

## **Sister Rita MacLennan**

Rita lived in South Side Cape George from September, 1948, to June 1949. From the first of September until Halloween, she lived at the home of Florence MacEachern whose husband, Edward, had died the year before. Three of Florence's children, Greta, Magdalen, and Wendell were in school. The youngest son was too young to be in school. From the day after Halloween, until the end of June in 1949, she lived at the home of Bessie Ballantyne.

In the years between 1949 and 2004, Rita has lived in the following places; where she taught school, studied or worked. They were, Antigonish County, Eskasoni, Dingwall, Main-A-Dieu, St. Peter's, Vancouver, Kamloops, Spokane, Lethbridge, Boston, Calgary, Toronto, New Waterford, and Antigonish (town.). Her original home was in Grand Mira, Cape Breton.

She seldom remained in Cape George for the weekends, and never for holidays. Her involvement in the community special events was minimal. She remembers the spring fishing season as a busy and important time. Most community gatherings were postponed until fishing season was over.

As younger people owned cars, there were always dances and parties to attend to in the fall, and outdoor skating and hockey games in the winter. People enjoyed visiting neighbors, and sometimes there would be card games.