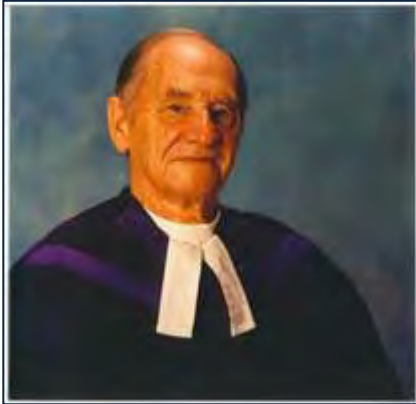




Hamilton



**Rev T. Melville Bailey**  
**1912 - 2005**

#### THE REVEREND T. MELVILLE BAILEY HERITAGE AWARD

The Reverend T. Melville Bailey Heritage Award is given annually (as warranted under the criteria) in recognition of lifetime achievements and significant contributions in the promotion and preservation of Hamilton's history and heritage.

A wide range of achievements are eligible. Volunteers and professionals will be considered on an equal basis. Contributions to the promotion and preservation of Hamilton's history and heritage can include any or all of the following:

- Publications or contributions to other media (including but not limited to documentaries, plaques, web-based communications and public or community art)
- Active service on related committees, boards, commissions, special events, projects, etc.
- Preservation and promotion of a site, event or figure
- Advocacy
- Fundraising
- Other relevant contributions
- Note: these contributions should be significant and relevant to the community at large.

#### CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD - AWARD NOMINEES MUST:

- Be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant
- Be (or have been) a resident of the City of Hamilton or its adjacent communities and counties.
- The nominee must have at least ten years of active involvement in the promotion and preservation of Hamilton's history and heritage. The award will not be given for single projects although such projects will certainly be considered in a nominee's lifetime record.
- Be recognized and respected by their peers.

#### NOMINATORS MUST SUBMIT IN THE FILLABLE FORM BELOW:

- Resume of the Nominee including specifics of his/her promotion and preservation of Hamilton's history and heritage.

- Listing of nominee's support materials (i.e. print material, video, photographs, etc.) which need to be submitted in hard copy
- Three (3) persons of reference complete with physical address, email address, and telephone contact information. References will be contacted during the adjudication process. Alternatively, three (3) letters of support can be submitted in hard copy by persons of reference.
- Nominator's Statement of Contribution and Achievement: describe, in no less than 250 words and no more than 500 words, why you are nominating this individual for the City of Hamilton Reverend T. Melville Bailey Heritage Award. Focus on the Nominee's achievements and his/her contribution to the promotion and preservation of the City of Hamilton's history and heritage.

ADJUDICATION: The adjudicating committee will be made up of one member of Hamilton City Council, one curator from a Hamilton Civic Museum, one member of the heritage community, and the Manager of Heritage Resource Management for the City. The recipient will receive an art piece appropriate to the spirit of Reverend Bailey and his contributions to Hamilton.

**DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2020 - Incomplete Applications will not be considered.**

Please submit application and all materials by email attachment (no larger than 10 megabytes per email.

Multiple emails accepted) to: [credford@hamilton.ca](mailto:credford@hamilton.ca)

For enquiries, please call 905-546-2424 EXT 4688

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BAILEY AWARD

C/O HERITAGE PRESENTATION COORDINATOR

CITY OF HAMILTON, TOURISM AND CULTURE DIVISION

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(In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and protection of Privacy Act, The City of Hamilton is committed to protecting the privacy and confidentiality of your personal information. The information that you provide to us will be used only in the evaluation process of the City of Hamilton Reverend T. Melville Bailey Heritage Award.)



## REV T. MELVILLE BAILEY 1912 - 2005

Thomas Melville Bailey was born on 17 November 1912 at 31 Davenport Street, adjacent to Dundurn Castle. He attended Westdale Collegiate and Hamilton Central Collegiate Secondary Schools. He was active in track and field, training under Captain John Cornelius at Central Collegiate and the Hamilton Olympic Club. In his working life, he began as a driver and clerk for the Canadian Pacific Express Company. He was very active in Erskine Presbyterian Church and by 1945, was Superintendent of the Sunday School and a church elder. In 1949 he was admitted to Knox College at the University of Toronto. In that same year he was appointed student minister of the Presbyterian congregation that met in the old Barton Township Hall (later the Buchanan Lodge Hall) on Upper James Street. He was ordained in 1952 and appointed to minister to the group that built South Gate Presbyterian Church in 1954.

Mel Bailey's contributions to Hamilton heritage began with his first book *The History of Dundurn Castle and Sir Allan MacNab*, published in 1943. In 1949, he wrote a brochure entitled "Erskine Presbyterian Church Sunday School 75th Anniversary". From 1958 to 1988, he served as the editor of *Wentworth Bygones*, published by the Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society, which he helped found in 1944. Between 1968, when his book *The Laird of Dundurn* was published, and 2002, he wrote, edited and/or contributed to numerous books and articles dealing with Hamilton's heritage. In addition he served on several heritage boards and committees. Arguably, his most important contribution was the *Dictionary of Hamilton Biography*. Beginning with Volume I, which was published in 1980, and culminating with Volume IV, published in 1999, the *Dictionary of Hamilton Biography* remains the only local biographical dictionary of its kind to be published in Canada. He published several historical accounts for the Presbyterian Church in Canada including: the four volumes of *Called to Witness*; the two volumes of *Gifts and Graces* and *Wee Kirks and Stately Steeples*. For many years, he and his wife Janet were the editors of the Knox College magazine.

Over the years, Mel Bailey received many awards and citations. Among them:

- Doctor of Divinity Degree, Knox College, Toronto (1990)
- Archivist Emeritus, Presbyterian Church of Canada (1992)
- Hamilton Gallery of Distinction (1994)
- Province of Ontario Volunteer Service Award (2000)
- Chairman Emeritus, MacNab Circle (2000)
- Commemorative Medal for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee (2002)

Thomas Melville Bailey passed away on 29 January 2005 at the age of ninety-two. His friend and colleague, The Reverend Dr. John Johnston ended the funeral address with the following summation of Mel Bailey's life:

Dr. Bailey's thirty-one year ministry at South Gate Church, his forty-five books and articles, the plaques that adorn the historic sites of this city, the sermons delivered, addresses presented to the Canadian Society of Presbyterian History, historical societies and organizations, the example he set for all of us -

his personal piety, a listener, a gentle soul, a quick wit a master of the one liner, always self-effacing, ready to step back and give others the credit, a friend to all, we honour his memory .  
How he lives on in each of us touched by this great and good man.

PAST REVEREND T.MELVILLE BAILEY AWARD WINNERS

- 2009 Stewart Leslie
- 2010 Jim Green
- 2011 Bob Williamson
- 2012 Murray Aikman
- 2013 Anne Jarvis
- 2014 J. Katherine Greenfield
- 2015 Bill Manson
- 2016 Dr. Mary Anderson
- 2017 Margaret Houghton
- 2018 Robin McKee
- 2019 Patricia Saunders



REVEREND T. MELVILLE BAILEY HERITAGE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME OF NOMINEE:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

NAME OF NOMINATOR:

FULL ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

AS NOMINATOR FOR THE CITY OF HAMILTON REVEREND T. MELVILLE BAILEY HERITAGE AWARD, I DECLARE THAT I AM OF THE AGE OF MAJORITY (19) AND HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD FOR WHICH I AM NOMINATING A CANDIDATE. I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS NOMINATION IS ACCURATE AND COMPLETE, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, AND I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE DECISION OF THE REVEREND T. MELVILLE BAILEY AWARD JURY IN SELECTING THE AWARD RECIPIENT.

NOMINATOR'S ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE:

DATE:

[IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MUNICIPAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT, THE CITY OF HAMILTON IS COMMITTED TO PROTECTING THE PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION. THE INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE TO US WILL BE USED ONLY TO ASSIST IN THE IN THE EVALUATION OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON REVEREND T. MELVILLE BAILEY HERITAGE AWARD].

NOMINEE'S CURRICULUM VITAE/PROFESSIONAL RESUME:

NOMINATOR'S STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION AND ACHIEVEMENT (250 - 300 WORDS):

PLEASE LIST THREE (3) PERSONS OF REFERENCE

REFERENCE #1

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TITLE:

RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE:

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