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Deceased: PENNINGTON HAILE, 79; HELPED DARTMOUTH OBTAIN MOUNTAIN LAND

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HANOVER, N.H. - Pennington Haile, a 1924 Dartmouth College graduate and former faculty member who was instrumental in the purchase of most of 4500 acres the college owns on 4810-foot high Mt. Moosilauke - known as "Dartmouth Mountain" - died Saturday in Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital. He was 79.

Because of Mr. Haile's efforts, Dartmouth College owns and maintains the summit and the full circle of the southeasterly slope of the mountain and its adjoining peak.

A plaque was dedicated to Mr. Haile on the South Peak on Sept. 9, 1966. He had climbed the mountain more than 100 times. "He was one of the best friends Dartmouth out-of-doors ever had. He had a deep devotion to Dartmouth's Mountain," said Charles A. Merrill, Dartmouth's director of outdoor affairs.

A resident of Norwich, Vt., Mr. Haile was a Baltimore native. He earned his bachelor's degree from Dartmouth, and his master of arts from Harvard

College in 1925. After teaching philosophy and English at Dartmouth from 1926 to 1931 he received a doctorate from Harvard in 1935.

He lectured on world peace and traveled widely. He studied the old League of Nations and was assistant director of the League of Nations Assn.

In 1965, Mr. Haile purchased 1180 acres in the Jobildunc Ravine area, which is a true glacial cirque similar to the better-known Tuckerman's Ravine and Great Gulf on Mt. Washington.

Included in that purchase was Moosilauke's East Peak, a rocky shoulder on the southernmost peak of the White Mountains.

And in 1979 a purchase of 2375 acres was financed by Mr. Haile and the Culpepper Foundation. This expanded Dartmouth's holdings to include the so-called "Blue Ridge Tract" and more than doubled Dartmouth's Moosilauke holdings.

He was a member of the Moosilauke Advisory Committee and the Appalachian Mountain Club.

He leaves no survivors.

A memorial service will be held later.

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