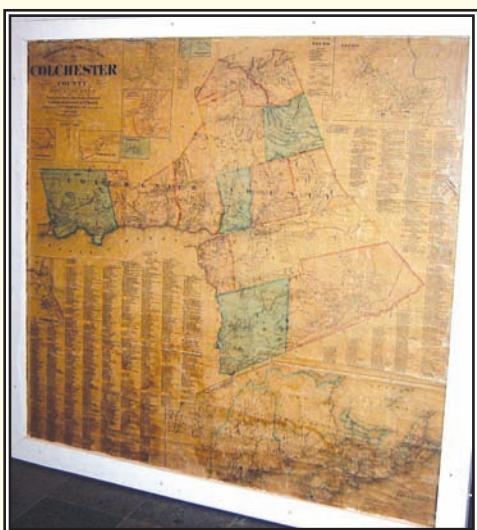


# Historic Sites

## A.F. CHURCH MAP



The Shoreline Journal, in collaboration with the Colchester Historical Society Archives, have inaugurated an ongoing feature utilizing a combination of the digital "A. F. Church Maps" to pin point the circa 1875 location of a Colchester site of historical importance, and connect it to an archival photograph of that site, in that frame.

This article, "Historic Sites" has been published in the "Shoreline" for the past three years, and features period photographs of interesting sites along the Cobequid shore, homes, stores, hotels, mines, bridges, etc. The photographs are reinforced with a map location, taken from the famous "Church" map of Colchester County.

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# TECHNOLOGY & PROGRESS

## Survey Concludes Nova Scotia Less Attractive

The Fraser Institute's annual global survey of mining executives shows Nova Scotia continues to be seen as the least attractive jurisdiction in the country, and provincial government policies are a major reason.

The report shows for the fifth year in a row, survey respondents said Nova Scotia is the least attractive province in Canada in which to invest. The report also says Nova Scotia's regulatory and policy environment, called a "report card to governments" by the survey, is a big part of the problem. Nova Scotia's ranking on the Policy Perception Index fell from 12th in the world in 2012 to 29th in 2013.

"Several recent reports have highlighted the industry needs more support from the provincial government to help us grow and create jobs for Nova Scotians," said Sean Kirby, Executive Director of MANS. "We need the government to lower the cost of operating here and to fix policies that are hurting the industry. The first thing the government should do is give us in the spring budget the same fuel tax rebate that other resource industries get."



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## Glooscap 4-H Club Enjoys Sleigh Ride



Gordon Lewis, Bass River generously volunteered to take the Glooscap Trail 4-H Club on a sleigh ride. (Emily Prescott Photo)

By Emily Prescott

In 1864, the province of Nova Scotia commissioned the cartography firm of A.F. Church and Co. "to produce topographic maps of each of the eighteen Nova Scotia counties, these maps show the roads and highways, locate the homes and owners, and also locate the schools, blacksmith shops, ship yards and other businesses in operation at the time of the survey". The County seat, Truro, and several other communities, such as Tatamagouche, Great Village, Stewiacke, Brookfield, Londonderry Mines were given a "blow up" of the main part of the community. Starting with Halifax County in 1864, the "Church" Company worked its way through the counties completing Colchester in 1874. The maps are a "snapshot" of what the map maker saw the day he rode his horse and buggy though the countryside. For a fee, home owners and businesses could have their names listed, which show up on the map as printed text.

The Colchester archives have several original copies of the county map, which are in "window blind" format and were hung in many schools and public buildings. From copies of the original maps, Jane Wile has produced enlarged, encapsulated maps in 11x18 formats. There are thirty-eight separate maps, each covering a portion of the county, which are for sale at the Archives for \$10.00 each.

Pictured here is an original, coloured, framed copy of the Colchester "Church" map, a recent gift, which will soon be on display on the Archives walls.

Dick Akerman has been compiling information on behalf of the Colchester Historical Museum Archives, and is published monthly in the Shoreline Journal.

got to practice their public speaking skills.

As the winter hopefully comes to an end for the year, the 4-H year is getting underway. Project meetings have all begun and are going well, as members plan their projects out. The club rally was held on March 4th, where members

Members are selling an assorted mix of chocolate bars at a price of \$2.00/ per bar. We graciously thank anyone who helps support us with this fundraiser, in helping to fund 4-H.

Emily Prescott is reporter for the Glooscap Trail 4-H Club

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