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HOW TO REMOVE MOST COMMON STAINS FROM STAMPS USING COMMON HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
by Harry Bantock

A presentation was given to the Hub City Stamp Club (Nanaimo) by Robin Clarke, the president of Victoria Stamp Club. The following represents notes taken during that presentation. No responsibility whatsoever is taken for the methods suggested, even though they were very successfully demonstrated. [Editor's Note: In other words, you might want to experiment on a cheap or damaged stamp first to see if it works, before trying it on a good stamp.]

Items required: An electric iron, set for linen, with hardly any steam.
A piece of very clean, fairly stiff white card, about 12" sq.
One or two paper towels.
Two or three small containers about 7 to 10 cm diameter and 2.5 to 5 cm deep. Small metal foil trays of the type used for baking are ideal.
Some bleach (Robin always uses Javex but says any will do).
Some benzene, lighter fluid, or watermark detector fluid.
Clean lukewarm water.
A weak solution of vinegar and water.

Scotch tape/Selo tape: It seems there are at least six or seven different types of sticky tape, maybe more. Most of them can be removed but not all. In general you will never know beforehand whether or not you are going to be successful. The secret is patience; very slowly and carefully. Place the stamp that has the offending tape on it into one of the small containers. Pour benzene (or substitute) liberally over it. Swish the stamp around in the fluid thoroughly. Leave it for five or ten minutes, then swish around again. Leave for another five minutes, then remove from solution, shake dry, and VERY GENTLY try to prise up one corner of the tape. If it does not come away from the stamp easily, put back into fluid. Add more solution if necessary. Although most unlikely, make sure the benzene is not taking any colour from the stamp. Keep repeating the operation every few minutes until the tape finally starts to lift. Do not hurry to finish removing the tape; peel slowly. The benzene has soaked between the stamp and the tape. Make sure the stamp is not tacky from the glue from the tape. Wash lightly in warm water, then allow stamp to dry. Very old sticky tape that has dried and gone brown, possibly even fallen off, but still left nasty marks (as on covers repaired) is almost impossible to remove.

Colours found after soaking from a red, green, blue, or brown envelope: Mix a solution of Javex and the lukewarm water (10% - 20% Javex) in one of the clean metal cups. Place stamp, which has already been soaked off paper but has retained offending colour, into the solution. Completely cover but just for a few minutes. Swish stamp around, remove it, and check if stain has come out. If not, repeat actions, then check again. Do not leave stamp in too long. In next to no time at all the unwanted colour will wash out. Rinse the stamp in a weak solution of vinegar and cold clean water. Shake off surplus moisture and wash out in clear water. Place face down on a paper towel to dry.

Ordinary dirt marks on stamps: Wash face of stamp lightly with soft soap or detergent and lukewarm water. Use Q-tip or little finger. Rub lightly. Wash off in cold water.

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Ink or pencil marks: Pencil can usually be removed by light work with a soft pencil eraser, but make the action very gentle, so as not to disturb the surface and remove colour from the stamp. Old-fashioned fountain pen ink is usually washable and comes out if treated like a stain. Ballpoint pen is another matter and Robin did not know how to remove it. At this point, two club members spoke up and gave assurances that hair spray would remove it! All marks in this category are dependent entirely on the amount of pressure that has been applied to the pen or pencil.

Creases in stamps and covers: Creases are fairly easy to remove. Cracks and tears take an expert to remove, if at all. For creases, iron the piece of white card with a warm iron. It will contain moisture, even though you may not think it does. Place the stamp face down, iron with a reasonable amount of pressure, turn the stamp over, cover it with a piece of tissue and iron again. The tissue will prevent glazing the face of the stamp. The crease should have disappeared. If it has not, don't hesitate to repeat the process further once or twice. If the crease is very bad and stubborn, lightly lick the stamp, then iron. Covers generally iron out very well. Use tissue and plenty of pressure.

Stamps stuck together: Sheets or blocks of mint stamps that have become stuck together for any reason are best separated by straightforward soaking. Singles are best parted by a sweat box, which can be made quite simply. Take a small plastic box that has a good lid; Tupperware will do fine. Take a clean paper towel, crush it, soak it in water as hot as you can bear to handle, place in box, and put a piece of flat clean white paper on top. Place the stamps on the paper face down. Put on the lid, snap tight, burp the box and place it in the refrigerator (not the freezer) overnight. The next morning, the stamps should come apart with only partial loss of gum. If necessary, repeat all actions for a second time.

Summary: Practice. Use cheaper material to start with. Have confidence. If you fail once, do not be afraid to try again. You will have more successes than failures.

LIBRARY NEWS
by Penny Borrowman

The Webster New World Dictionary defines "library" as "a collection of books, especially a large, systematically arranged collection for reading or reference". A special library's collection relates to the special interests of the group that develops it. Despite the CPS being a strong group, with a common interest in a field that depends on information to fuel that interest, we have no specialized source to turn to for that information. True, Calgary Public Library, my employer, is a major factor in our city. But that collection is widely distributed in sixteen different locations, you may wait weeks for a request to be filled, and the focus of the collection is general. What we need is an easily accessible specialized collection of philatelic material, including books, magazines, and

and current catalogues.

My proposal that CPS develop its own special library has been enthusiastically received. Previous attempts by other members were probably equally well received but adverse circumstance prevented success. One problem is a lack of space to house a collection. This is especially difficult in rented premises. However, we have obtained permission to install another cabinet, giving us about a cabinet-and-a-half to store library materials. A small start but acceptable! Another problem in the past seems to be a lack of someone with enough library experience to create and manage a collection. I feel I have the experience and training to direct the project, but remember, this is our library, we will all benefit from it, and hopefully we will all contribute or participate in some way.

The first people to make a meaningful contribution to the project are Linda Kot and Bill Herd. We three have formed the library committee and have already made some important decisions. We are pricing the items needed to operate a library, and considering ways to identify and classify materials. We expect to have an initial collection ready for your enjoyment by September 2, 1992. If you have a valuable suggestion to share, please write it down with your name and telephone number, and give it to one of us. Better yet, if you wish to join us, please say so! Many hands make light work, and there will be plenty of work to do this spring and summer.

So where is this alluring collection? Well, some of it may be at your house! We plan to build the book collection from two major sources: donations and purchases. In order to pool our resources and share what we may no longer be making full use of, we are asking everyone to scan their home library for books they could donate. Every donated book will have a bookplate showing the name of the donor. There are some important questions to ask yourself when considering what to donate. They are: Will someone in our club find this book interesting, informative, or entertaining? Is it of philatelic interest? Is it now out of date, are there newer editions, with more accurate information? Is the book itself in good condition - clean, complete, together? Will I want this book back eventually? If so, please be sure to say so when donating it. It will be treated differently.

When we have assessed the scope and depth of the donated collection, we will select items to purchase, to fill in the gaps. I hope we will always have a set of current year Scott's, for use at table and regular auctions. Again, we will ask for your input, by way of suggesting titles that would enhance our collection. Of course, there may be budget limitations.

We would like to collect magazines in our library. CPS regularly receives the American Philatelist and the Canadian Philatelist. These have never before been available to all members of our club. There are other titles that should be in our library. Some may be donated, and we may decide to subscribe to others. We hope to have about five year's worth of the most popular titles, but space may be a limiting factor. If you wish to donate magazines, please tell Penny, Linda, or Bill. We need to know the title, number of issues, and year range. We will make a list and let you know which ones we need.

Other reports in this bulletin will keep you informed about the library. Let me remind you of the most important aspect: it is our library. Let's make it happen!

SOUTH OF CARDSTON (PART 2)
by Perry Holinshead

In the first part, we saw how settlement and the mails expanded south and east from Cardston. Paralleling this was the expansion south and west. The first post office in this direction was opened at Mountain View on September 1, 1894, a year and a half after Colles. By 1898 the hamlet boasted a creamery, carpenter shop, and blacksmith shop. Within a short period there was a cheese factory, general store, hotel, and livery. After the first years it never progressed to any great extent but although it has been regarded as a ghost town, the post office is still open.

Leavitt was the next post office to open, on January 1, 1900. In 1920, there was a population of 230 in the district, and a church and school. After this the hamlet deteriorated until the post office was closed April 30, 1968, and it became a ghost town.

Next on the list was Caldwell, where the post office was opened July 1, 1900. There were many comfortable homes, a store, and sawmill located here in anticipation of a railroad being built. When the railroad went south to Hillspring instead, the demise of Caldwell began. The post office was closed April 30, 1968.

The Beazer post office opened December 1, 1903, and by 1911 the population was said to be 180, with mails semi-weekly. A few English squatters were here as early as 1892, but the major influx of settlers were Mormons from Utah. It had the usual store, meeting house, and blacksmith shop, with a hotel in 1908, but by 1924 the population had declined to 115. This post office was also closed April 30, 1968.

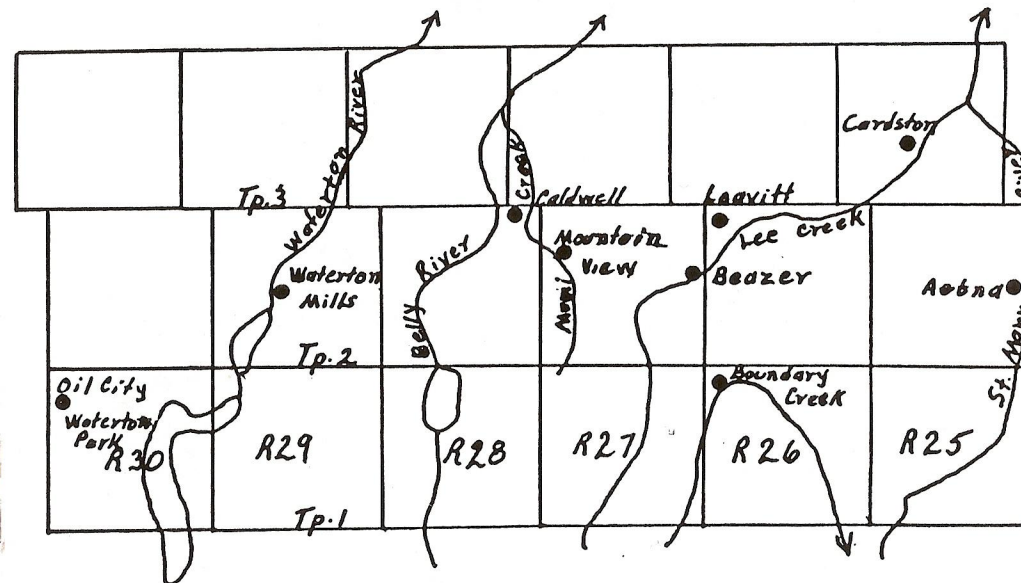
Boundary Creek is a small semi-alpine creek that rises in the United States to flow into Alberta, then back into the United States to become tributary to St. Mary River. According to the book "Ghost Town Journal, Volume One", by Frontier Publishing, the area was settled by people of French descent who migrated from Montana in the 1880s and 1890s, but there never was a town or village. In contradiction to this, a post office was opened July 15, 1907, and lasted until February 28, 1947. In Henderson's Directory (1911), the population was 100, with weekly mails. There was a 30,000 bushel elevator, a Presbyterian church, three dairies, and a blacksmith shop serving farmers and ranchers in the vicinity.

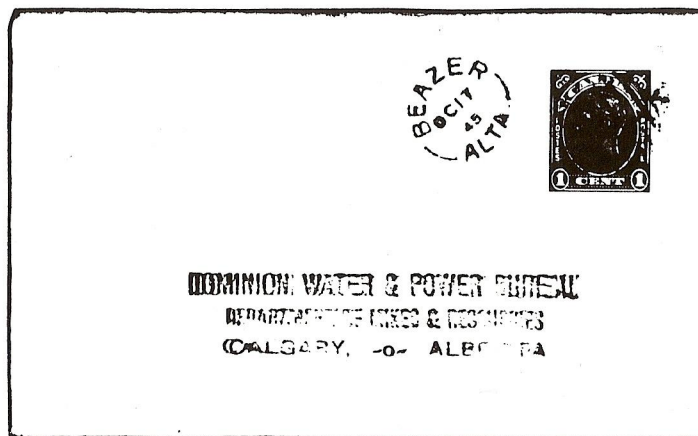
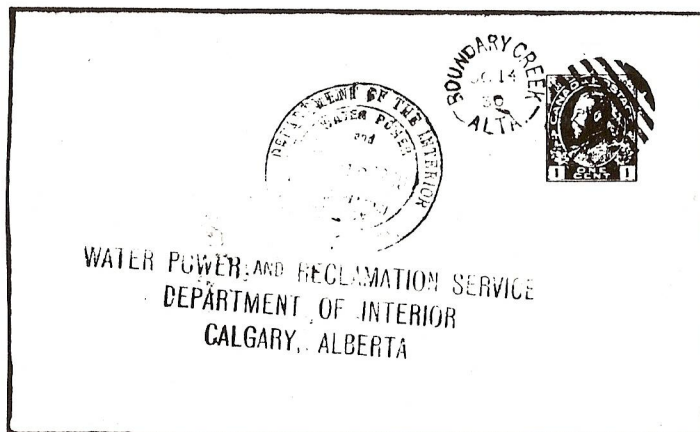
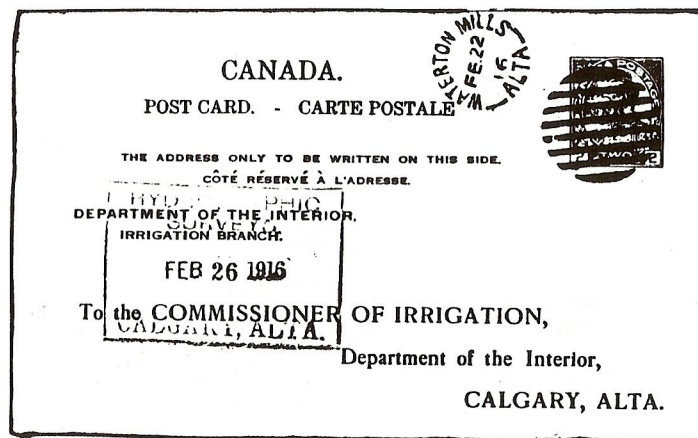
The Waterton Mills post office was opened January 1, 1908, to accommodate a small resort and sawmill community. In 1911 there were fourteen families, Hanson's Sawmill, and the Waterton Oil, Land and Power Company. When the timber burned out, the sawmill left and the post office was closed May 3, 1916.

The Waterton Park townsite is very well known and little can be said about it here. The post office was opened June 20, 1915, and is still open. What is not commonly known is that there had been a previous community a few miles west on Cameron Creek. For many years oil seepage had been known there, and enterprising people had used it to lubricate wagons and equipment. In 1902, a shallow well was drilled that produced up to 40 barrels a day. Other shallow wells produced nothing. The oil had to be hauled out by team and wagon to the nearest railroad. The well began to dry up. A post office named Oil City was opened June 1, 1905, and closed December 31, 1907.

Chronology of Events

<u>Post office</u>	<u>Opened</u>	<u>Closed</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cardston	July 1, 1892	open	9-3-25-W4
Colles	January 1, 1893	to Kimball Feb 1, 1903	31-1-24-W4
Mountain View	September 1, 1894	open	19-2-27-W4
Leavitt	January 1, 1900	April 30, 1968	31-2-26-W4
Taylorville	January 9, 1900	February 20, 1963	15-1-24-W4
Caldwell	July 1, 1900	April 30, 1968	35-2-28-W4
Aetna	November 1, 1900	October 30, 1958	14-2-25-W4
Kimball	from Colles	open	
Beazer	December 1, 1903	April 30, 1968	13-2-27-W4
Oil City	June 1, 1905	December 31, 1907	30-1-30-W4
Boundary Creek	July 15, 1907	February 28, 1947	31-1-26-W4
Waterton Mills	January 1, 1908	May 3, 1916	8-2-29-W4
Waterton Park	June 20, 1915	open	23-1-30-W4
Fareham	March 1, 1918	to Whiskey Gap July 1, 1931	19-1-23-W4





British North America Philatelic Society



SIXTH ANNUAL STAMP WEEKEND

The Sixth Annual Spring Meeting of the BNAPS - Calgary Group will be held at the

MARLBOROUGH INN,
1316 - 33rd Street N.E.
Calgary, Alta.

on Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25, 1992.

Friday, April 24, 1992

This year we have extended the meeting to include a Friday night get-acquainted session and No-Host dinner, with a Hospitality Room available for stamp talk and friendly chats into the wee hours.

Saturday, April 25, 1992

We will keep you busy all day Saturday with several speakers, a clothesline show and tell, and plenty of stamps and covers to view. This day will wind up with cocktails and dinner in the hotel with an after-dinner speaker whose message will interest both collector and guest alike.

Sunday, April 26, 1992

A tradition in Calgary philatelic circles is for the BNAPS Calgary Group and the Calgary Philatelic Society to hold their spring meetings back-to-back, forming a full weekend of philatelic fun.

On Sunday the Calgary Philatelic Society hosts Stamp Day '92 at the Marlborough Inn. We expect over a dozen dealers, competitive exhibits, circuit books, and the club's private treaty books.

Details of activities, speakers, etc. will be mailed to all BNAPS members in Western Canada and the north west U.S.A. shortly.

E. A. Harris - Chairman
(403) 274-0021

SPEAKER'S CORNER

by Ed Harris

"Forming a Specialized Collection" was the overall title for our March 4th program, but those who attended were treated to three rather than the usual single speaker.

Sam Nickle, with his wealth of philatelic experience over many years, used the simple title "On Collecting Stamps" for his talk. He outlined several aspects of collecting, and illustrated the array of interests, friendships, and experiences which can be drawn upon when forming a collection.

Fitz Roett, well-known to CPS members for his judging and exhibiting expertise at several CALTAPEX shows, used the title "Elements of a Specialized Collection" and referred to his prize-winning collection of Barbados. He pointed out examples of what can and should be included when forming a collection for exhibit.

Brad Harris, our immediate past-president, called on his writing experience and expertise to tell us about "Storymaking for Stamp Exhibits". His comments and suggestions on page writeup were innovative but contained many common sense applications.

Having three speakers, rather than one, gave three diverse points of view, but perhaps restricted our speakers from developing the detailed information they would otherwise have given. Even with this restriction, our speakers did entertain and educate, and we thank them for their fine program.

Our program on April 1st was the first time in recent years that we have encouraged trading, buying, and selling at a regular meeting. Several dealers were contacted and some brought stamps, supplies, and philatelic literature for our perusal. Was the night a success? I would very much like to have some feedback to help decide if a similar evening should be planned for next year.

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WANTED: Modern used stamps of France (Republic only). Can supply used Canada, G.B., N.Z., Australia, U.S.A., etc. Write Bill Heather, 325 - 54 Street, Delta, B.C., V4M 3G6

FOR SALE: OLYMPEX 88 show catalogue. Illustrated, articles on Calgary postal history, Olympic and sports philately. Price \$6 postpaid anywhere, from the CPS, Box 1478, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2L6.

WANTED: Coil singles or multiples used on cover, any era. Price individually, as a batch, or ask for my offer. Will give generous trade of MNH Canada for items I need. Call Ed Harris at 274-0021 or see me at any meeting.

FOR SALE: 1/4-catalogue collection sale, Germany, Berlin, Australia, New Zealand. Best offer takes it. See Eric at meetings.

FOR SALE: Canada plate block sets, cat. #570 to 1000, including semi-postals and postage dues. Phone Ned Burnyeat at 279-5205 or see me at any meeting.

WANTED: Used singles from World Cup Soccer souvenir sheets of Italy 1990. Phone Graham at 248-4696.

FOR SALE: Nordic Swans, 1957-58 and odd 1959, 1960 Europa, Canadian singles and plate blocks, some British colonies. Call Harold at 255-7636.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: United Nations and USA collections and sets, classic British Colonies, Europe, and Canada. Stationery and postcards late 19th and early 20th Century. Topical collections as Europa, Scouts, Space, etc.. Call Jean at 245-0294, days or evenings.

STUDY GROUPS

Australasian Study Group meets third Wednesdays. Call Leanna Johnson at 282-9775.

Great Britain Study Group meets every second month. Call Steve Davis at 237-5806.

Calgary Regional Group of British North America Philatelic Society meets second Wednesdays. Call Jim Karr at 287-0897.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN 1992

March	4		General meeting
	8		Sunday bourse
	18		Auction
	25		Auction
April	1		General meeting
	1		Deadline for May STAMPede
	5		Sunday bourse
	15		Auction
	22		Auction
	25		BNAPS Calgary Regional Meeting
	26		Stamp Day
May	6		General meeting
	6		Deadline for June STAMPede
	20		Auction
	27		Auction
June	3		Election meeting
	17		Auction
	24		Auction
September	2		General meeting
	2		Deadline for October STAMPede
	16		Auction
	23		Auction
October	7		General meeting
	21		Auction
	28		Auction
November	4		General meeting
	4		Deadline for November STAMPede
	13 to 15		CALTAPEX 92
	18		Auction
	25		Auction
December	2		Wine-and-cheese party

AUCTIONS and MEETINGS are at Kerby Centre, second floor, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, at 730 pm. Auction lots should be in before 730 pm to allow bidder viewing.

SUNDAY BOURSES are at American Women's Club, 1010 - 14 Avenue SW, from 10 am to 430 pm. (Please do not park in the vacant lot on the west side of the building.) For details or table rental, contact Walter Jackson at 242-4128.

BNAPS REGIONAL MEETING is at Marlborough Inn. Call Ed Harris at 274-0021.

STAMP DAY is at Marlborough Inn. For details, call Jon Johnson at 282-9775.

CALTAPEX 92 is at Marlborough Inn. Details from Phil Wolf at 259-8750.