

A publication of the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society Founded September 1996

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.

Chedoke Estate

The Chedoke Estate, also known as Balfour House, is one of the oldest heritage properties in the city. The manor house and grounds situated on the edge of the Mountain are almost hidden from view by the traffic passing by on Scenic Drive.

Few know that the estate is owned by the citizens of Ontario through the province's heritage agency, the Ontario Heritage Trust.

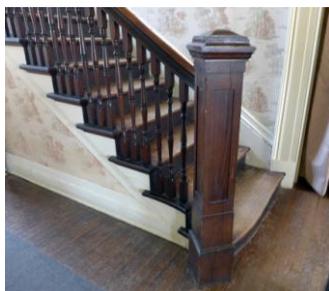
The oldest portion of the home was constructed of Mountain stone in 1836 for William Scott Burn. After passing through several owners, the estate was purchased in 1909 by William Southam, owner of the Hamilton Spectator, as a wedding gift to his only daughter Ethel and

her husband St. Clair Balfour II.

The Southam-Balfour family donated the property to the Trust in 1978 with the proviso that Ethel's daughter Wilson Baxter, who had been born in the home in 1915, remain as long as she wished. Wilson Baxter died in the home in 2013.

In May 2015 the estate was opened to the public for the first time as part of Doors Open and Museums Month. Visitors were able to walk the grounds, admire the view and tour the large empty rooms of the home.

The Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society has been in contact with the Trust and we hope to see the house remain accessible to the community as part of any future plans.



Remembering the Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital

On the grounds of the new Centre for Integrated Healthcare, between the parking lot and the Mountain brow, St. Joseph's Healthcare has incorporated remnants from the demolished buildings along with information panels explaining the history of the former buildings on the site. To see more artifacts about the evolution of the site from Asylum to Ontario Hospital to Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital, the Hamilton Museum of Mental Healthcare in the new hospital can be visited Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



Auchmar restoration



Although its future use is still undecided, work continues at the Auchmar Estate. Windows in the home have been rebuilt or replaced with historic replicas. Outside, the carriage way and portions of the stone walls have been repaired.



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.

NOV 19, 2015 **Wings Over the Waves**

Robert Williamson on **Canada's forgotten WWII naval hero**, Roy Baker-Falkner, who played a significant role in developing the effectiveness of the Fleet Air Arm and flew in the same squadron as Lt. Robert Hampton Gray VC who is honoured at the Warplane Heritage Museum.

JAN 21, 2016

MAR 17, 2016

MAY 19, 2016

2016 Topics and speakers to be announced.

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.

Test your “Mountain Memories”

September marks the 15th anniversary of the demolition of Bellevue despite the historic Mountain limestone home being designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. The overgrown lot sits empty today on Belvedere Avenue, which was named for the belvedere lookout on the roof of Bellevue. This embellishment was added in the late 1800s when Joseph Pim owned the house.

Mr. Pim is also remembered for donating the land for which historic Mountain church?

- a) Barton Stone United b) Chalmers Presbyterian
- c) Olivet United d) Holy Trinity Anglican



Upcoming Events

Olivet United Church Centennial

100th Anniversary Service Oct. 18, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Congregational Luncheon at 1:00 p.m. (contact church to purchase luncheon tickets 905-385-5305) Centennial cookbooks, t-shirts and pens are also available.

Digitize Your Memories at the Library

Learn how to preserve your old photos, negatives and home movies.

Concession Oct. 14 @ 2:00 p.m.

Turner Park Sep. 23 & Nov. 4 @ 10:00 a.m.

Terryberry Feb. 4 @ 2:30 p.m.

Call library branch to register beginning one week before event.

Hamilton Mountain: Then and Now

Tues. Oct. 6, 2015 6:30 p.m.

The Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society will share photos and interesting facts about the Hamilton Mountain.

Concession Library - 565 Concession Street

Please Call: 905-546-3415 to register beginning one week before event

United Empire Loyalists' Association Hamilton Branch

Monthly meeting featuring a past winner of the Dominion UEL scholarship, Tim Compeau

Thursday Oct. 22, 2015 @ 7:30 p.m.
Olivet United Church, 40 Empress Ave.



P.O. Box 60506,
Mtn. Plaza R.P.O.
Hamilton ON L9C 7N7
hamiltonheritage1@gmail.com

www.hamiltonheritage.ca



Save the Date!

The Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society's annual June Outing is being planned for **Saturday June 11, 2016**.

The bus trip will include a river cruise and lunch in Port Dover. We also plan to visit museums in Port Dover and Simcoe followed of course by a surprise stop on our way home.



Answer: c) Joseph Pim donated the land for Olivet United Church which is celebrating its centennial this year.