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Out of the Attic

Marking Time

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Image: Hayman's after the flood of 1963. Photo, Office of Historic Alexandria.

In August 1963, flood waters devastated Arlandria after heavy rains and clogged drainage pipes caused Four Mile Run to overflow its banks. More than 30 businesses, including Hayman's on Mount Vernon Avenue, suffered severe damage when debris and mud ravaged their shops. After washing what little merchandise could be salvaged, the Arlandria Merchants Association hosted a "Flood 'n Mud" sale. Sporadic but severe flooding plagued Arlandria into the late 1970s until a \$50 million flood control project was completed.



"Out of the Attic" is published each week in the Alexandria Times newspaper. The column began in September 2007 as "Marking Time" and explored Alexandria's history through collection items, historical images and architectural representations. Within the first year, it evolved into "Out of the Attic" and featured historical photographs of Alexandria.

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