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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.

## A Recognition of the Service of Private Jacob Hess

Jacob Hess, a member of one of the first families to settle on Hamilton Mountain, was honoured as a Veteran of the War of 1812 at a ceremony held on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at The Anglican Church of the Resurrection on Mohawk Road West. A memorial stone with plaques was unveiled at the rear of the church property beside a path leading to the small pioneer cemetery where Jacob and his parents Michael and Charity are buried. The Hess family, along with the Rymal, Smith and Kribs families were Loyalists from Pennsylvania who had migrated to Upper Canada in 1788, settling on land grants on the Mountain.

During the War of 1812, Jacob Hess served as a Private in the 5th Regiment Lincoln Militia along with his brothers Samuel and Peter, and a son-in-law David Almas, Sr.

The Anglican Diocese became responsible for the care of the cemetery when they purchased the property in 1959 to build a church, now named Church of the Resurrection.

The cemetery had become known as the Hess Cemetery due to the prominence of the three Hess gravestones. Sadly, in 1996 the stones were vandalized and smashed into pieces. The fragments have since been stored inside the church where they were reassembled and displayed after the ceremony.



## Photos from Jacob Hess Memorial Dedication



Stone with plaques honouring Private Jacob Hess for his service as a Veteran of the War of 1812



Ceremony with Lincoln Militia reenactors.



Gravestone fragments of Charity 1744-1808, Jacob 1776-1823 and Michael Hess 1740-1804 reassembled for display.

Family tree showing the descendants of Michael and Charity Hess.



Touring the Hess Cemetery where only one stone remains marking the resting place of Jane Snider 1781-1820



## Upcoming Programme Dates

Meetings of the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society, unless otherwise noted, are held 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.

### **November 21, 2019      Hamilton at War: the Homefront**

McMaster University Archivist Bridget Whittle will use archival material from McMaster University and the Hamilton Public Library Local History and Archives to explore the role of Hamiltonians at home and abroad during wartime.

### **January 16, 2020      Inuit Tuberculosis Treatment at the Hamilton Sanatorium**

Shawn Selway, author of *Nobody Here Will Harm You Mass Medical Evacuation From the Eastern Arctic, 1950-1965*

### **March 19, 2020      History of Chedoke Creek**

Local author John Terpstra will be speaking on his book 'Daylighting Chedoke' and his research into the history of the West Mountain area.

### **Please note our new meeting location:**

The South Gate Presbyterian Church  
120 Clarendon Ave.

Rear entrance door and parking lot can be accessed from Terrace Dr.

## Test your "Mountain Memories"

The Anglican Church of the Resurrection was formed in 2000 following the merger of two Mountain parishes.

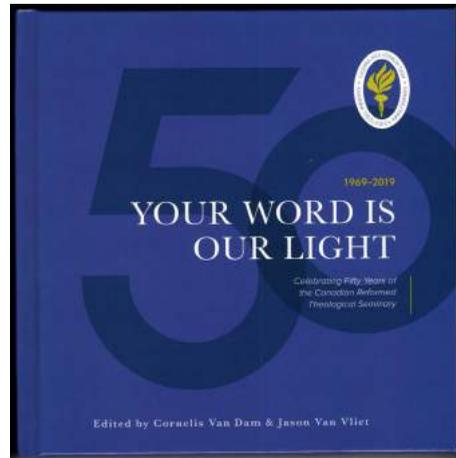
What were the original parish names?

The answer is on the last page of this newsletter.



## Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary 1969-2019

The Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary celebrated its Golden Anniversary at an Open House on September 7, 2019. Established by the federation of Canadian Reformed Churches, the CRTS teaches courses leading to degrees and diplomas in Theology and Divinity. The Seminary began in 1969 in a large home on Queen St. S. before moving to the Mountain in 1984. It is located on West 27<sup>th</sup> St. in the former Chedoke Presbyterian Church building built in 1961. A library addition was completed in 2000.



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### 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. Membership forms are available at: [www.hamiltonheritage.ca](http://www.hamiltonheritage.ca).

Answer: St. Timothy's, 63 Stone Church Rd. W.,  
(which was sold and is now St. Mari the Apostle  
Assyrian Church of the East and St.  
Bartholomew's, 435 Mohawk Rd. W. where the  
merged parish now worships.