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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.

Bailey's Bulletin is published three times per year.



The 2012 Rev. T. Melville Bailey Heritage Award Winner: Murray W. Aikman

Founding member and past-president of the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society, Murray Aikman, was named winner of the 2012 Rev. T. Melville Bailey Heritage Award. The Hamilton Historical Board gives the award in recognition of lifetime achievements and significant contributions in the promotion and preservation of Hamilton's history and heritage. The announcement was made at the Heritage Day ceremony, held at City Hall, on February 11. Other HMHS members who have won this award are Stewart Leslie (2009) and Robert Williamson (2011).

Murray was born, raised and educated on the Mountain and is a proud descendent of United Empire Loyalists. He began his teaching career at Strathcona School where he developed an interest in the history of the school and its neighbourhood. That interest soon extended to the history of the Hamilton area and schools. An original member of the Board of Education Archives committee, he co-authored *150 Years of Excellence*, a history of the Hamilton Board of Education.

Strathcona Remembers, *Hamilton: Panorama of Our Past, Around and About Hamilton*, *On the Mountain*, *Vanished Hamilton*, and *Mountain Memories* are among the projects he has contributed to. Murray is a Life Member of the Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society, has served as vice-chair of the Hamilton Historical Board and chair of the MacNab Circle.

Murray has previously won two Volunteer Ontario awards (as a member of the HOTL and HMHS) and Hamilton Heritage volunteer awards as a member of the HMHS and the Friends of the Educational Archives.

Lee Gowers, HMHS President

HMHS in the Community

On the first weekend in May members of the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society represented the Society at three Mountain venues.

As in the past, the Society spent the Doors Open weekend at Auchmar, selling Auchmar posters and showing our DVD, "Auchmar: The War Years". One of the airmen featured in the video stopped by for a chat! Thanks to Pat Saunders, Bill King and Sandra Beveridge for their time and effort.

Staying with Doors Open our President, Lee Gowers, represented the Society on both Saturday and Sunday at the Mohawk Trail School Museum. She had with her a display related to our organization as well as hand-outs explaining the HMHS's activities. Among the visitors was a lady who had attended the school when all 8 grades were housed in the same room.

Finally, the HMHS participated in the 50th anniversary reunion for Westmount Secondary School. We had an information table in the school's foyer where we met with former students and familiar faces from our past. Information was distributed and publications sold. Thanks to Tom Allan and Ellen and Murray Aikman for being at the school.

Submitted by Murray Aikman

It Happened on the Mountain (reprised)

A number of years ago our society's founder, the Rev. T. Melville Bailey, authored a series of heritage articles pertaining to Hamilton Mountain. They were titled: "It Happened On The Mountain". Here is just one of those articles. Enjoy!

The "Asylum For The Insane"

Late in the 19th Century, where did the Province locate a centre for inebriates? It was on Isaac Buchanan's property, west of West 5th Street, on the mountain brow. Later, the institution became an Asylum for the Insane, with Dr. R.M. Bucke as the Superintendent.

On St. Patrick's Day, 1876, the Main Building was opened. Wings were added later, and it became known as the Barton Building. When just shy of 100 years old, it was closed in 1970 and demolished in 1975. The Barton Building was known to many as part of the Ontario Hospital complex.



May 24th: Victoria Day. Picture yourself riding up the Wentworth Street Incline to attend the Grand Opening of the Summers Theatre. The theatre survived 13 seasons. Would you have been attending the opening: a) 90 years ago? b) 100 years ago? or c) 110 years ago?

*The answer can be found on the last page or in **Our World's A Stage**.*

Programme Dates for 2012

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 17, 2012 SANE OR MADE INSANE?

A case study of 10 women admitted to the Hamilton Asylum (later the Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital) from 1876 to early 1900. Were they insane or made insane? That is the question! Dr. Christine Lei will be the guest speaker.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2012 A NIGHT AT THE ARCHIVES

Join us at the Educational Archives & Education Centre of the HWDSB as we mark the 130th year of the Mohawk Trail School. EAHC Manager John Aikman will explain the evolution of the Centre, followed by a tour of the facility.

NOVEMBER 15, 2012 THE RILEYS

Lt. Col. Isaac Buchanan was the first commander of 13th Battalion, later the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (RHLI), whose regimental march is Mountain Rose. Col. Peter Young will speak about the regiment that is celebrating 150 years of service to Canada.

JANUARY 17, 2013 OPEN MIC NIGHT

There is living history at every one of our meetings: this will be their chance to share stories of their lives on the Mountain and show off some artifacts. Expect to hear stories of schools, shopping, the war years and life on our Mountain.

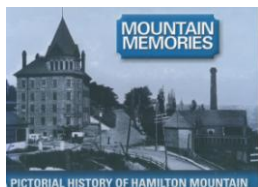
HMHS Memberships

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 Sandra at the next meeting to purchase or renew your membership - or submit your fee to our mailing address (see back of newsletter).

Welcome to our newest members:

Allan Case, Terry, Shelley & Paul Clarke, Matt Colella, Doug Farraway and Myles Wilson.

Mountain Memories



Get the answers to all the trivia questions used in the Bailey's Bulletin right from the source! 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'. Visit the publication table at the next meeting or call Pat at 905.383.1308.

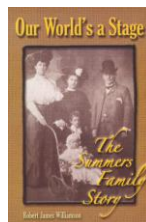
Also available:

Our World's a Stage - \$10

Barton on the Mountain-by Mabel Burkholder-\$10

Reproduction maps of Wentworth County (1875) - \$10

Auchmar: the War Story, a DVD - \$15



Changes on the Mountain

On May 7th Mother Teresa School adopted the new name "Blessed Teresa of Calcutta". The name reflects the beatification of Mother Teresa in 2003 by Pope John Paul II. The school has also chosen a new nickname, the Tigers, to honour the homeland of its namesake.

Also changing its name is Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha School on the East Mountain. Starting in the fall it will be known as "St. Kateri Tekakwitha", recognizing the canonization of the first North American aboriginal saint.

The last Sunday service to be held at Mount Hamilton United Church will take place on May 13th. It was March 17th, 1912, 100 years ago, that Mount Hamilton Methodist Church was established in its own building, the old Cotter's Hotel, with 74 adults and a Sunday School of 232 children.

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*(c) 110 years ago. Summers Theatre opened on May 24, 1902.
It was destroyed by fire on December 21, 1914.*



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

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

Hand in OR mail to: Membership Secretary,
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