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HELP US MAP YOUR PEOPLE

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Announcing a major legacy project by the Nova Scotia heritage community to build out the genealogy of the A. F. Church maps. These late 19th century maps, one for each county, are uniquely valuable for locating the names and precise geographical location of each household at that time. We can now use this information to map our ancestors.

We are grateful to all those who gave us donations of these magnificent maps. So far, we have conserved and digitized maps for Antigonish, Hants, and Halifax counties with the generous help of Library & Archives Canada. We now need help in matching the names and locations on these maps with the 1881 census. Based on what we know at this point, it looks like the names on the maps represent all ethnicities in the different parts of the province, and we can look forward to mapping each of these peoples.

We need “doers”, “knowers”, and “benefactors”: doers who can lead the research and work with the computer matching we need, knowers who are sources of community memory about which ancestors lived just where, and benefactors who can help with funding the project.

Led by a coalition of heritage organizations – West Hants Historical Society, the Heritage Association of Antigonish, East Hants Historical Society, the Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia, and the KITH Observatory – this is truly a Nova Scotian adventure for all those interested in our heritage.

About KITH

KITH is a data management company operating in the heritage sector, majority-owned by several Nova Scotian genealogical, historical and civil society organizations. We manage and maintain a digital archive, and provide programming, geomatics, scanning, and image processing services.

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