

Riverview Hospital Suitcase Collection

2013.1 – Suitcase belonging to Mrs. L. Solski and its contents

Suitcase belonging to Mrs. L. Solski

2013.1.1 a-b

Physical Description

a) Brown suitcase made of thick cardboard covered in a textured brown paper. The suitcase is in significantly poor condition (see condition for further detail). Six of the eight corners are covered with brown leather caps. There is a thick brown handle with a piece of white cotton string tied around one side. There is a gold coloured key lock in the centre with latches on either side, and the words “Eaglelock Co. Inc. Terryville, Co.” inscribed on the locks. On one side on the suitcase is a piece of tape that has been partially ripped off, with only the writing “SO”/ “#3B” still visible. The inside of the suitcase is lined with paper with a brown geometrical design and tiny blue dots. On the inside of the suitcase lid are two long rectangular pieces of metal that have been attached to either side and two brown leather straps are also attached on either side to both the main part of the suitcase and the lid to keep the lid from fully opening. A piece of brown paper has been placed on the bottom of the suitcase.

b) Brown leather cap for the corner of the suitcase. It has three sides with rounded edges. On each side is a round metal grommet that would have been used to attach the cap to the suitcase corner.

Dimensions

Width: 47cm

Height: 24cm

Length: 37cm

Physical Condition

a) The suitcase is in very poor condition. The brown textured paper covering the suitcase is very dirty and ripped in several locations. Some of the edges have pieces of black tape that were probably used to cover the wear but some of the tape has also ripped off. The leather corner caps are worn down. One of the top edges on the main body of the suitcase is completely torn, exposing the cardboard interior of the suitcase. The metal framework of the suitcase has also been exposed on the top edge and is visible when the suitcase is open. The inside of the suitcase is very dirty and some of the inside lining paper is ripped or worn away.

b) The edges are very worn down and the metal grommets are dirty and a bit rusty.

Book titled “The Door of Heaven” with photographs and other ephemera

2013.1.2 a-n

Physical Description

a) Small book with a blue covering. The front of the book has the title "THE DOOR OF HEAVEN" in black across the top and a rectangular design with a grape vine underneath also in black. The inside page of the front has the written inscription in black ink: "'Lord teach me to pray'/Mrs Lily Blanch/With every blessing/Yours sincerely/ M.I. Robinson/ 'Whitsunday 1933'/S. George's Mission./Climax./Saskatchewan." Underneath is another written inscription in pencil "I went to live at Climax in/1932. left in 1939". The title page of the book reads "THE/DOOR OF HEAVEN/A Manual for Holy Communion/For Young People/By the /Right Rev. A.E. Burgett, M.A./Bishop of Edmonton/Thirty Eighth Thousand/General Board of Religious Education/604, Jarvis Street/ Toronto". On the top of the last page is the written inscription in pencil "Emily & Lily." Inserted into the book are photographs, a newspaper clipping, a piece of cloth, a bookmark, a piece of paper with poetry, and a get well card.

b) Black and white photograph of an older man and woman on a path beside a river with mountains in the background. The man is standing and the woman is sitting on a stone wall beside the river. On the back, written in pencil is "Cascade Mountains/at Banff Nat Park/Standing by Bow river" and underneath, written in black ink is "my brother and I/1953". Stamped on the back in black ink is a small number "54".

c) Black and white photograph of an older man and woman walking down a path in a garden. The woman is dressed all in black and the man is in a suit and is holding a box underneath his right arm with the number "57" on it. On the back, written in pencil are "Chee-Chee" and the number "N64".

d) Black and white photograph of a young man wearing a suit. The photograph is a head shot which only shows the man from the chest up. There is a white border around all sides except for the right side where the photograph was cut.

e) Sepia tone photograph of a young woman sitting on a stone wall along a path with an infant sitting on her lap. A faint arrow in black has been drawn on the photograph pointing towards the face of the woman. The photograph has been adhered to a piece of thin cardboard and the edges have all been cut. On the back are words written in pencil that are difficult to read. There are also words that have been stamped in black ink that have been partially cut off. The visible words are "W. Lockwood,/Photographer,/Leeds".

f) Black and white photograph of a young boy walking on a dirt road with a car and another young boy behind. On the back of the photograph written in brown ink are the words "Wee Jerry Jensen/Age 4./1953." and stamped in faded black ink is the date "OCT 7 1953".

g) Black and white studio photograph of a woman sitting down holding an infant beside her. On the back are the words written in black ink "Michael aged 4½ months/with lots of love to Grannie Tolson" and a faded red stamp with the date "11 DEC 1943". The photograph has been cut on all four edges.

h) Black and white photograph of a young woman leaning and posing beside a door. The woman is wearing a black dress with a large white lace collar. On the back of the photograph is a thin

piece of brown paper with a pink stain which is the remnant of the paper that the photograph was likely once adhered to. All the edges of the photograph have been cut.

i) Colour picture of Mary and the baby Jesus on a thin piece of card. Underneath the picture is the caption “The Christ Child”. It appears that the piece was torn out from a book because of wear on the left edge and a small piece of paper still attached to the bottom of the left edge.

j) Small piece of fabric. Fabric is black with a pattern of small silver squares. Fabric has been scrunched up and when unfolded it is in the rough shape of a triangle.

k) A piece of newspaper that has been folded. The newspaper article title is “Mrs. Blanche’s Pupils Give Recital.”

l) Bookmark made of thin card with a light blue string tied to the top edge. The card is white with a blue border on the top and bottom edges. On the top is an image of pink flowers with green leaves. Underneath in black are the words “Glorious Bible Promises” with a list underneath of different words such as “Answered Prayer”, “Comfort”, “Joy” etc, and corresponding bible verses. At the bottom of the card in black is the verse from Psalm 37:4-5. On the back of the bookmark in black are the words “Design No. K2103”/ “Made in U.S.A.”/ “A ‘Warner Press’ Product”.

m) Piece of card with quotes on both sides. The front of the card has a quote written in black with flowers drawn in each of the corners. The quote reads: “A Friend/ A friend is a present you give yourself/That’s one of the old time songs~/So I put you down with the best of them/For you’re where the best belongs./Among the gifts I have given to me/Most comforting tried and true/The one that I oftenest think about~/Is my gift to myself of/YOU”. On the back of the card are pieces of brown paper which are remnants of the paper that the card had likely been adhered to. But still visible is a drawn image of a girl holding flowers and a branch with a bird. Underneath the drawing is the quote “Dear sick-a-bed Lady/I hope you’ll soon be/As well and as happy/As my posies and me.”

n) Piece of lined paper that has been folded. On one side of the paper is a square piece of paper with a black and white cartoon image of a man playing a harp and another playing a violin on a sidewalk with the caption “Success: Just think, Tony, at last we are appearing on Broadway” that has been adhered to the lined paper. Under the cartoon is a rectangular piece of paper with the poem “Now Wouldn’t It?”/By Mrs. Ray Huston” adhered to the lined paper. On the other side of the paper is writing and poetry written in pencil.

Dimensions

a) Width: 9cm; Length: 13.5cm; Depth: 1cm

b) Width: 6.5cm Length: 9cm

c) Width: 6cm Length: 8cm

d) Width: 6.5cm Length: 8.5cm

e) Width: 5.5cm Length: 7.5cm

f) Width: 12.4cm Length: 9cm

g) Width: 8cm Length: 13cm

- h) Width: 6.5cm Length: 10cm
- i) Width: 9cm Length: 11.5cm
- j) Width: 13.5 Length: 9.5cm – These are the approximate Dimensions of the fabric when it is unfolded and laid flat.
- k) Width: 8.5cm Length: 26cm – Dimensions when newspaper is unfolded
- l) Width: 4.5cm Length: 14cm
- m) Width 12.5 Length: 9cm
- n) Width 15.5 Length: 24cm

Physical Condition

- a) Book cover is in fair condition. The edges are becoming worn down, the top right corner of the front cover is curling, the front cover is no longer flat, but becoming domed because of the ephemera that have been inserted inside. The spine is starting to rip away from the pages. The book pages are also in fair condition with only some warping, possibly from some water damage that may have occurred.
- b) Fair condition, the photograph has been bent a bit.
- c) Fair condition, there are a few marks and scratches on the front of the photograph. The corners have been bent and there is some brown discolouration on the right side.
- d) Fair condition, the photograph has been bent and there are a few scratches on the front of the photograph. The corners and edges are wearing and there is a light blue stain on the bottom border.
- e) Fair condition, there are several scratches on the front of the photograph and markings. The top left corner has been bent and there is wear around the edges.
- f) Fair condition, the photograph has been bent and there is some warping along the edges. There is some yellow discolouration along the bottom and right edges. A small part of the photograph has peeled off on the bottom right corner.
- g) Fair condition, the bottom corner has been bent and the top right corner is damaged, possibly from water, and the photograph has peeled off.
- h) Fair condition, the photograph is slightly warped, and there is a rectangular shaped brown stain on the bottom right side.
- i) Fair condition, there is wear around the edges and on the corners of the picture. There are light blue, yellow, and black stains on the top left corner on the back of the picture.
- j) Good condition, the edges of the fabric a starting to fray a little bit.
- k) Fair condition, the newspaper is very delicate and tearing along each of the folds.
- l) Fair condition, the top edge is worn and on the back is a stain. The bookmark has also been bent.
- m) Fair condition, the corners have bent and the back of the card has remnants of the paper that it has once been adhered and it is discoloured.
- n) Fair condition, the paper has several brown stains, possibly from water damage and there are several rips around the edges.

Framed photograph of Lily Blanch playing a grand piano

2013.1.3

Physical Description

Black and white photograph inside a brown wooden frame. The photograph is of a young woman in a dress seated at a grand piano. The woman is viewed in profile. The back of the frame is covered in brown paper and there is a wire attached to screws on either side of the frame.

Dimensions

Width: 21.5cm

Height: 16cm

Depth: 2cm

Physical Condition

Fair condition, the photograph has some small brown spots and there is a small brown stain on the bottom left corner. The paper on the back of the frame is discoloured, crinkled, and ripping away from the frame around the edge.

Photograph of Lily Blanch playing a grand piano at age 36

2013.1.4

Physical Description

Sepia toned photograph of a young woman sitting at a grand piano. The woman is viewed in profile. Parts of the photograph such as the tops of her sleeves, her shoes, and parts of her hair are speckled and silvering. The photograph is printed on paper and adhered to cardboard. Written on the back of the cardboard in pencil is "508-2[...]" / ½-10431-686A301/ Tuesday/ Lil age 36".

Dimensions

Width: 12cm

Height: 16.5cm

Physical Condition

Front of photograph is dirty with brown striped marks and it is fading. There are also small brown spots, water damage marks on the cardboard, and the corners and edges and starting to wear.

Miniature plastic model of a grand piano

2013.1.5

Physical Description

Small miniature grand piano molded out of burgundy plastic with a subtle black and yellow marbled detail. The piano keys are a strip of paper that has been adhered to the plastic. The model also has a small piece of plastic in the shape of a music holder on the top of the piano.

Dimensions

Width: 6cm

Height: 7cm

Depth: 8.5cm

Physical Condition

Plastic is in very good condition. Small pieces of the paper with the keys have fallen off.

Small porcelain figurine of Jesus Christ

2013.1.6

Physical Description

Small porcelain figurine of Jesus Christ holding the sacred heart. The figure is made of white porcelain with painted details. There are gold lines on Jesus' robe. He is holding a red heart to his chest with his right hand and his left arm is down by his side. The hair and beard are painted pale brown and the eyes are painted in black. The figure is standing on a round pedestal which is painted blue on top and a gold band is painted around the blue. The inside of the figure is hollow.

Dimensions

Width: 3.5cm

Height: 11cm

Depth: 3.5cm

Physical Condition

The figurine is broken. Some of the paint is faded and there is dirt on the inside of the base.

Small leather photograph album with ten photographs inside, 1945

2013.1.7

Physical Description

Small leather photograph album. Cover of album is made of a rectangular piece of light brown leather that has been folded and bound by a loop of braided brown string through two holes on either side of the fold. Front cover has the words "Snap Shots" and "Canada" embossed in dark brown letters on the left. On the right is a dark brown embossed image of a native Indian with a head dress painted in red, green, white, and yellow. The edge of the leather has a small border. On the inside front cover are words written in black ink: "To Marguerite/From P.E. Makia/(June 1945)". Inside the album are several pages of black paper and ten black and white photographs. The photographs show children outside a school, with one photograph labeled "Bjorkdale rural school," and other small children.

Dimensions

Width: 17cm

Length: 12.5cm

Depth: 2cm

Physical Condition

Album is in fair condition. The leather has some wear and a few small stains. The black paper also shows wear, small rips, and the photographs are a bit dirty with a few bends and creases.

Small porcelain doll with a pink skirt

2013.1.8 a-b

Physical Description

a) A small, unglazed porcelain doll comprised of only the torso. Doll is painted in a pale skin tone colour. The face is painted with black eyes and brows, and red lips. Parts on the top of the head are unpainted. There is a dark brown patch of adhesive residue and a small patch of light coloured doll hair on the top of the doll's head. The doll's arms are folded with the hands resting on the doll's stomach. Around the waist is a pink skirt with an embroidered detail of a blue line and three pink and purple flowers in bunches around the bottom. Under the skirt, attached by a single thread is a white underskirt with pale pink and blue embroidered flowers. Attached to the front of the doll by a metal staple is a piece of pale green ribbon tied into a bow on one end.

b) A small piece of pink ribbon in the loose shape of a bow with a small safety pin through the ribbon.

Dimensions

a) Width: 5.5cm Length: 17.5cm Depth: 3cm

b) Width 3.5cm Length: 2cm

Physical Condition

The doll is in poor condition. The porcelain torso has two small chips on the back of the head and a few other chips on the arms and face. The skirt has stains, holes, and is fraying. The green ribbon has a lot of holes, is stained, and the staple is rusty. The small piece of pink ribbon is also fraying.

Round hand mirror with plastic frame and metal hinged handle

2013.1.9

Physical Description

A round mirror in a brown plastic frame with a black and yellow marbled effect. There is a mirror on both sides. The mirror has a metal handle which is attached to both sides, curved to fit the shape of the mirror and has a coiled hinge with a handle formed into the shape of a bottle. The handle can fold on the hinge inwards to the mirror and the mirror is able to spin around.

Dimensions

Width: 10.5cm

Length: 18.5cm

Depth: 1.5cm

Physical Condition

The mirrors are very dirty with several spots and stains. The metal handle is also tarnished and rusting, especially at the hinge.

Glass salt shaker with a metal top

2013.1.10

Physical Description

Small glass salt shaker with six sides that taper at the bottom. On the bottom is a logo of an “H” with an “A” inside the bottom part of the “H”. Inside the shaker are remnants of salt that have calcified into a solid. The shaker top is made of metal with remnants of calcified salt.

Dimensions

Width: 4.5cm

Height: 6.5cm

Depth: 4.5cm

Physical Condition

The glass is in good condition, but the metal is in poor condition from the salt, which has resulted in a green coloured solid building up on the metal.

Handheld straw coat brush

2013.1.11

Physical Description

Small, handheld coat brush made of straw. Across the bristles are two lines of string, one pink and one white, to hold the bristles together. Around the handle is black wire to hold it together with a silver metal cap on the top. Around the handle is a piece of white medical tape with the words, written in black: “Solski Mrs. L/36925”.

Dimensions

Width: 7.5cm

Length: 22cm

Depth: 3cm

Physical Condition

Brush is in fair condition. The ends of the bristles are a bit dark from use. There are also some particles of dust inside the bristles.

Ceramic sugar bowl with painted details

2013.1.12

Physical Description

A round ceramic sugar bowl with the outside painted white and the inside painted pale pink. There are two curved handles on either side. Outside has painted details including a green line on the handles and green dots around the rim. On both sides is a painted flower design in pink, yellow, blue, and green. On the bottom is an imprinted stamp which reads “Poole/England” inside a square, and “570” underneath. There are also handwritten markings in black ink on the bottom.

Dimensions

Width: 12cm

Height: 4.5cm

Depth: 8.5cm

Physical Condition

Bowl is in good condition. There is a small chip on the rim with remnants of adhesive. The rim on the underside of the base is a bit dirty. Some of the paint detail is very lightly fading, cracking, and chipped.

Ceramic tea saucer

2013.1.13

Physical Description

A white ceramic tea saucer. In the centre is a circular space where a teacup would be placed. The ceramic has a crackled effect. On the bottom, printed with a stamp in black ink is a logo of a piece of rope in the shape of a pretzel with the letters "K" "P" "B" in the spaces. Written above the logo is "Kensington" and below the logo is "Ware/England/B."

Dimensions

Width: 13.5cm

Length: 13.5cm

Height: 2cm

Physical Condition

Tea saucer is in good condition with only a few small spots and stains. On the bottom are three spots where the glaze has chipped off.

Ceramic plate with painted detail

2013.1.14

Physical Description

A small white ceramic place. The plate has a decorative rim with a wavy pattern and two gold lines painted around the rim. In the centre of the plate is a faded image of a black flower. On the bottom of the plate, stamped in green ink is a logo of a crown. Above the crown is "Old English" and underneath the crown is "Johnson Bro 100/England/BY".

Dimensions

Width: 16cm

Length: 16cm

Height: 1.5cm

Physical Condition

Plate is in fair condition. The painted details are fading and there is a chip and a few stains around the rim. There is a large chip on the underside and there are other chips and stains on the bottom

White ceramic plate

2013.1.15

Physical Description

A small white ceramic plate in the subtle shape of a four-leaf clover. The plate has a wide rim with a round space in the centre. On the bottom is a green stamp with a logo of a small crown with "Pareek" above the logo and "Johnson Bros/England" below the logo.

Dimensions

Width: 16.5cm

Length: 16.5cm

Height: 1cm

Physical Condition

The plate is in fair condition. It is quite dirty with a light brown stain around one side of the inside rim. Inside the circle are two lines that look like cracks, but it is possible that there were a part of the plate when it was made. The bottom of the plate also has several brown spots and stains.

Five postcards with scenes of Victoria and Vancouver, BC

2013.1.16 a-e

Physical Description

a) Postcard with image of a fountain and benches at Butchart's Gardens. On the bottom in red is "Victoria, B.C., Canada Butchart's Garden V.T.D". On the back, along the left side is "Published by the Coast Publishing Co., Vancouver, B.C."

b) Postcard with image of the Empress Hotel with sailboats in the water in the foreground. The title is "Victoria, B.C., Canada C.P.R Empress Hotel V.T.46". On the back, along the left side is "Published by the Coast Publishing Co., Vancouver, B.C."

c) Postcard with image of ships in a harbour with a street with cars in the foreground. The title is "Victoria, B.C., Canada The Inner Harbour, C.P.R. Steamer, and American Ferry Chinook V.T.8." On the back, along the left side is "Published by the Coast Publishing Co., Vancouver, B.C."

d) Postcard with image of waves crashing on a coastline with a ship in the distance. The title is "C.P.R. Steamer Arriving in a Rough Sea V.T.9". On the back, along the left side is "Published by the Coast Publishing Co., Vancouver, B.C."

e) Postcard with image of buildings in Vancouver with the mountains in the background. Title is "Marine Building and North Shore Mountains, Vancouver, B.C., Canada." On the back, on the left is "Imprime aux etats unis d'amerique".

Dimensions

Width: 14cm

Length: 9cm

Physical Condition

Postcards are in fair condition. They are showing wear around the edges and on the corners. There are also a few stains.

White cotton handkerchief with embroidered detail

2013.1.17

Physical Description

A square shaped white cotton handkerchief. In each corner is an embroidered pattern of a flower and straight lines made up of tiny squares.

Dimensions

Width: 26.5cm

Length: 25.5cm

Physical Condition

Handkerchief is in fair condition. It has some yellow discolouration stains, some threads have broken, and there are a few small holes.

Cotton handkerchief with colourful floral design

2013.1.18

Physical Description

A square shaped cotton handkerchief with a thin beige border and a thicker brown border. In three of the corners are pink and blue flowers and green leaves. In the other corner is a larger bouquet design that goes into the centre of the handkerchief. The bouquet has a large orange and yellow flower with smaller blue and pink flowers, green leaves, and an orange and yellow ribbon around the stems. The rest of the handkerchief is beige with many small blue, pink, yellow, and orange flowers and leaves. The reverse of the pattern is on the other side of the handkerchief.

Dimensions

Width: 26.5cm

Length: 25.5cm

Physical Condition

Handkerchief is in fair condition. It has a few small holes, a small pink stain on the border, and a bit of fraying on the edge seams.

White cotton handkerchief with embroidered border and insignia

2013.1.19

Physical Description

A small, square, white cotton handkerchief. Around the border of the handkerchief is a detailed embroidered pattern. In one of the corners is an embroidered insignia in the shape of a pointed oval with the letter "F".

Dimensions

Width: 28.5cm
Length: 29.5cm

Physical Condition

The handkerchief has several small holes and there is a large hole in the corner opposite the one with the insignia, where the fabric has ripped from the border seam.

Tan coloured collar with embroidered border and detail

2013.1.20

Physical Description

Woman's collar made of a thin tan coloured fabric. Along the bottom edge and at the ends of the collar is a detailed embroidered lace pattern. Laid flat, the collar is a "U" shape and in the centre of the collar, at the top of the "U" shape, is a square of embroidered lace. Along the inside of the top edge is a strip of interfacing material.

Dimensions

Width: 44.5cm
Length: 30cm

Physical Condition

The collar is in good condition, there are only a few parts of the embroidered lace which have a slight dark staining.

Two hair nets

2013.1.21 a-b

Physical Description

Two hair nets made of thin brown netting with thin dark brown elastic

Dimensions:

Width: 13cm
Length: 13cm

Physical Condition

In good condition.

Pair of nylon stockings

2013.1.22 a-b

Physical Description

A pair of light brown women's nylon stockings. Printed in white on the waist of the stockings is "Full Fashioned/First Quality/Dupont Nylon Yarn/Made in Canada/51 Gauge/5 Denier/9." Also on the waist of one of the stockings is a rectangular gold sticker with the number "31" in a blue circle beside the white label.

Dimensions

Width: 18cm

Length: 85.5cm

Physical Condition

Stockings are in good condition, with only some slight black staining on the toes.

Large white cotton collar with embroidered designs and pink ribbons

2013.1.23

Physical Description

A large white cotton collar in the shape of a rectangle. Around the border are small embroidered flowers and a checkered frilly pattern. Around the back and neck of the collar are two lines of embroidered squares inside a rectangle with pleated lines. Attached to the edge of the rectangles at the top corners are two strips of pink ribbon with one side made of a soft velvety fabric. On the inside of the collar is white cotton lining.

Dimensions

Width: 80cm

Length: 25.5cm

Physical Condition

Few areas of the collar are stained. The ribbons have been re-stitched and the ends are frayed.

Black faux fur child's hat

2013.1.24

Physical Description

A small black faux fur hat for a child. The hat is shaped like a bonnet to cover the ears. Inside the hat is a circle of black ribbon sewn around the fur. The inside lining of the hat is black cotton fabric.

Dimensions

Width: 33.5cm

Length: 20cm

Depth: 16.5cm

Physical Condition

Hat is in good condition, with only a white stain on the black ribbon.

Pair of women's white wool bloomers

2013.1.25

Physical Description

White wool bloomers for a woman. Bloomers have a small waistband with thin white elastic inside the waistband with the ends exposed and stitched to the outside of the waistband.

Bloomers have a subtle embroidered pattern made of triangles, diamonds, and rectangles. Inside the waistband is a small white tag with blue stitched words: "Made in England/For/Eaton's of Canada" and a smaller white tag with a red "M".

Dimensions

Width: 45cm

Length: 50cm

Physical Condition

Bloomers are in good condition.

Small brown hat with bows and netting

2013.1.26

Physical Description

A small brown hat, maybe for a child, made of fabric in a braided design. On either side of the top are two bows made of a brown fabric and a copper coloured ribbon. On the front of the hat is brown netting. Attached to the inside rim are two pieces of brown ribbon with a round piece of elastic in the centre to go under the chin. There is a wire inside the edge of the brim.

Dimensions

Width: 24.5cm

Length: 24cm

Height: 5cm

Physical Condition

Hat is extremely dirty and dusty.

White pillbox hat with flower details

2013.1.27

Physical Description

A white pillbox hat made of a thick weaved fabric. Around the side of the hat are fabric flowers with gold balls and white netting with silver flecks above and below the flowers. Written in red felt pen inside the hat is "Conner F2".

Dimensions

Width: 24.5cm

Length: 22cm

Height: 6.5cm

Physical Condition

The hat is in good condition. The structure of the top of the hat is wavy and there is some discolouration around the inside rim.

Wooden coat hanger with metal hook

2013.1.28

Physical Description

A coat hanger made of a thin piece of curved wood, with a metal hook inserted into the centre.

Dimensions

Width: 41cm

Height: 10cm

Depth: 1cm

Physical Condition

There are a few scratches on the wood and a bit of tarnishing on the metal hook.

Metal folding coat hanger

2013.1.29

Physical Description

A coat hanger made of thin wires of metal with a hinge in the middle. The hanger consists of two arms made of thin pieces of folded metal that are wrapped around a hinge. The metal is wrapped in a beige weaved fabric which is secured with metal clips. The metal around the hinge is red. The metal hook is also wrapped around the hinge.

Dimensions

Width: 40cm

Length: 3cm

Depth: 9cm

Physical Condition

The parts of the hanger are quite rusty. The fabric also has holes, and the red paint is chipping.

Two wooden dowels

2013.1.30 a-b

Physical Description

Two dowels made of wood and wrapped in a brown covering, possibly a vinyl fabric. The dowels have metal caps on the ends with square shaped protrusions.

Dimensions

Width: 1.5cm

Length: 42.5cm

Depth: 1.5cm

Physical Condition

The brown covering is ripped, stained, and peeling. The metal caps have scratch marks which run parallel to each other.

White cotton night gown

2013.1.31

Physical Description

A large white cotton gown with a rounded neck and two white buttons on the front. Around the neck line are pieces of white medical tape. The nightgown has short sleeves and is knee length.

Dimensions

Width: 114cm

Length: 103cm

Physical Condition

Nightgown has a few dark stains, and rips around the neckline with frayed seams.

2013.2 – Suitcase belonging to Ruth Iona Hawkins and its contents

Black leather suitcase belonging to Ruth Iona Hawkins

2013.2.1

Physical Description

Large black leather suitcase with blue plaid fabric on the inside. The suitcase closes with two leather straps which are connected to one side of the suitcase and go into belt buckles on the other side. One of the straps is broken at the second hole. On the top of the frame of the suitcase are two metal clasps used to open and lock the suitcase and in the centre is a key lock. The handle is black and there is a small piece of white string which has been tied to the handle. Inside the suitcase is a large black metal frame that opens. There is a large flap that divides the inside of the suitcase into two sections.

Dimensions

Width: 61cm

Height: 34.5cm

Depth: 22cm

Physical Condition

The leather is very faded, worn, and cracking in some places. The metal clasps and the lock are rusty. The suitcase is also fairly dusty.

Photograph album with 157 photographs, ca. 1914-1942

2013.2.2

Physical Description

Album consists of two pieces of black cardboard with several pages of black paper bound together with a piece of black string through two holes. On the front of the album is an image of two men on a boat in the bottom right corner and the word "Photographs" in the top left corner.

Inside the album are 157 black and white photographs of different sizes from around 1914-1942. The photographs have been given captions in blue ink. Photographs are mostly of people. At the back is a loose photograph which is a studio portrait of a woman from Cameo Studios in Vancouver, BC.

Dimensions

Width: 28.4cm

Height: 18.5cm

Depth: 2.5cm

Most photographs are 7cm x 11.5cm but some are bigger or smaller

Physical Condition

The edge of the album is quite worn and the cardboard under the black covering is visible. The black pages are in fairly good condition. The photographs are in varying states, some are good but others are fading, torn, or creased.

Book belonging to Iona Hockin with notes from family and friends, ca. 1930-1954

2013.2.3

Physical Description

Small book with a brown and black cover with a crocodile skin pattern. On the front cover is the word "Memories" in gold. Inside the book are several pages of notes and drawings from family and friends from the years 1930 to 1954. Inside is also a small photograph of a woman, a photo of a woman and dog glued to one page, and a piece of a cartoon tucked into the back cover. The notes from family and friends are from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

Dimensions

Width: 13.5cm

Height: 8.5cm

Depth: 1.5cm

Physical Condition

The cover is wearing around the edges. The pages are separating from binding so tape had been applied to pages which has left a yellowing discolouration. Several pages have spots and stains.

Book titled "The book of common prayer Canada"

2013.2.4

Physical Description

Small book with no cover. The front page reads "The Book of Common Prayer Canada". The book has a small string bookmark. In the section of the book titled "The Book of Common Praise" the numbers of some of the chapters have been crossed out in pencil and changed. The edges of the book's pages are gold gilded.

Dimensions

Width: 7.5cm
Length: 11.5cm
Depth: 2.5cm

Physical Condition

Cover of book is missing. The binding is split into three parts so the book structure is quite weak and several pages have bent corners or small rips. There is slight staining on the front and back pages.

Pair of eyeglasses

2013.2.5

Physical Description

A pair of eyeglasses with thin, gold coloured metal arms and nose bridge. Glasses do not have a frame around the lenses. Lenses are a circular shape with trifocals. The nose pads are made of yellow coloured plastic.

Dimensions

Width: 12.5cm
Height (of lenses): 4cm
Length (of arms): 11.5cm

Physical Condition

Minor green discolouration on the nose bridge and a rusty colour on the arms. Glasses are a bit floppy because the screws are probably a bit loose.

Pair of eyeglasses

2013.2.6

Physical Description

Pair of eyeglasses with thin, gold coloured metal arms and nose bridge. A gold metal frame is only on the top of the lenses. The nose pads are made of plastic. The lenses are a circular shape with bifocals.

Dimensions

Width: 11cm
Height (of lenses): 4cm
Length (of arms): 10.5cm

Physical Condition

Arms are bent towards the right if the glasses are being viewed straight on. The plastic nose pads are nearly completely worn away. There are significant amounts of solid buildup around nose pads and greening of the metal on the bridge. The right lens, if looking at the glasses from straight on, is slightly cracked at the top.

Hand painted miniature clay vase

2013.2.7

Physical Description

Miniature clay vase with hand painted details. Vase consists of a base with an oval shaped body and a fluted, crown shaped top with two small handles. On the body is a molded design of a wreath with the remnants of pink, green, and blue paint. Around the base are molded flowers which are painted gold. The handles and the rim of the top are also gold. The inside of the crown shaped top is painted orange. Inside the wreath is the word "RECUERDO".

Dimensions

Width: 5cm

Height: 7.5cm

Depth: 4cm

Physical Condition

Paint has chipped off significantly. Vase has small scratches.

Hand painted miniature clay vase

2013.2.8

Physical Description

Miniature clay vase with hand painted detail. Vase consists of a base with an oval shaped body and a fluted, crown shaped top with two small handles. On the body is a molded design of a wreath with the remnants of blue, orange, and green paint. Around the base are molded flowers which are painted gold. The handles are missing. On the inside of the crown shaped top is painted pink. Inside the wreath is the word "RECUERDO".

Dimensions

Width: 5cm

Height: 7.5cm

Depth: 4cm

Physical Condition

Paint has chipped off significantly, with large chips on the bottom of the base and the handles are missing.

Hand painted miniature clay vase

2013.2.9

Physical Description

Miniature terracotta coloured jug. The clay has been glazed. The jug has a rounded base that comes in and then a wider top with a small handle on one side. Jug has been decorated with green-yellow and dark grey diagonal strips on the top half.

Dimensions

Width: 4.5cm

Height: 4.5cm
Depth: 3.5cm

Physical Condition

Jug has several chips and scratches. The glaze has chipped off on the top rim and the handle.

Miniature clay pot

2013.2.10

Physical Description

Very small miniature clay pot in a light yellow-brown colour. Pot is rounded shape with a smaller tapered bottom and a small opening on the top.

Dimensions

Width: 3cm
Height: 3.5cm
Width: 3cm

Physical Condition

Few tiny scratches, but otherwise in good condition.

Hand painted miniature clay plate

2013.2.11

Physical Description

Miniature clay plate with a hand painted design on the top of plate in yellow with a blue border and blue circle in the centre. In between the blue lines are blue, green, and pink lines. Inside the circle is a blue flower-like design. The bottom of the plate is unpainted.

Dimensions

Width: 6cm
Length: 6cm
Depth: 0.5cm

Physical Condition

Several bits of paint are gone. There is some chalky residue on the paint. On the bottom is some yellow discolouration and a small patch of blue paint.

Pink and green apron with blue and green flower details

2013.2.12

Physical Description

Small apron that ties around the waist made of thin cotton fabric. Top and bottom ends of apron are a mint green coloured fabric. The main part of the apron is made of fabric with a pattern of pink rectangles that create a weave pattern with tiny black squares in between the rectangles and blue and green flowers with black stems and leaves, all on a white background. On the patterned

fabric is a small green pocket. Attached to the mint green fabric at the top are ties made of patterned fabric.

Dimensions

Width: 84cm

Length: 58cm

Length of the ties: 67cm and 69cm

Physical Condition

Good condition, just a few tiny holes and stains.

Small white handkerchief with embroidered details

2013.2.13

Physical Description

Small square shaped white handkerchief made of thin cotton fabric. On the inside edge is a line of thin embroidery. Around the edges is an embroidered detail of circles connected by semicircles. In one of the corners is an embroidered flower that has been cut into the fabric. The handkerchief has been folded twice.

Dimensions

Width: 21cm

Height: 21cm

Physical Condition

Few small holes near the centre of the handkerchief and a few elsewhere. On one corner and in a spot along one of the edges, threads connecting the embroidery detail to the handkerchief have broken.

White handkerchief with pink details

2013.2.14

Physical Description

Small white handkerchief made of thin white cotton fabric. In one corner is a detail of a square and three triangles made of bright pink fabric which is sewn to the handkerchief. There are also eight small dots made from light pink thread. There is also a straight line of embroidery 9.5 cm long and 3 cm from the edge of the handkerchief. The handkerchief has been folded three times.

Dimensions

Width: 25cm

Length: 26cm

Physical Condition

There is some yellow discolouration of the fabric.

Handkerchief with blue and red floral design

2013.2.15

Physical Description

Handkerchief made of thin cotton fabric. Fabric is grey with a darker grey geometric pattern comprised of nesting squares. In the centre of the handkerchief is a large circle of blue and red flowers and leaves with similar flowers in each corner. Around the edge of the handkerchief is a trim of blue thread. The handkerchief has been folded twice.

Dimensions

Width: 29cm

Length: 29cm

Physical Condition

The handkerchief is quite creased. There are small areas of yellow discolouration.

Doily with floral embroidery details

2013.2.16

Physical Description

Oval shaped doily made of thick cotton fabric. In the centre is an embroidery detail of two pink flowers with yellow centres and green leaves. Around the edges are eight embroidery details of blue or yellow flowers and green leaves. The handkerchief is folded once.

Dimensions

Width: 27cm

Height: 17.5cm

Physical Condition

Good condition, no holes or stains.

Small doily with long woven fringe

2013.2.17

Physical Description

Small oval shaped doily made of thin cotton fabric. Along the inside edge is a small thread detail. Around the doily is a long fringe made of thread which is woven to make diamond shapes. The handkerchief is folded twice.

Dimensions

Width: 25cm

Height: 21cm

Physical Condition

Doily has several yellow spots and stains. Few threads have broken on the fringe and the fringe is discoloured and crumpled.

Art piece of a man riding a bull

2013.2.18 a

Physical Description

This art piece is created by small, thin, colourful pieces of wood that are adhered to a backing paper to create an image. The art piece depicts a man riding a bull.

Dimensions

Width: 8.5cm

Height: 12.5 cm

Physical Condition

The art piece is in poor condition. It is starting to fall apart. The frame has separated from the picture and the frame only has two sides. The thin pieces of wood are falling off.

Art piece of a woman farmer and a bull

2013.2.18b

Physical Description

This art piece is created by small, thin, colourful pieces of wood that are adhered to a backing paper to create an image. The piece depicts a woman farmer holding some crops with a bull beside her. The piece is framed with a geometric pattern.

Dimensions

Width: 16.5cm

Height: 13cm

Physical Condition

The art piece is in poor condition. It is starting to fall apart. Large portions of the thin pieces of wood have fallen off.

Backing cards for art pieces

2013.2.18c-d

Physical Description

Two pieces of cardboard with black paper on one side. The pieces of card were used as backing for 2013.2.18 a and b.

Dimensions

Width: 23cm

Height: 18cm

Physical Condition

In good condition. Glue residue on the card is visible.

Hairbrush with a silver handle and green detail

2013.2.19

Physical Description

A hair brush with a silver handle and a silver frame for the bristles. The handle is an octagonal cylinder with smooth and ribbed sides. The frame for the bristles has seven sides. On the back of the frame is a mint green coloured piece of plastic in the shape of the frame with a design of a shell on it. The bristles are held in a piece of wood that fits in the frame. The bristles are made of a beige coloured plastic.

Dimensions

Length: 24.5cm

Width: 8cm

Depth: 4cm

Physical Condition

The frame is in good condition. Green plastic has separated from the back on the top, and there is some discolouration around the edge, probably from glue. There are spots on the wood around the base of the bristles.

Plastic hair comb

2013.2.20

Physical Description

Long black and brown coloured plastic hair comb. In the middle of the comb is a design and the top edge of the comb is wavy. The teeth of the comb go from thicker to thinner.

Dimensions

Length: 22cm

Height: 5cm

Physical Condition

The comb is in good condition except that a few of the teeth are missing near the middle.

Fur drawstring purse

2013.2.21

Physical Description

Small drawstring purse made from kangaroo fur. The base of the purse is a circular piece of dusty rose coloured leather. Fur is a pale grey colour. Drawstring is a gold coloured piece of string woven through metal rivets. Inside of the bag is a pink and gold fabric lining. On the inside of the bag is the name "JORDAN" written in black marker. Small tag on the inside seam reads: "Made by Jupiter Leathergoods Pty. Ltd. N.S.W. Genuine Kangaroo."

Dimensions

Width: 20cm

Length: 22.5cm

Physical Condition

In good condition. The piece of leather on the base is cracking.

Framed photograph of three boys wearing suits

2013.2.22

Physical Description

Black and white studio portrait photograph of three young boys all wearing suits. Photograph is in a gold coloured frame with a subtle design. The back of the frame is made of brown cardboard with a frame stand. The back of the photograph has the stamp: "Castonguay Studio 126 Sparks Street Ottawa, Ontario."

Dimensions

Width: 9cm

Height: 13cm

Physical Condition

Photograph is in fair condition. There is discolouration on the frame and some faint staining on the photograph.

Wedding scrapbook titled "Happy Memories"

2013.2.23

Physical Description

A thin booklet with a rice paper cover. The front cover has a drawing of a bride and the title "Happy Memories." Inside are twelve pages to fill in memories of a wedding day such as attendants and gifts. The book has not been filled in. The book is bound with a white ribbon. The book fits into an envelope.

Dimensions

Width: 14cm

Height: 21.5cm

Physical Condition

Rice paper cover is falling off from the front, is detached from the back, and is ripped. The envelope is dirty and ripped.

A get well soon card

2013.2.24

Physical Description

A get well soon card made of thick paper. The front of the card has a cartoon drawing of two kittens with flowers around their heads and necks. The illustrator signature "Coby" is on the bottom left. Back of the card is white with "8638 Lito'd in Canada" in the bottom centre in small black type. Inside of the card is printed with the message "Just thinking...of you! Get well real

soon!” and the handwritten message “Dear Nancy” above the printed message, and “Hope you will be home and well before too long. Vida Stanyer” below the printed message, in blue pen.

Dimensions

Width: 24cm

Height: 18.5 cm

Physical Condition

Good condition, just a little worn in the corners.

Typed list of “Vancouver Island Auto + Cabin Camps”

2013.2.25

Physical Description

Six pieces of paper stapled in the top left corner. On the top of the first page reads “Supplement Vancouver Island Auto + Cabin Camps.” Pages list a number of camps, their details, and their approximate mileage from Victoria, BC. The first page is letter sized and the next five are legal sized. The papers are folded.

Dimensions

Width: 21.5cm

Height: 9cm

Depth: 0.3cm

Physical Condition

Papers are a little dirty and stained. Minor rust on the staple.

Black velour ladies jacket with silver and pearl buttons

2013.2.26

Physical Description

Small ladies jacket with black velour exterior and black fabric lining. It is a cropped jacket with $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves and a rounded neckline with a Peter Pan collar. There are three round silver buttons with several small pearls.

Dimensions

Width: 95cm

Height: 49cm

Physical Condition

In good condition. Looks like a bottom seam was gone over by hand with black thread.

Purple apron with white floral pattern

2013.2.27

Physical Description

Handmade apron which ties around the waist. The top is purple with a chevron shaped point in the middle. The skirt of the apron is purple with a white floral pattern. The straps sewn to both sides of the top are the same purple fabric as the top. Hand sewn to the top of the back side is a small rectangular piece of white material with “J-3” printed on it in black type.

Dimensions

Width (including straps): 197cm

Height: 53cm

Physical Condition

In good condition, only a few tiny stains.

Blue apron with floral patterned pockets

2013.2.28

Physical Description

An apron that ties around the waist made of blue fabric. Around the edge of the skirt is white zigzag fabric tape. On the front of the skirt are two large pockets made of a floral fabric which is cream with red and purple flowers and gold swirls. Hand sewn to the top of the back side is a small rectangular piece of white material with “J-3” printed on it in black type.

Dimensions

Width (including straps): 167cm

Height: 54cm

Physical Condition

In good condition, only a few tiny stains

Black ladies pants

2013.2.29

Physical Description

Black pants made of a thin silky fabric. Pant legs are tapered and there is a button and zipper on the side. There is a cream and yellow tag with a black “X” sewn on the inside waist.

Dimensions

Width: 96cm

Height: 62cm

Physical Condition

In good condition. A few tiny holes, spots, and loosening seams.

Large piece of blue felt fabric

2013.2.30

Physical Description

Large piece of dark navy blue fabric which has a large rectangle cut out of it.

Dimensions
(When folded)
Width: 25cm
Length: 26cm
Height: 11cm

Physical Condition
In good condition

Pink and blue scarf with white thread details

2013.2.31

Physical Description

Square shaped scarf with a pattern of squares formed by broken white lines of thread. The four corners are blue, the rest of the bordering squares are made from blue and pink thread, and the inside squares are pink.

Dimensions
Width: 66cm
Height: 60cm

Physical Condition
In fair condition. A few stains, holes, broken and loose threads.

2013.3 – Case belonging to H.I. Saunders and its contents

Case belonging to H.I. Saunders

2013.3.1

Physical Description

Small, blue case with a tan trim around the side edges. On the front is a rectangular white metal label with silver words: "Durabilt Quality **** Durabilt Luggage Ltd. Vancouver Canada." Case has a beige handle on top. Tied around the handle are three keys with a brown string. Case has two metal locks and latches on the front. On the top is a piece of masking tape with "S" inside a circle written in black marker. On the top right edge on the tan trim is a piece of masking tape which is ripped so it is difficult to read the word on it. On the right side of the lid is a piece of masking tape, and all that can be read is "Saunders... ien #64226" On the right side is a piece of tape with "LOCKED" and another piece of tape below with "SAUNDERS." On the inside, in the top of the case is a mirror with a piece broken on the bottom, and the case is lined with blue fabric.

Dimensions
Width: 34.5cm

Height: 19cm
Depth: 23cm

Physical Condition

In fair condition, it is dirty, worn, stained, and the mirror is broken.

Christian Science booklet titled “Spiritual Protection”

2013.3.2

Physical Description

A small thin booklet with a brown cover. On the front in black letters is “Spiritual Protection” at the top and “The Christian Science Publishing Society Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.” along the bottom. On the back is an advertisement for a Christian Science text book on Christian Science mind-healing. Inside are 32 pages of text. On the first page is the full title “Spiritual Protection Twenty-third psalm Spiritual Defence Truth’s Sustaining Power “Look up, and lift up your heads.”

Dimensions

Width: 7.5 cm
Height: 10.5 cm

Physical Condition

In fair condition. The book has been bent. On the bottom left corner of the front cover is some minor damage and white spots.

Leather tool case with a set of interchangeable tools

2013.3.3a-i

Physical Description

a) Tool case made of brown leather. Inside the case is where the tools are held by two strips of leather that are sewn to create a slot for the tools to slide into. The case folds in half and is kept closed by the end of the leather strip which folds over and is closed by two push buttons. The leather has a worn, faux reptile skin pattern. A patch was made to repair a push button that must have fallen off. The patches are sewn with thick black thread.

b) The tool handle. It is thin and rectangular, and it made from two pieces of black wood with metal in the middle. There is a pivot screw that allows the top piece of wood to swivel, creating a 90 degree angle and revealing the metal centre where at the top is a semicircle space for the attachments to sit.

c-i) Metal tool attachments. All have the same semi-circle shape at the end to fit in the space on the tool handle: c) long, thin screw; d) flat chisel; e) serrated knife edge; f) flat file; g) small hammer; h) hook; i) long, thin point.

Dimensions

a) Width: 10.5cm Length: 12cm (when closed) 28cm (when open) Depth: 2.5cm (when closed)

- b) Width: 1.5cm Length: 0.5cm Depth: 1cm
- c) Length: 6-10cm

Physical Condition

The leather case is quite worn. A piece of the black wood on the handle fell off. Metal attachments are in good shape with only minor wear.

Ball of yarn and crochet needles

2013.3.4a-c

Physical Description

- a) A ball of yellow yarn
- b) A long, wood crochet needle
- c) A short, pale yellow plastic crochet needle

Dimensions

- a) Width: 8cm Length: 13.5cm Depth: 4cm
- b) Width: 0.5cm Length: 25cm
- c) Width: 0.4cm Length: 12cm

Physical Condition

All in good condition. Long crochet needle has some black stains.

Photograph of a young boy

2013.3.5

Physical Description

Black and white photograph of a young boy wearing a pair of overalls. The photograph is long and thin. Photograph has a white border around it. On the back is "54" written in pencil.

Dimensions

Width: 4cm
Length: 11cm

Physical Condition

In fair to poor condition. It has been bent in several places. Very worn around the edges with brown staining. Back is quite dirty with brown and red spots. There are also marks on the front of the photograph.

Pages of personal writings by a Riverview Hospital Patient

2013.3.6

Physical Description

Two pieces of paper, and one of the papers has a small piece of paper attached to it with a sewing pin. On the pages are writings in blue ball point pen by a Riverview Hospital patient while they were in treatment. The writings contain several spelling and grammatical errors. The

patient writes about different types of symptoms they were experiencing. The writings also talk about seeing doctors and going out to town.

Dimensions

Width: 12.5cm

Length: 20cm

Physical Condition

Pages have been folded in half but are in good condition. One page has a rip at the top.

Small box of “Taylor’s Dorcas Silk Pins”

2013.3.7

Physical Description

Small card box with pins. Top of box is yellow, orange, and red with the label “Taylor’s Dorcas Silk Pins Brass will not rust” and a drawing of a little girl. On the sides of the top are “Made in England by D.F. Taylor + Co. Ltd.” and “3/4 oz Dorcas Dressmaker’s Silk Pin Fine S.W.” On the bottom is a white square sale sticker which reads “Eaton’s 222A 502 69¢.” The top and bottom have been held closed with two pieces of tape but one piece is broken so the box can be opened to reveal several pins in the box. On the top right corner on the top of the box, and in a corner of the bottom of the box, are pieces of medical tape with “H.I.S” in blue ink.

Dimensions

Width: 7cm

Length: 5cm

Height: 1.5cm

Physical Condition

Box is worn and bit dirty

Pair of Glasses

2013.3.8

Physical Description

Pair of glasses with black plastic frames and arms. The black frame is only on the top part of the glasses. The lenses have a silver metal frame. On the rim of the lens frame is a small diamond and cross pattern. The bridge is made of metal. On the wings of the black frames are metal leafs. The ends of both arms have been broken off and the black plastic splitting. The nose pads are plastic. On the inside of one arm is “U. STA” and on the other is “POCO.”

Dimensions

Width: 14cm

Height: 4cm

Length of arms: 10cm, 9cm

Physical Condition

Arms have been broken off. Glasses have a vinegary smell.

Set of “Tip –top Sof-tip Bob pins”

2013.3.9

Physical Description

Thin piece of cardboard with five slots with bobby pins slipped into the slots. The card is orange and white with the brand “Tip top Sof-tip Bob pins” written on the front. On the front and back are pieces of medical tape with “H.I.S.” in blue ink.

Dimensions

Width: 11cm

Length: 22.5cm

Physical Condition

Card board has been folded twice and is worn at the folds. There are a few stains. “H.I.S” label on the front is very dirty.

Monopoly money inside a card sleeve

2013.3.10

Physical Description

White rectangular card sleeve with a label in a red border on top which reads “Monopoly Trade Mark PLAY MONEY Manufactured by Parker Brothers Games Ltd. Toronto Made in Canada.” Inside the card sleeve is Monopoly play money. On almost all the bills, a “\$” has been drawn beside the number in blue ink. There is also a piece of cardboard with tally of how much money is the stack. The total on the piece of cardboard came to 14,354.

Dimensions

Width: 9.5cm

Length: 5.5cm

Depth: 2.5cm

Physical Condition

In good condition.

Silver plated spoon

2013.3.11

Physical Description

Small silver plated spoon in box. Spoon has a thin handle with a rose on the end. On the back of the handle is the word “Community”. The spoon rests inside a small box with a pale blue cloth lining. The box is made of pink coloured card with silver stars. The top of the box is made of thin clear plastic. On the plastic, in pink near the bottom is “Community The Finest Silver Plate.” On the bottom of the box is a piece of medical tape with “H.IS” in blue ink.

Dimensions

Width: 2.5cm

Length: 12cm

Depth: 1cm

Physical Condition

Silver is very tarnished. Tarnishing has left a few stains on the blue cloth.

Blue plastic hair brush

2013.3.12

Physical Description

Long, thin hairbrush made of light blue plastic. Hairbrush bristles are made of thin clear plastic. Handle is made from a single piece of plastic. On the end of the handle is a piece of medical tape with "H.I.S" in blue ink.

Dimensions

Width: 3cm

Length: 16cm

Depth: 0.5cm

Physical Condition

Good condition. Few bristles are bent.

Small blue box of jewelry

2013.3.13a-h

Physical Description

a) Small light blue coloured cardboard box which has some water damage so it has a marbled effect. On the top is the letter "T" written in black ink. Also on top is piece of pink medical tape with "Box 1. H.I.S." Inside the box are pieces of plastic jewelry.

b) Gold coloured chain with a gold coloured circle laced through. It is stored in a plastic baggy with white medical tape with "H.I.S" in blue ink on the bottom.

c-f) Two sets of big round clip-on earrings with grey coloured plastic "stones" and silver coloured backs.

g) Long necklace of tiny cone-shaped shells laced onto a thread. The shells are tan with a multicoloured shine.

h) Small blue buttons with two holes.

Dimensions

a) Width: 9cm Length: 9cm Height: 4cm

b) Length: 24.5cm

c-f) Width: 3cm Length: 3cm Depth: 1cm
g) Length: 45.5cm
h) Width: 1.5cm Length: 1.5cm Depth: 0.2cm

Physical Condition

Box has been water damaged, staining the blue cardboard. The box also has wear around the corners.

Small metal tin of “Midol” tablets

2013.3.14

Physical Description

Small, thin, rectangular metal tin. The tin is teal coloured, and on top is the label “Midol For fast relief of functional menstrual pain and accompanying cramps, headache ‘blues’ 12 tablets.” On the bottom is product information. Inside the tin are three tablets, there is text on the inside of the top of the tin, and there is a small piece of paper with instructions. On the top of the tin in the top left corner is a piece of medical tape with “H.I.S.” in blue ink.

Dimensions

Width: 8cm
Length: 3cm
Depth: 0.5cm

Physical Condition

In good condition.

Round green plastic sewing kit

2013.3.15a-b

Physical Description

a) Round plastic sewing kit. In the middle of the kit is another circle with a rubber pin cushion which has hardened. In the space between the inner circle and the rim of the kit are twelve vertical pegs. Wrapped around the pegs is a golden coloured headband with a heart shaped pattern. Also inside the kit are four safety pins, two pieces of white chalk, clasps, and brown thread wrapped around a paper core.

b) Clear plastic lid which is slightly dome shaped. In the middle of the lid on the underside is a circle that fits into the circle in the centre of the kit. On the top in the circle is a wagon wheel pattern. On the top is a piece of medical tape with “H.I.S” in blue ink.

Dimensions

a) Width: 14cm Length: 14cm Height: 3.5cm
b) Width: 15cm Length: 15cm Height: 2cm

Physical Condition

There are some cracks in the plastic on the outer edge of the kit. Lid also has cracks, yellowing, and spots on the plastic. The items inside the kit are a bit dusty and dirty.

Clear plastic container with thread spools and needles

2013.3.16a-j

Physical Description

a) Round clear plastic container. On the bottom is a piece of medical tape with “H.I.Saunders” in blue ink.

b) Round plastic lid for the container.

c-g) Spools of thread in different colours: c) black thread; d) cream thread; e) teal thread; f) pink thread; g) red thread.

h) Pale orange make up puff with an orange ribbon across the back.

i) Orange, white, and blue card envelope of “Milwards Needles.” Inside are thirteen needles.

j) Pale and dark blue card envelope of sewing needles with label “Abel Morrall’s Thyra Needle Wrapper Embroidery.” Inside are eight needles.

Dimensions

a) Width: 8cm Length: 8cm Height: 5.5cm

b) Width: 8.5cm Length: 8.5cm Height 0.5cm

c) Width: 3cm Length: 3cm Height: 3.5cm

d-f) Width: 2.5cm Length: 2.5cm Height 3cm

g) Width: 3cm Length: 3cm Height: 3.5cm

h) Width: 5.5cm Length: 5.5cm Depth: 0.5cm

i) Width: 4.5cm Length: 7cm Depth: 0.2cm

j) Width: 5.5cm Length: 3.5cm Depth: 0.2cm

Physical Condition

Some of the labels on the threads have been pierced. Needle envelopes are bent from being in the container, and the puff is also bent.

Pale blue plastic hair comb

2013.3.17

Physical Description

Pale blue plastic hair comb. The top part is the teeth and the comb has a thin handle. Attached at the part where the teeth meet the handle is a piece of medical tape with “H.I.S.” in blue ink which is dirty and only still attached on one side. On one side of the comb is the word “Sterling”.

Dimensions

Width: 3cm

Length: 16cm
Depth: 0.5cm

Physical Condition

In good condition. The piece of medical tape is only attached to one side when it was once wrapped around to the other side. There is tape residue on the comb and the tape is dirty.

Small bottle of perfume

2013.3.18

Physical Description

Small round cylindrical bottle of perfume. Written on the clear bottle in gold letters is "Elizabeth Arden of Canada Ltd London New York Paris Toronto Contents 1 Dram" and down one side of the bottle, also in gold is "Blue Grass." Perfume is a yellow-gold colour. The bottle has a gold lid. There is also a piece of medical tape on the bottle with "H.I.S" in blue ink.

Dimensions

Width: 1.5cm
Depth: 1.5cm
Height: 5.5cm

Physical Condition

Bottle is in good condition. The perfume does not appear to have been used. Tape has some dirty spots stuck to it.

Pale blue plastic headband

2013.3.19

Physical Description

Pale blue plastic headband with two lines of teeth on the underside. The top is flat with a ribbed pattern on either side.

Dimensions

Width: 12cm
Length: 10.5cm
Depth: 1.5cm

Physical Condition

In good condition

Bright yellow plastic headband

2013.3.20

Physical Description

Bright yellow plastic headband with no pattern and two lines of teeth on the underside. On the underside on one of the bottom edges is a piece of medical tape with "H.I.S." in blue ink.

Dimensions

Width: 13cm

Length: 11cm

Depth: 1.5cm

Physical Condition

In good condition.

Red plastic headband

2013.3.21

Physical Description

Red plastic headband with a wavy, diagonal line pattern and two lines of teeth on the underside. There is a piece of medical tape with "H.I.S." in blue ink on the bottom of one side.

Dimensions

Width: 13cm

Length: 11cm

Depth: 1.5cm

Physical Condition

In good condition.

Pale blue plastic headband

2013.3.22

Physical Description

Pale blue plastic headband with a flower and vine pattern and two lines of teeth on the underside. There is a piece of medical tape with "H.I.S." in blue ink at the bottom of one side.

Dimensions

Width: 12cm

Length: 10.5cm

Depth: 1.5cm

Physical Condition

In good condition, but the medical tape is a bit dirty.

Pearly white plastic headband

2013.3.23

Physical Description

Pearly white plastic headband with a petal and leaf pattern, two lines of teeth on the underside, and two small holes at the bottoms.

Dimensions

Width: 12cm

Length: 10.5cm

Depth: 2cm

Physical Condition

In good condition.

Pale pink plastic headband

2013.3.24

Physical Description

Pale pink plastic headband with two lines of teeth on the underside. The top is flat with a ribbed pattern on either side.

Dimensions

Width: 12cm

Length: 10.5cm

Depth: 1.5cm

Physical Condition

In good condition.

Pale blue and gold plastic headband

2013.3.25

Physical Description

Wide pale blue headband with a decorative cut out pattern with gold dots and leaves details, and two lines of teeth on the underside. There is a piece of medical tape with "H.I.S" in blue ink at the bottom.

Dimensions

Width: 15cm

Length: 10.5cm

Depth: 3cm

Physical Condition

It is a bit misshapen, and it has been stretched out and become wider. The medical tape is a bit dirty.

Silver coloured metal headband

2013.3.26

Physical Description

Silver colour metal headband. The pattern on the headband is made of three lines: the centre line has diamond and triangle cut outs and the outer lines have a flower and leaf pattern. There is a piece of medical tape with "H.I.S" in blue on the bottom.

Dimensions

Width: 12.5cm

Length: 11.5cm

Depth: 1.5cm

Physical Condition

A few small spots of green tarnish, and the tape is a bit yellow and dirty.

Spools of thread

2013.3.27a-f

Physical Description

Six spools of thread of different colours: a) Pale pink "Clark and Cos Machine Cotton"; b) Pink "Beldings Pure Silk"; c) Pale blue "J+P Coats, Super Sheen"; d) Yellow "Beldings Pure Silk"; e) Teal "J+P Coats, Super Sheen"; f) Mint "J+P Coats, Super Sheen"

Dimensions

Width: 2.5cm

Depth: 2.5cm

Height: 3cm

Physical Condition

In good condition. A few labels are pierced or ripped.

Measuring tape

2013.3.28

Physical Description

A blue measuring tape which is folded. The measuring tape has black lines and numbers in inches, and gold metal ends. Attached to one end is a piece of brown paper which reads "Dean's 60 inch measure Made in England Cotton and Metal" in red letters.

Dimensions

Width: 1.5cm

Length: 153cm

Physical Condition

Paper label was probably wrapped around the measuring tape when new but now it is just on one side. The metal ends are a bit worn and rusty. The black numbers are a bit faded.

Necklace with dark grey beads

2013.3.29

Physical Description

Necklace with two lines of dark grey plastic beads. The beads are round with many sides. The necklace closes with a simple hook, and there is a runner chain with a bead at the end. The piece of metal that the strands are attached to has four small rhinestones.

Dimensions

Width: 1.5cm

Length: 37cm

Depth: 0.5cm

Physical Condition

The metal runner chain is a bit green.

Necklace with light grey beads

2013.3.30

Physical Description

A single chain of smooth round plastic grey beads with tiny silver beads in between. The necklace closes with a simple hook and there is a runner chain with a bead at the end.

Dimensions

Width: 1cm

Length: 39cm

Depth: 1cm

Physical Condition

In good condition, with only a tiny bit of tarnish on the chain and hook

Blue ball point pen

2013.3.31

Physical Description

A *Bic* plastic ball point pen with a blue lid. There may still be a bit of ink left.

Dimensions

Width: 1cm

Length: 15cm

Depth: 1cm

Physical Condition

The end of the pen has tiny cracks in the plastic.

Metal hoop

2013.3.32

Physical Description

Two taupe coloured metal hoops with one fit tightly inside the other. The outer hoop has rim on either side and is light grey on the inside. The outer hoop also has a small spring. They may be embroidery hoops.

Dimensions

Width: 18cm

Length: 18cm

Depth: 1cm

Physical Condition

The paint has chipped around the edges. One part of the hoops is quite rusty.

Buttons and clasps

2013.3.33a-f

Physical Description

A collection of buttons and clasps that were found at the bottom of the case:

- a) A large, pale yellow and brown button with two holes and a pattern that spirals towards the centre.
- b-c) Two pale blue buttons with two holes. The buttons have the same design, but are different sizes.
- d) Tiny pale brown button with two holes. The words "Made in Canada" are on the back.
- e) Tiny silver hook clasp
- f) Tiny black hook clasp

Dimensions

- a) Width: 3.5cm Length: 3.5cm Depth: 0.5cm
- b) Width: 2cm Length: 2cm Depth: 0.3cm
- c) Width: 1.5cm Length: 1.5cm Depth: 0.3cm
- d) Width: 1cm Length: 1cm Depth: 0.2cm
- e) Width: 1cm Length: 1.5cm Depth: 0.3cm
- f) Width: 1cm Length: 0.7cm Depth: 0.3cm

Physical Condition

- a) Tiny bit of dirt on the underside
- b-f) Good condition