



Bailey's Bulletin

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Our Society's logo was designed by Jim Elliott, 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 Melville T. Bailey, who was a proud Mountain resident and founder of the HMHS.

Bailey's Bulletin is published three times per year.



The Henderson Name Lives On

The name of the hospital on the Mountain brow has been changed but thanks to the efforts of the HMHS the Henderson name will not disappear.

On May 27th new commemorative street signs will be unveiled declaring the streets around the hospital as "Nora Frances Henderson Circle".

The signs, which will sit atop the existing street signs feature green lettering on a white background with a picture of Ms. Henderson and her life dates: 1897-1949.

Hamilton City Council approved the designation and signs. Pat Saunders, on behalf of the members of the HMHS, worked collaboratively with Ward 7

Councillor Scott Duvall and his assistant Monique Taylor on this initiative.

Also in the works is a commemorative plaque honouring Nora. That application is to be brought to the Joint Plaquing Subcommittee this month.

Following the unveiling of the new street signs the HMHS will host a reception at St. Stephen on the Mount Anglican Church. We thank the congregation of that church for their generosity in opening their doors for this occasion.

All members of the public are invited to attend the unveiling, at the corner of Concession Street and Poplar Street on Friday, May 27th at 1 pm, and to enjoy the reception immediately following.

A Blast from Our Past

At the general meeting of May 2008 HMHS members were told about:

- *the upcoming centennial celebration of Concession Street and the play, written by Ronald MacDonald, based on the book "Our World's a Stage" to be performed during 'Concessionfest'
- *the release of fact sheets for each of the 15 wards in the city produced by the HHB
- *upcoming public meetings to discuss the redevelopment of the Mountain Plaza
- *that year's June Outing which would tour through the Dundas area

Michael Gemmel gave that evening's talk on Five Famous Hamilton Women. Some highlights from his talk:

Adelaide Sophia Hunter Hoodless (1858-1910): the mother of four children one of whom died in his first year after drinking contaminated milk. She helped found the YWCA in 1894 and rented the Customs House to accommodate cooking, sewing and housekeeping classes. With Mrs. Erland Lee she founded the Women's Institute.

Janet Robertson Chisholm was the first kindergarten teacher in Hamilton (1887) at Central Public School. She married Erland Lee and with Adelaide Hoodless drafted the constitution of the Women's Institute. Janet Lee School, in Stoney Creek, is named for her.

Alice Patterson Lee Freel (1889-1982) was the daughter of Janet and Erland Lee. She was the first woman in Stoney Creek to serve on municipal council, an appointed position. It was her family that lit up a Christmas tree at the top of the Punch Bowl, the inspiration for the cross that now stands there.

Sarah Calder founded The Women's Art Association of Hamilton. A great-great-granddaughter of the Gages she mortgaged her own home to purchase the Gage House for a museum. She was part of the group that erected the monument to the Battle of Stoney Creek and the statue of Queen Victoria.

Nora Frances Henderson (1897-1949) was the first woman elected to Hamilton Council on the slogan 'throwing money away today may land you in a breadline tomorrow'. She was the first executive secretary of the Association of Children's Aid Societies in Ontario. The Henderson hospital was named after her by Hamilton City Council and she was named to the Hamilton Gallery of Distinction in 1990.

From minutes of the general meeting of May 15, 2008 submitted by Lee Gowers

Where is Governor's Blvd? (answer on back page)

Important Dates and Programme for 2011

Meetings, 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 p.m. and visitors are most welcome.

MAY 19, 2011 *FROM TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH: THE STORY OF RUBY & TOM*

The Hamilton Historical Board has declared 2011 "The Year of McQuesten". Dr. Mary Anderson will speak to the importance of Thomas Baker and his family, including the often overlooked Ruby.

MAY 27, 2011 UNVEILING OF NEW STREET SIGNS & RECEPTION

JUNE 4, 2011 ANNUAL 'JUNE OUTING'

SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 ON THE MOUNTAIN

Join us for the debut showing of the new video "On the Mountain". Excerpts from the video will be viewed and the author and producer, Gary Kaulback, will respond to questions about this ambitious local history project.

****NOVEMBER 10, 2011 200 YEARS ON THE MOUNTAIN**

Join us as we help Barton Stone United Church celebrate its 200th anniversary as a congregation on Hamilton Mountain. Learn about the church's rich heritage back to the time of the Rymals and their involvement with the War of 1812.

***This meeting will take place in the sanctuary of Barton Stone Church at the corner of Upper James and Stonechurch.*

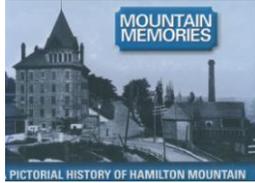
HMHS Memberships

The annual membership fee for the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society is \$20 for an individual or family. Visit Sandra at the next meeting to purchase or renew your membership - or submit your fee to our mailing address (see back of newsletter).

A warm welcome to our newest members:

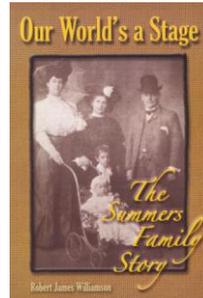
Jackie & Andy Beaudin, Joe Mielko, Wilfred Pugh, Susanne Noordyk & William Campbell, Marilyn & David Hardsand and Stewart Munghen.

Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society Publications



In its 4th and final printing this lovely hardcover coffee table book sells for \$35 per copy. With over 150 pages and 290 photos this book is a 'must have'. Get yours while the limited supplies last!

Authored by Robert Williamson, a past president of the HMHS, this fascinating book reveals the history of the Summers Family. Hamilton's first family of entertainment is commemorated by Summers Lane, beside Hamilton Place. The book includes many never-before-seen photographs and sells for \$10 per copy.



Also available:
Barton on the Mountain-by Mabel Burkholder-\$10
Reproduction maps of Wentworth County (1875) - \$10
Auchmar: the War Years, a DVD - \$15

Website about Hamilton Mountain Launched

April 27th saw the launch of a new website dedicated to Hamilton Mountain. The very fitting address is: www.hamiltonmountain.ca. There you will find current information, such as the time, weather and air quality reports, links to news publications and heritage resources as well as information about our natural resources. There's a page devoted to Auchmar as well as our own Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society. The site is devoted to all things 'Hamilton Mountain' and hopes to become a 'meeting place' for those who love the Mountain.

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It runs from Fennell Avenue West to West 5th Street behind Mohawk College.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Fee: \$20.00 per calendar year. (January to December)

Hand in OR mail to: Membership Secretary,
The Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society,
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