

Shultz Bomber Canteen and Gas Station



Aerial photograph of the Shultz
canteen and gas station

Earl and Stella Shultz owned a gas station and canteen on Sackville Drive. The property was home to a World War II bomber plane that served as a canteen. The Bomber Canteen was a favorite spot for many people, young and old to get ice cream and other treats from all over the area. Earl Shultz bought the plane shortly after the war, removed the wings and transported it in the middle of the night to the property where he reattached the wings. He joked about how the plane landed on the property in the middle of the night. This was also the site of Sackville's first Esso station.

The Shultz
bomber
plane
canteen



Shultz Irving Station

The Irving gas station was operated by Irving Schultz and Jack Hankey on Sackville Drive. The gas station moved by 1950 to a new building at Fultz Corner and continued to operate until 1973.



Shultz and
Hankey
Irving
station
circa 1940

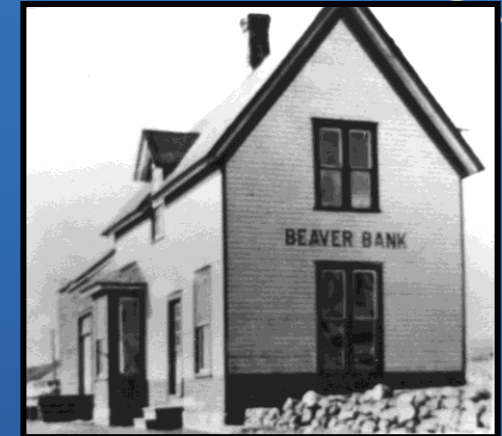
The Quarry

The Quarry (see picture below) was located where Lawtons Drugs is today at the foot of Riverside Drive around 1940. It was a common spot for kids and teenagers to swim, learn to skate and play hockey in the wintertime. Across the road had been George Hiltz's store and since the 1960's Hellas Restaurant.



Most times in winter the small pond would be crowded with skaters. Earl Schultz's World War II era Hudson Bomber plane sat beside the pond and in snowy weather you could tie skates under the wing to be out of the weather.

Sackville Destinations



Beaver Bank Station

The Beaver Bank Station (as seen above) was built in the mid 1850s after the railway came to Sackville. Joseph Howe, the first chief commissioner of the Nova Scotia Railway committee believed that it would benefit the economy of the province. It did exactly that and by 1858, the first regular rail service was running from Halifax to Windsor. This gave the rural communities a chance to travel to Halifax and sell their goods quicker than by horse and wagon. The station operated until 1956.

FULTZ HOUSE MUSEUM

Acadia Hall

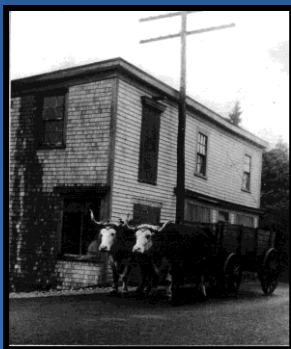
Acadia Hall started as a recreational building for the Sackville community in 1924. It was built mostly by donations from the community. Members went door to door looking for people to donate building supplies. Most of the funds came from community picnics and ballgames that were held on the property. Once built this building was home to many community get-togethers, weddings, meetings and even talent shows. Local talent would come and attract many people from all over to enjoy.



Photograph taken
of a picnic at
Acadia Hall

The Elijah Thomas Store

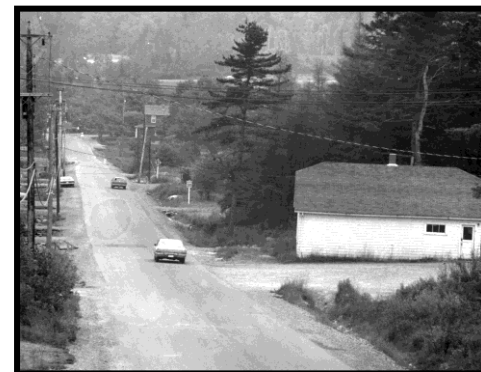
Elijah Thomas' General store was a well-known store in Sackville. Built in 1904, people would go to the store to buy many types of merchandise including the barrels of molasses that were sold out of the loft. The building was located on the highway to Windsor between the houses of Sadie Thomas and Gordon Carter. The store later closed and was torn down in 1922.



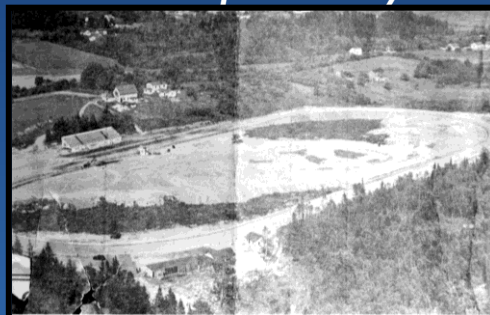
A team of oxen waits
outside Elijah
Thomas' store

Fader's Store

Duncan Fader had acquired some property in 1927 and started as a grocer. The business expanded to sell meats and general grocery items after 1929. The business included delivering groceries door to door in the surrounding communities. This was done originally by horse and wagon and later by a Dodge truck that he bought in 1941. Duncan's son Archie joined the business and the delivery service and continued to work for his father delivering groceries until 1970. A store was also around at the time that was originally located in the root cellar of the old house. It was later moved to a building along the crossroad (as seen to the right) in 1947.



The Sackville Raceway and Speedway



The Old Sackville Road was home to the first harness racing track (as seen above) in Sackville. Then owned by Charles Walker, the farm property was turned into a half mile track for horses to train on after the exhibition grounds was occupied by the military to use during World War II. The first race opened in 1946 and the track continued to have 3-4 races every year and over 60 horses trained on the track. Walker had eight standard bred horses they raced every week around the Maritimes. In the middle of the raceway was a quarter mile track for stock car racing called the Sackville Speedway. The harness racing track closed in 1954 and the Sackville Speedway ran until 1956.

Blackburn Store and Shopping Center

Started in 1935 by Mr. Ted B. Blackburn and his sister Florence, the Blackburn store was located near the site of the Twelve Mile House Inn, on the corner of Sackville Drive and Cobequid Road. In 1940, Ted expanded some of his business into the building across Sackville Drive. By the 1960s, the building grew into a three-story building that sold dry goods on the top floor, groceries on the main floor and hardware and feed in the basement. Appliances, clothing, building supplies and furniture were also sold.



Ted B.
Blackburn's
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shopping
center