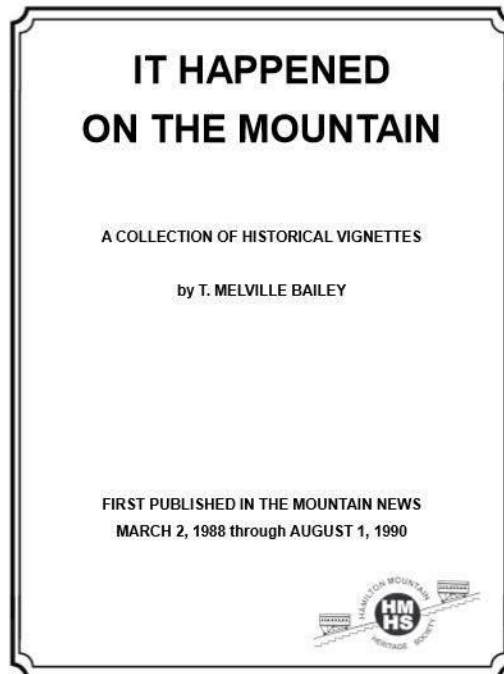
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It Happened on the Mountain

We are very happy to announce that we have a new publication titled *It Happened on the Mountain*.

From March 1988 to August 1990 the Rev. T. Melville Bailey, future founder of the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society, published a series of articles in *The Mountain News*. These articles cover a broad spectrum of people, places and events associated with Hamilton Mountain history and were accompanied by sketches created by Mel's wife, Janet.

The society has reprinted the collection of vignettes in a booklet which will be available for \$10 at our meetings and events.



Rev. T. Melville Bailey



Janet Bailey

Mount Hamilton Horticultural Society 90th Anniversary

On May 10, 1927, at Brown's Hall on Concession Street, the Mount Hamilton Improvement Association held a meeting of persons interested in gardening. This resulted in the formation of the Horticultural Society of Hamilton Heights.

Now known as the Mount Hamilton Horticultural Society, over the years the members have held flower shows and sales, awarded prizes and worked to beautify parks and public spaces on the Mountain.

The group chose the clematis vine as their symbol because it grows well in lime-rich soil, ideal for conditions found on the Mountain.



Meetings are held at Chedoke Presbyterian Church, 865 Mohawk Road West, Hamilton, at 7:30 p.m. on the third Friday of each month except May, Jul, Aug & Dec.

For more information the Society can be found on Facebook or contacted by email at MHHS6@gmail.com.

Auchmar Updates

- The National Trust for Canada held their annual conference in Hamilton this past October with over 500 delegates attending. As part of the programme, a bus tour of heritage sites on the Mountain was conducted by Diane Dent and Carolyn Samko including a tour of Auchmar.
- As part of Canada's 150th birthday celebrations, the City of Hamilton will receive an infrastructure grant of \$273,000 to cover one third of the cost of restoration work on the Auchmar House garden walls.
- The Friends of Auchmar will be presenting "Stories of Auchmar" at their spring meeting in late April. The date and location will be announced closer to the date.



Upcoming Programme Dates

Meetings of the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society, unless otherwise noted, are held at Olivet United Church, 40 Empress Avenue on the third Thursday of January, March, May, September and November. Occasionally special meetings are arranged in buildings of historical interest. All meetings begin at 7:30 pm and visitors are most welcome.

MAR 16, 2017 **Sackville Hill**

Marilyn Hill will speak about her grandfather Sackville Hill, who donated land and money to the City of Hamilton to develop the Mountain park named in his honour *Sackville Hill Memorial Park*.

MAY 18, 2017 **Rolston Neighbourhood**

Mark Raymond will speak on the Rolston Neighbourhood, which covers the area between Mohawk and the Linc from Upper James to Garth, and the new Neighbour 2 Neighbour Community Food Centre.

Test your "Mountain Memories"

The geology of the Niagara Escarpment creates unique challenges for Hamilton road builders.

This picture shows modern metal retaining walls installed along the new **Claremont Mountain Access Road**.

Nature prevailed over engineering when sections of the walls collapsed in 2012. Continued concerns with slope movement behind the walls have caused the closure of all down-bound lanes for urgent repairs to be completed later this year.

In what year did the *Hamilton Spectator* announce that "**Rock slides won't be a hazard on Hamilton's \$11 million Claremont Access**"?

a) 1956 b) 1961 c) 1966 d) 1971



[Photos taken by Gerald Little, posted on the Vintage Hamilton Facebook page]

Upcoming Events

Heritage Day 2017

Saturday, February 25
Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main St. W.
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Meet and greet representatives from local history and heritage organizations including the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society. Presentation of the T. Melville Bailey Award and Volunteer Recognition Awards will take place in the council chambers at noon followed by light refreshments.



United Empire Loyalist Association

Olivet United Church
40 Empress Ave.
Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.



Feb. 23: Evelyn Myrie, Black History Month
Mar. 23: Jean Rae Baxter, Governor and Lady Simcoe
Apr. 27: Dr. David Galbraith, Royal Botanical Gardens

Concession Street Fest 2017

Saturday, June 10
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.



The Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society will be in attendance at this popular annual event to meet with the public and sell our publications. Volunteers are welcome, please let us know if you can help out.

June Outing

There will be no June Outing bus trip for 2017. If you have any suggestions or would like to help plan a trip for 2018 please call or email Tom Allan at 905-575-9326 / tom.allan@bell.net

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.



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