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Miss Katherine Stinson
Aviatrix

Who was made relative of the Tribe
as "Kinyaudivine" (the girl who flies and returns)
by Indians - Canadian Northwest - -

Warriors watching
flight

Katherine Stinson is a name Alberta postal history collectors will be familiar with. Above is a 1914 real-photo postcard of her. See page 11 for more details.

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CANADIAN STAMPS OF REMEMBRANCE: PART 1

by Gordon Demke

Remembrance of Canadian men and women who sacrificed their lives in World War I (1914-1918) and later wars is perpetuated through memorials, museums, designated times of remembrance, and commemorative postage stamps. The Memorial Chamber located in the Peace Tower in Canada's Parliament Buildings was originally built to honour those who fought in World War I, although its scope is now broadened to include other wars. It is constructed of materials provided by the three original allies (France, Britain and Belgium). Three stained glass windows feature scenes entitled "Call-To-Arms", "The Assembly of Remembrance", and "The Dawn of Peace."

Inscribed on one wall is the poem "In Flanders Fields" and inscribed in the Remembrance Books are the names of Canada's war dead.



15 June 1938 (Scott 241). Memorial Chamber, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa. *"The subject symbolizes the reverence Canadians hold for their fellow countrymen who lost their lives in the wars that involved Canada."* In the right foreground is the Altar of Remembrance. The Memorial Chamber also contains the Books of Remembrance which list 112,000 Canadians who have died for their country since 1867. (All of the quotes are from the Canadian Postal Archives Database for the particular stamp.)

The National War Memorial located on Parliament Hill was originally constructed to honour Canadians who died in World War I. The dates 1939-1945 and 1950-1953 were subsequently added for who served in World War II and the Korean War. It features 22 figures advancing through a granite archway, representing all branches of the armed forces who served in World War I. Atop the arch are two large bronze figures representing Victory and Liberty. The War Memorial is the site of Canada's annual National Remembrance Day Service. At the base of the Memorial is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, containing the remains of an unknown soldier from the Vimy area of France.

15 May 1939 (Sc 247). The National Memorial was designed and executed by the March family of Kent, England.



The mission of the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa is *“to promote public understanding of Canada’s military history in its personal, national and international dimensions. The museum acquires and maintains artefacts in the National Collection and disseminates knowledge through research, exhibitions and public programs.”* Another example is The Military Museums located in Calgary. The museum’s mission statement reads as follows: *“To Remember the sacrifices of Canadians and allies in the defense of our nation and freedom by telling their stories; Preserve artefacts and archival material related to the military history of Canada with emphasis on western Canada; and Educate Canadians, with an emphasis on youth, about the impact of military events on the development of Canada and the importance of military security, as a component of national security, now and in the future.”*



15 Oct. 1968 (Sc 486). Armistice, 1918-1968. This stamp commemorates the 50th anniversary of the World War I Armistice. The stamp features the Vimy Memorial located on Vimy Ridge near Arras, France on which are inscribed *“the names of 11,285 of Canada’s 1914-1918 war dead who have no known graves. . . . Historians refer to the military success at Vimy Ridge as a point in history where Canada emerged from a semi-colonial status to that of full nationhood..”*

15 Oct. 1968 (Sc 487). John McCrae, 1872-1918, In Flanders Fields. This stamp commemorates the 50th anniversary of the year in which Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae died. *“A poet and medical doctor, McCrae achieved fame with ‘In Flanders Fields’.”*



On Remembrance Day, November 11th each year, Canadians pay special tribute to and remember those who sacrificed their lives during the First World War, the Second World War, the Korean War, and all conflicts since then in which members of the Canadian Forces have participated. Synonymous with Remembrance Day are the red poppy; the poem *“In Flanders Fields”* written by John McCrae; and Services of Remembrance across Canada. McCrae wrote the poem in May 1915 following the death of a close friend in the Second Battle of Ypres in Flanders, Belgium.

Remembrance Day generally includes the sounding of the “Last Post”, two minutes of silence marking the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the hostilities of World War I were ended with the signing of the Armistice by Germany, the sounding of “The Rouse”, the reading of the “Act of Remembrance”, laying of wreaths to honour the fallen, a blessing, and the singing of the national anthem.



10 Nov. 1975 (Sc 680). The Royal Canadian Legion, 1925-1975. The stamp commemorated the Legion's 50th anniversary in 1975. *"The Legion was to safeguard veterans and their dependents, to protect the families of the fallen, and to make sure that wartime sacrifices would be remembered."*

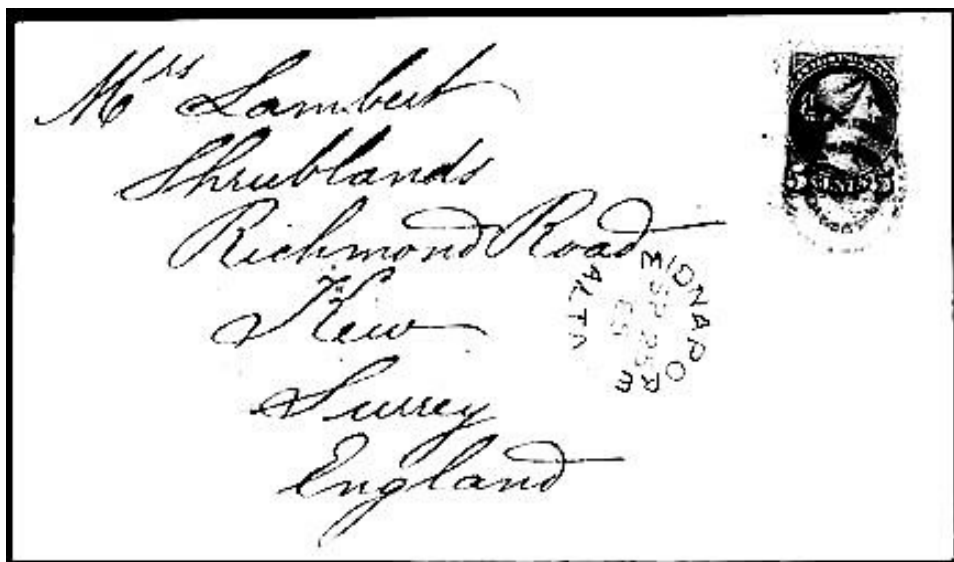
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ANNEXED POST OFFICES OF CALGARY: MIDNAPORE

by Dale Speirs

Midnapore was technically annexed in 1961 by Calgary but didn't really get swallowed up until 1977 when the developers built out that far. One strange peculiarity is that although it had its own post office, it was never incorporated as a village, and legally was only a railroad siding, never an official settlement. Midnapore is today south of Fish Creek, west of Bow River and east of Macleod Trail, but in pioneer days it was a cluster of buildings west of Macleod Trail. The actual original location of Midnapore was the south bank of Fish Creek in today's suburb of Millrise, not the suburb of that name we know today on the other side of the road. All that is left is a mill pond and irrigation ditches dug by a pioneer settler, John Glenn. This was the first irrigation farm built in Alberta, but nothing remains except the overgrown ditch.

In 1884, when the post office opened, it was originally proposed to call it Fish Creek but the Canadian Post Office would not allow it because there already was a post office of that name in Ontario. The most popular legend is that the postmaster then took a pin and stuck it at random into an atlas, which landed on Midnapore, India. However, a more plausible reason is that the postmaster's next-door neighbour was Col. Griffith Bointon, late of the British Army in India before emigrating to Canada. He had been stationed in the original Midnapore, hence the connection [1].



Midnapore was founded by William and Helen Shaw, who came to Calgary in 1883 from England and settled the following year with their eight children on the south bank of Fish Creek. They operated a woolen mill, general store, and post office in that



location [2]. The woolen mill was the first factory ever built in Alberta. The new suburbs of Shawnessy and Millrise both derive their names from the Shaw family, and the section of Fish Creek Provincial Park on either side of Macleod Trail was their homestead. William was the first postmaster from the opening of the post office on 1884-02-01 until his death on 1919-08-05. His photo is shown at left.

Over the next three years a couple of short-time postmasters came and went. John Morton then served from 1922-08-29 until his death on 1926-02-26.

His widow Margaret took over as postmaster until her retirement on 1944-07-15. After her, Frederick James Ratcliff was postmaster from 1944-10-16 to his retirement on 1958-07-03. His wife briefly took over, but on 1959-04-01 Hammond Wilfrid Jardine became the new postmaster until retiring on 1966-10-02. Dill Alton Stanley Johnson was briefly postmaster from 1966-10-18 to 1968-05-31. Margaret Mary Strauss became postmaster on 1968-06-01, but after that the records end due to Canada Post privacy laws [3].

The post office closed on 1990-04-12. Sometime after this it was replaced by a retail postal outlet in a 7-Eleven store on Midlake Blvd SE just east of Macleod Trail. The outlet closed in late 2008 when the store itself closed, and the neighbourhood is today without a postal outlet. Residents now have to cross over to the west side of Macleod Trail to a postal outlet in the new suburb of Millrise, which derives its name from the Shaw woolen mill.

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CURRENT POSTMARKS OF CALGARY: PART 22

by Dale Speirs

New Postmarks.

Temple: 7-Eleven, 52 Street NE and north end of Temple Drive



old postmark



new postmark

Sunridge Industrial:
32 Avenue NE and
34 Street, Sobeys
This is actually one
of their older cancellers,
still in use with another
one that has the outlet
identification number.



New RePOs.

Downtown: 3 Avenue SW and 4 Street,
2nd floor, Centennial Place, Hallmark Cards.
This is a new skyscraper completed in early
summer 2011, with the Hallmark store at
the east end of the food court.



CALTAPEX 2011

JUST THE FACTS:

October 14 to 16

Kerby Centre, ground floor,
1133 - 7 Avenue SW

Friday: 13h00 to 18h00

Saturday: 10h00 to 17h00

Sunday: 10h00 to 16h00

This year's theme: 50th anniversary of World Wildlife Fund

CALTAPEX 2011

by Janice Brookes

CALTAPEX is here again and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped me with the shows over the past eleven years. You all know who you are and how much you have contributed to the success of the shows.

Dave Freeman has stepped forward as Bourse Chairman. I want to thank Dwayne Miner for his many years of helping me and our society to put on excellent shows, including the Royal 2006 Royale. He was instrumental in making it the best Royal ever.

There is, however, one position needing to be filled after CALTAPEX 2011, and that is Show Chairman. I will not leave the new person without training and will assist in any way I can to help them ease into the job. Next year the new Chairman will be doing the Spring and Fall bourses. The 2012 Spring bourse will not be on our regular weekend (last weekend in April) but will the weekend before, as the Kerby Centre is not available. BNAPEX 2012 CALTAPEX is on the Labour Day weekend and is being looked after by Jim Taylor and Jon Johnson.

The theme for CALTAPEX 2011 is the 50th anniversary of the World Wildlife Fund. We will have a special cover for sure! The schedule of events is as follows.

Thursday, October 13	show set-up 17h30 to 20h00
Friday, October 14	show open 13h00 to 18h00 banquet 19h00 at Danish-Canadian Hall
Saturday, October 15	show open 10h00 to 17h00 dinner with the judge at 18h00
Sunday, October 16	10h00 to 16h00 Judges' Critique in the morning, t.b.a.

Exhibitors: Please bring your exhibits early Thursday evening so that we are done by 20h00 so the janitors can go home on time. Otherwise you will need to set up Friday morning.

For banquet tickets, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698 or see him at the October general meeting.

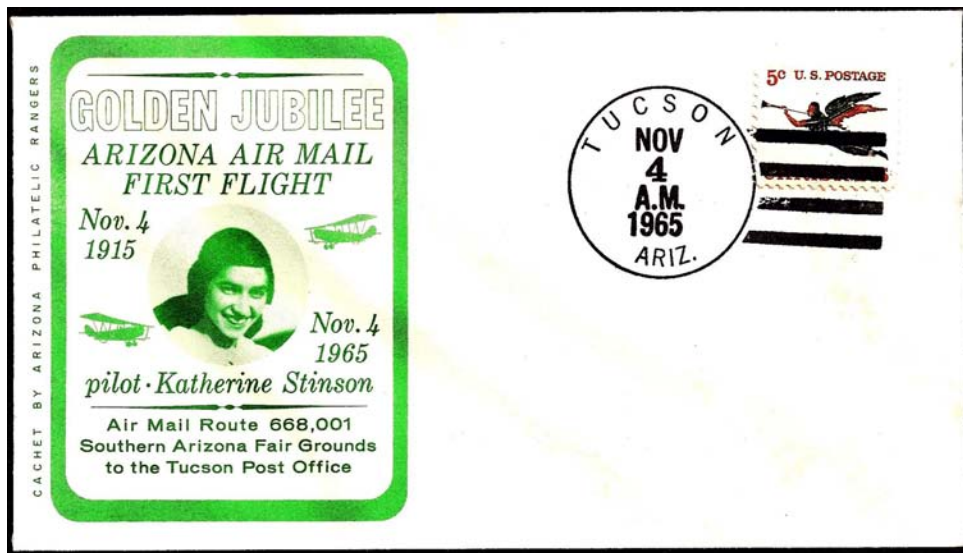
I would like again to thank everyone for the wonderful time I have had as your Show Chairwoman. Looking back, they are some of my best memories.!

KATHERINE STINSON: MORE OF THE STORY

by Elizabeth Saunaranta

Alberta postal history collectors are aware that Katherine Stinson flew the first airmails in Alberta on July 9, 1918, when she took 259 pieces of mail from the Calgary Stampede to Edmonton. This was only the second official airmail flight in Canada sanctioned by the post office. With that flight she also became the first woman to fly the airmails in Canada. What is not often written about is that she travelled about North America a great deal, staging similar events across the continent. In fact, she had also flown her plane at the 1916 and 1917 Stampedes, although no mail was carried.

One such stunt was in Arizona in 1915, where she had flown the first airmail for that state. The cover shown here is a commemorative done fifty years later.



Stinson was a media star in those days, and her image appeared on numerous real-photo postcards. The cover of this bulletin shows her in 1914 at some unknown place receiving an honour from aboriginals, who named her Kinyauhdiwe, "the girl who flies and returns".

WORLD WILDLIFE FUND

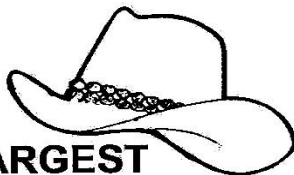
The theme for this year's CALTAPEX is the 50th anniversary of the World Wildlife Fund. The WWF was created in 1961 by a group of eminent wildlife experts to tackle environmental problems across the world. Numerous countries have issued stamps in support of the WWF over the years, so many that it has become a topical in its own right.



Britain has issued ten stamps of various animal species, of which four are shown at right.

Below is an older issue from Australia. Note that in order for the stamps to be part of the WWF topical, it must have the panda bear logo on it.





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2011

October	5	General meeting
	14 to 16	CALTAPEX 2011
	19	Auction
November	2	General meeting
	2	deadline for December bulletin
	16	Auction
December	7	Christmas social

2012

January	4	General meeting
	4	Deadline for February bulletin
	18	Auction
February	1	General meeting
	15	Auction
August 31 to September 2		BNAPEX 2012 CALTAPEX

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CALTAPEX 2011 will be at the Kerby Centre, ground floor. Details from Janice Brookes at 251-1769.

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