



***The Family Matriarch: Mary Fultz***

Mary Robinson, born in 1841, was from one of Sackville's earliest, settling families. She met, was courted, accepted the proposal of and married Bennett Fultz. She not only went from being a member of one founding family to being a member of one of Sackville's other significant founding families that settled in the area, but she also became an active participant in community service.



**The above scene depicts Sackville on the corner of where the two “Great Roads” of Nova Scotia met in the 1800’s. It is an original piece of art, painted by Jean Watson and the rights to the picture are held by the Fultz House Museum. The white house on the far right is the Bennett and Mary Fultz home that houses the Fultz House Museum today.**

Bennett and Mary Fultz built their house (what is now the Fultz House Museum) on what was known as Fultz Corner in the 1860s. She lived a modest life. She cared for and raised a large family with the resources she had at her disposal.

Bennett and Mary had eight children, Winifred, Annie, Jane, Mary, Francis, Herman, George and Thomas. Bennett with his brother George operated a carriage shop on the property.



**Mary Fultz is pictured above with her son, Herman Fultz.**

Bennett and Mary Fultz were active community citizens. It was with great sadness that Bennett died in 1910 when he was eighty-four years old.

Mary operated a post office from the kitchen window of her quaint home up until 1928. Bennett had operated the post office as well at one point.



**The back of the Fultz home where the post office was run from the kitchen window.**

Mary's position in running and handling the daily postal operations, highlighted the role that women could have in the workplace. The work was more than cooking, cleaning and caring for children. This work was an important service for the community. She connected families with loved ones through the passage of the written word with one stamp at a time.

Mary Fultz passed away in 1928 at the age of eighty-six.



**Mary Fultz's headstone in the St. John  
the Evangelist Anglican Church.  
Photo courtesy of Darryl Spidell.**

The house stayed in the family until the death of their daughter Jane Emily Fultz in the 1940's.



**The picture above is of the Fultz home, circa the 1920's.**