

Cliffside Historical Society

Gathering

Rededication of the Haynes Memorial Tower

October 8, 2010

As the years go by...

"...it will continue to look out over the housetops of Cliffside, and at the river as it goes under the bridge, and wanders on to where the wooded hills run down to its edge."—Ina Fortunc Haynes

Our clock was made in 1920 by E. Howard and Company. Founded in 1842, Howard was the premier tower clock manufacturer in this country. Charles H. Havnes wanted the best to honor his departed father.

Howard's tower clocks were always made to order, and the parts of each were hand fitted. All the parts were stamped with the last number of the clock's serial number (ours is #3578), and were not interchangeable with another clock's. This type represents only 10-15% of all those made by Howard. That's one reason they are so valuable and rare.

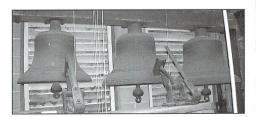
Ours is a "quarter chiming" clock, one that chimes each quarter-hour. It features the "Westminster chimes," the melody that peals from London's famous Big Ben.

The bronze-copper bells, cast at the Mencely foundry in Troy, New York, were the very finest available. Mencely's bells still ring across the land.

With time out in 1976 for its old tower to be demolished and a new one built, this old clock kept good time until 1992. Finally, worn and fired, it ground to a halt. A three-month \$10,000 restoration process ensued. Its gears, wheels, chains, levers, spindles, shims, screws and fittings were cleaned, rebuilt and reassembled.

And so it chimed for another 18 years, hanging on like Cliffside itself.

Now, another expensive overhaul has taken place, and its bells ring out again. Our Society is determined that—with your help—the old clock will provide "Cliffside time" far into the future.



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• Praver

Rev. Joey Cantrell

Rev. Cantrell is pastor of the Cliffside Baptist Church.

· Honor Guard

A military honor guard will present and raise a U.S. flag that has flown over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. The audience will participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of the Map Display

Robin Lattimore

Author and historian Robin Lattimore is president of the Rutherford County Historical Society and a member of the Cliffside Historical Society.

Unveiling of the Plaque

Lt. Gov. Walter Dalton

Lt. Gov. Dalton, from Rutherfordton, is a great grandson of R.R. Haynes. His grandfather Walter Haynes, who be visited often, lived next door to the old R.R. Haynes home.

Rededication of the Clock

Bill Masters

Masters was General Manager of Cone Mills' Cliffside plant when the tower was built in 1978. He will speak on the legacy of R.R. Haynes.

• The Clock Restoration

Reno Bailey, Jim Van Orsdel

Bailey is creator of the Remember Cliffside website and author of the book Cliffside: Portrait of A Carolina Mill Town. VanOrsdel is a Charlotte clock maker who, in a span of 18 years, has twice restored our clock.

• Veterans Salute & Closing Comments

Phillip White

Phillip, archivist of all things Cliffside and retired principal of Cliffside School, will acknowledge the patriotic sacrifice of all veterans. He will play an early 1970's recording of Polly Scrugge Moore reading a short portion of "The Town Clock" followed by the tolling of the bells from the old R.R. Haynes Memorial Building.

· At the church

The Society will honor Mrs. Myrtle Greene Mashburn for her long years of service to the people of Cilffishe. She has taught music and directed choirs for much of her adult life. There will be a short interview with Myrtle followed by former student comments and musical renditions.

Our Thanks

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