



**Sadie Thomas
(1881-1970)**

The stories surrounding Sackville's education system are widespread, from travelling in the nippy days of February to recalling the memory of hearing fingernails scrape across blackboards. It is in hearing these types of stories and the histories of the schools themselves that one realizes how Sackville schools have been rather special. There have been many talented and wonderful women who crafted innovative lessons that taught intuitive life lessons.

Not only was Alexander Gray Schultz blessed with the birth of a daughter, but the people of Sackville, along with future generations, received the great fortune of one Sarah Schultz being born.

One of Sackville's most remarkable teachers was born in 1881. Known as Sadie by her friends and loved ones, Sadie lived a remarkable life. She had to quickly adapt and be able to use her abilities and skills to care for her family, after her husband Harry passed away. Harry was the son of Elijah Thomas and brother to mill operator Ed Thomas. Sadie supported her family by being a teacher at the Lower Sackville School located on the Old Sackville Road.

The community grieved and mourned when she died in 1970 at the age of 88. Former students spoke fondly of her lessons and her nurturing nature.