



# Bailey's Bulletin

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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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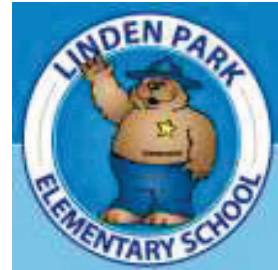
## Central Mountain School Closures

As students and teachers across Hamilton prepare for the annual summer holidays, the dismissal bell at three Mountain schools - Linden Park, Eastmount Park and Cardinal Heights - will ring for the final time.

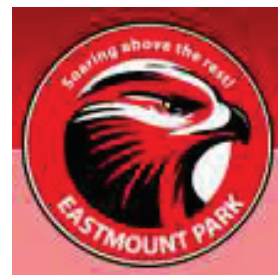
In September, the students from the closed schools will attend Franklin Road, G. L. Armstrong, Pauline Johnson, Queensdale and Ridgemount Schools.

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board is currently considering changing the names of these five schools and will announce their decision this June.

The Mountain Heritage Society believes that the existing school names have significance and are an important part of the identity of their former students. The names should not only be retained, they should be celebrated. We have written to the renaming committee and to the Hamilton Spectator to make our view known. A copy of the letter is posted on our website [www.hamiltonheritage.ca](http://www.hamiltonheritage.ca)



1957-2015



1959-2015



1963-2015



### Roll Call - closed schools across the Mountain

Union	Gage Avenue	Twin
Mohawk Trail	Brantdale	Ridge
Onteora	Crestwood	Southview
Inverness	Southmount	Comley
Vincent Massey	Caledon	Peace Memorial
Seneca	Ryckman's Corners	Sherwood Heights
Burkholder Drive	Thornbrae	Hampton Heights
Fernwood Park	Vern Ames	Hill Park
Barton		

## Heritage Comes Home

The annual Heritage Day event was held at Hamilton City Hall on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. Local heritage groups, including our society, set up displays for the public before the annual awards ceremony took place in the Council Chambers.

The Hamilton Historical Board announced Raymond “Rapid Ray” Lewis as the winner of the **Greatest Hamiltonian** contest for 2015. Ray Lewis (1910-2003) was a celebrated track and field athlete, and the first Canadian-born black Olympic medalist. A Mountain school was named in his honour in 2005. A public ceremony is planned for George Hamilton Day, Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Canadian Football Hall of Fame (58 Jackson St. W.) at 11 a.m.

The **Reverend T. Melville Bailey Heritage Award** for 2014 was awarded to Bill Manson. Bill is a retired educator and amateur historian who has written four books on local heritage.

Pearl and Bob Davie were selected by our society to receive **Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Association Volunteer Recognition Awards**. This dynamic duo joined the Society in 2002. In 2005 they volunteered to help out at Concession Streetfest, and have been at every one since. Pearl has a persuasive personality that she puts to good use: our organizer calls her an ‘outstanding salesperson’. It is thanks to great people like Pearl and Bob that the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society can have a public presence.



## In Memoriam

**Ron Francey** passed away on December 29, 2014 in his 96<sup>th</sup> year. He lived on the Mountain for over 80 years and was a good historian with a keen memory and great stories. He was a history advisor on the Publications Committee for *Mountain Memories*.

**Joseph Rymal Woolley** passed away on March 3<sup>rd</sup> in his 86<sup>th</sup> year. He was a descendant of Mountain pioneer William Rymal and was involved with our society in producing the Rymal Family Heritage plaque, located at the corner of Upper Paradise and Mohawk Rd. Recently he organized a petition requesting that the city rename Schwenger Park to honour the Rymal family.

## Concession Street Construction and Streetscape Project

The Concession Street Festival will not be taking place this year because of road and sidewalk construction. The project is scheduled to be completed by December of this year and the Society is looking forward to having our display tables set up at next year’s new and improved Streetfest.

In the meantime shops and restaurants along the street will continue to be open during the construction and would appreciate your business.

## 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.

**MAY 21, 2015                    Buchanan & Auchmar: A Man and his Manor**

Robin McKee will revisit the history of Isaac Buchanan and his home on the Mountain, Auchmar.

**SEP 17, 2015                    100 Years of Olivet Church**

Murray Aikman will speak on the centenary of Olivet Church.

**NOV 19, 2015                    Remembrance Day theme**

Stay tuned for more detailed info.

## 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](http://www.hamiltonheritage.ca).

## Test your “Mountain Memories”

Olivet United Church is celebrating their centennial this year. The first church pictured here opened in 1916.

In what year was the current church building dedicated?

- a) 1940            b) 1945            c) 1950            d) 1955

*The answer is on the last page of this newsletter.*

[Photo from page 34 of *Mountain Memories*]



## Upcoming Events

### Steel City Stories

Saturday, June 6th at 7:30 p.m.  
Olivet United Church, 40 Empress Ave.

An evening of storytelling featuring Hamilton-based speakers telling tales live without notes.

Tickets \$10 advance / \$12 at door  
For more info: [www.steelcitystories.ca](http://www.steelcitystories.ca)

### Young Homestead Heritage Site Plaque and Veteran of the War of 1812 Marker Unveiling Ceremony

Saturday, June 13th at 10:30 a.m.  
Ryckman's Neighbourhood Park  
(nearby street parking at DiCenzo Dr. and Trieste Pl.)

### Hamilton Mountain History

Saturday, June 6th at 2:00 p.m.  
Concession Street Library

Murray Aikman and Pat Saunders will be sharing and discussing the history of the Hamilton Mountain.

### United Empire Loyalist Day Ceremony

Friday, June 19th at 11:00 a.m.  
Art Gallery of Hamilton, 123 King St. W.

Keynote Speaker: Robin McKee  
[www.uel-hamilton.com](http://www.uel-hamilton.com)

### 10th Annual Canada Day Celebration hosted by Chris Charlton, MP

Wednesday, July 1st 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Mountain Drive Park  
(Concession at Upper Gage)

### Hamilton Mountain Farmers Market

May to November  
Saturdays 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
At the corner of Viewpoint & Mountain Park Avenues



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## June Outing

**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** is the date for the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society's annual June Outing.

The bus will depart from the Westmount Community Centre, 35 Lynbrook Dr. at 8:30 a.m. sharp.

Payment was due on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

For more information or to check if any spots are still available please call or email Tom Allan at 905-575-9326 / [tom.allan@bell.net](mailto:tom.allan@bell.net)

Answer: d) The current church was dedicated Jan. 23, 1955. Don't forget to come to our September meeting to hear more about Olivet United Church's history!