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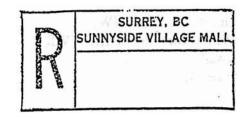
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FRANCHISE "A" REGISTRATION BOXES

In early 1990 a new Registration System was introduced into Canada which made the existing "R" type Registration Boxes obsolete. At the same time the new Franchise "A" post offices were being established. Each of the new franchises was provided with a Nixdorf computer system and suitable cancelling equipment, including the obsolete Registration Box. In the White Rock area "R" boxes were issued to Surrey - Ocean Park, Surrey - Sunshine Village Mall, and White Rock - Semiahmoo, which actually opened as White Rock Postal Outlet.

At the same time most of the other new Franchise "A" Postal Outlets were also issued with a "R" Registration Box. The "R" boxes because of the change in the Registration System were not required and as a result were never used on Registered Mail. A few, such as those shown at right, were obtained as favour markings and may be the only existing copies of these rare hand stamps.

To date these late usage Registration markings have attracted little or no interest among postal historians and as a result there is no comprehensive listing of the markings. For collectors looking for a new field of study, here is a topic that deserves careful study.



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116-171 UHITE 1 90/08/2 PS 015 1 1 TOTAL 10 AMT PAI CASH	ROCK POSTAL OUT 1. JOHNSTON ROA 30CK B.C. (V4A 4 12:33 6551 000114 1 3 .39 0ST/COUT TOTAL D /MONTANT PAY 7COMPTANT MONNAIE	AD A-4NO) 120 OPER .39 . 0.39

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The development of the postal system within the Surrey Municipality did not begin until 1881 with the establishment of Mud Bay Post Office located in the home of W. Woodward on the shores of Mud Bay. In 1883 Post Offices were opened at Clover Valley and Halls Prairie to serve the farming population on the Serpentine/ Nicomekl flats. Over the next ten years farm post offices opened at Cloverdale, Hazelmere, and Nicomekl to serve the expanding farming population.

Postal service along the Fraser River began with the Fraser River gold rush of 1858 at which time a post office was opened at New Westminster. In conjunction with the riverboats, the New Westminster post office served the needs of the few settlers living along the banks of the Fraser River between Ladner's Landing and Fort Langley. In 1891, the Brownsville Post Office was opened on the south side of the Fraser River opposite New Westminster and was located at the western terminus of the Yale Wagon Road and near the northern end of the Semiahmoo trail. This was the second post office in Surrey to be located on the Yale Wagon Road as the Clayton Post Office was opened, in 1889, at the junction of Hall's Prairie Road and the Yale Road in the home of J. George.

The population of Surrey Municipality continued to increase and new post offices were established, mainly in local stores, to meet the growing needs of the growing population. At the same time the early farm post offices, usually located in private homes, were closed or replaced by more traditional post offices located in the back of a general store.

Following the Second World War the population of Surrey Municipality began to expand rapidly and North Surrey was placed under the jurisdiction of the New Westminster Post Office while a small area near Semiahmoo Bay was placed under the jurisdiction of the White Rock Post Office. At first, the newly established post offices were designated as Postal Agencies (PA) which provided minimal service, but these were soon converted to Sub Post Offices (Sub) that provided full postal services. In later year these offices were designated Retail Postal Outlets (RPO) or Gross Marketing Outlets (GMO) but starting in 1989 many of the post offices were privatized and were upgraded to include computerized equipment and the attractive postal counters found in most Surrey post offices today. These Postal Outlets are named, but for postal purposes, the Postal Outlets are identified by a six digit RC number.

The end result is that a Post Office, such as Newton Station, might have remained in the same relative location but operated under a variety of designations. The table below lists the periods of use for these various designations.

1871 to 1950+	Most Post Offices identified by name
1950 to 1966	Sub Post Offices under New Westminster Post Office (NW)
1955 to 1991	Sub Post Office in White Rock under White Rock Post Office (WR)
1966 to 1969	Sub Post Offices under North Surrey Postal Station (NS)
1969 to 1989+	Sub Post Offices under Surrey Post Office (Su)
1989+	Postal Outlets introduced (PO)

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NEWTON STATION

The Newton Station Post Office is a good example of the problems faced in tracing the postal history of post offices located in Surrey Municipality. Although the post office remained in the same relative location, near the Newton Railway Station, at the corner of the King George Highway and Newton Road, it has changed name or status on at least six occasions. Whalleys Corner underwent a similar series of changes before becoming the Surrey Main Post Office.

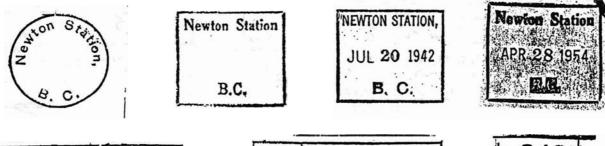
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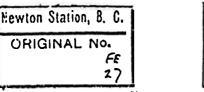
The Newton Station Post Office was authorized by Post Office memo 63 dated, 27 February 1914, and was established on April 1st although it appears to have opened on March 24th with Lew Davies as Postmaster. A Type "A" hammer was proofed March 9. The post office was located at the intersection of the King George Highway (136th Street) and Newton Road (72nd Avenue) where the British Columbia Electric Railway crossed the King George Highway. The region developed quickly and the BCER soon built a 16 car siding at Newton.

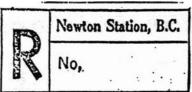


NEWTON STATION / NO 18 / 38

Newton Station continued to operate as a rural post office until 1966 and during this period a number of rubber hand stamps were issued. Proof of some of these rubber hand stamps are shown below together with a few dated pieces.



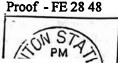






Newton Station - continued

In 1948 Newton Station was issued with a new Type "B" hammer which had been proofed on February 28 and about the same time a new Registration Box was issued. In the early 1950's a MOON date stamp was issued bearing the Accounting Number 9497. These hand stamps remained in use until the post office was converted to a named New Westminster Sub office in 1960.



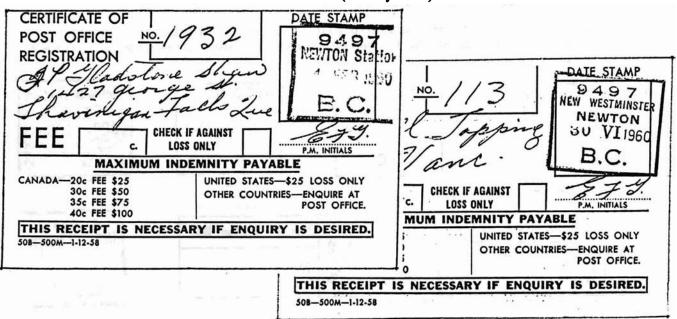
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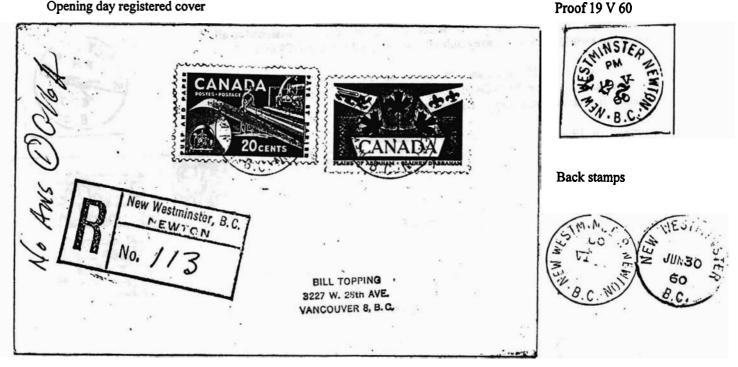
Starting in 1953 responsibility for post offices operating in North Surrey were placed under the jurisdiction of the New Westminster Post Office while those in South Surrey were assigned to White Rock. The Newton Station Post Office was officially placed under New Westminster April 30, 1960 at which time a new CDS, Money Order canceller and Registration box were issued

Registration Receipt - NEWTON STATION and NEW WESTMINSTER- NEWTON 4 FEB 1960 30 VI 1960 (First day of use)

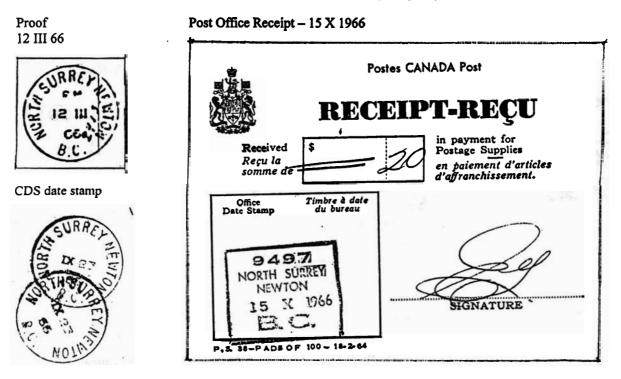


Newton Station - continued

NEW WESTMINSTER / NEWTON / 60 / VI 30 / B.C. Opening day registered cover



The North Surrey Postal Station opened on April 1, 1966 and all the New Westminster Sub. Post Offices located in North Surrey were assigned new North Surrey numbers. New metal CDS hand stamps were proofed March 12, 1966 for all North Surrey Subs. The new North Surrey – Newton CDS came into use on April 1, 1966 although the post office remained at 7170 King George Highway.



Newton Station - continued

On March 10, 1969, "North Surrey" became simply "Surrey" and at the same time the North Surrey - Newton office was converted to Surrey Sub 19 but retained the same accounting number 9497. In 1975 new accounting numbers were assigned to all Canadian Post Offices and Surrey Sub 19 was assigned number RC# 644803.

In 1990, Surrey Sub 19 closed and was moved to #101 13753 72nd Avenue and briefly operated as Surrey Sub 20 (RC# 012432) while awaiting conversion to Franchise "A" status. It is unlikely the Sub 20 equipment was issued.

Proof



Surrey Sub. 19 - Registered cover 28 II 71 (reduced)

REGISTERED MAIL To THE PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATOR HOME OWNER ASSISTANCE ARLIAMENT BUILDINGS VICTORIA BE SURREY, B.C. NO. 3

The conversion to the Newton Town Centre Postal Outlet (RC# 656917) was completed on March 27, 1990 following the introduction of the newly developed Nixdorf equipment.

Nixdorf receipt and postal label

POCON 656917

REGISTERED 656917 12 1990 RECOMMANDE SURREY BC 92.01.275 SURREY_ B. C. 0656917 N 3000288

The Newton Town Centre PO has recently been issued the new ROSS postal equipment and new dating equipment issued.

Address

FROM CANADA POST -

Date	Name
-01-02	South Tsawassen PO
00-10-30	Port Hardy RPO
00-11-06	Parsons RO
01-01-02	City Square PO
00-11-29	Sahali Mall PO
00-12-15	Fairmont Hot Springs FB
01-10-17	Broadmead PO
01-02-26	Terra Nova Village PO Shaughnessy PO
01-02-26 01-02-28	Terra Nova Village PO
01-02-28	Courtenay Downtown PO
01-02-26	Northhills Centre PO
01-02-28	Northhills Centre PO
01-06-01	Westpark Centre PO
01-02-01	Courtenay South PO
01-01-23	Big Eddy CFSS
01-04-24	Westwood PO
01-03-02	Bradner PO
01-06-14	Bridgeport Road PO
01-02-22	Brookside Resort CFC
01-03-03	Whiteway CFSS
01-04-30	Bainbridge RO
01-04-01	Woss PO
01-03-26	Glenmore CFSS
01-04-10	Dollar Store
01-05-12	Langford PO
01-06-01 ^05-20	Chemainus North PO Windermere PO
,5-31	Gibsons RPO 1
01-11-19	Yaletown PO
01-06-05	Lynn Vailey Stamp Shop
01-06-27	Ocean Park PO
01-07-01	Cordova Bay PO
01-06-18	Terrace (Bargain Shop)
01-08-27	Lynn Valley RO
01-07-14	Galiano PO
01-11-28	Pioneer Plaza PO
01-09-22	Mount Lehman Centre
01-11-19	Coal Harbour PO
01-08-11	Mount Tolmie
01-10-29 01-11-27	Lynnmour RO Admiral's Walk RO
01-10-01	Woss FB
01-11-17	Brentwood Mall PO
01-11-05	Terrace - The Bargain Shop
01-03-03	Cranbrook Mall PO
01-05-11	Whiteway CFSS
01-05-14	Lynn Valley PO
01-06-16	Hardy PO
01-07-31	Lower Nicola
01-08-19	Campbell River #3 (Irowood M.)
01-08-31	Woss PO
01-09-04	Abbotsford GMO 2
01-10-29	North Vancouver CSC
01-10-22	White Rock CSC
L1-26	Mayfair PO Prince George Station B
01-11-26	Yellowhead PO
01-10-29	North Vancouver CSC
01-11-09	Comox GMO 1 (Comox RO)
01-12-31	Cedarvale
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1169 56 Street 8925 Granville Street 3392 Highway 95 #15-555 West 12th Avenue 200-945 Columbia Street West 4992 Fairmont Frontage Road 310 777 Royal Oak Drive 100-3675 Westminster Highway 2529 Shaughnessey Street 100-3675 Westminster Highway 610Anderson Avenue 70-700 Tranquille Road 70-700 Tranquille Road 6-20349 88th Avenue 5-2401 Cliff Avenue 1888 Big Eddy Road 2591 Panorama Drive 5440 Bradner Road 160-3031 Beckman Place RR 1 Site 16 Comp 75 2020 B Falcon Road ? 2844 Bainbridge Avenue 3001 Englewood Drive Suite 201 1940 Kane Road 105-3240 Mount Lehman Road 772 Goldstream Avenue 2835 Oak Street 4856 Bench Road 115-1100 Gibsons Way

1199 Lynn Valley Road 1251 16th Avenue 5134 Cordova Bay Road 4647 Lakelse Avenue 1199 Lynn Valley Road RR #1 Galiano Island 19967 96th Avenue 105-3240 Mt. Lehman Road

#110 223 Mountain Highway

3001 Englewood Drive #47A 4567 Loughced Highway 4647 Lakelse Avenue 266 Cranbrook Mall

3017 Mountain Highway 8925 Granville Street 461 Brenton Avenue 1484a Ironwood Road 3001 Englewood Drive 105B 2596 McMillan Road 106 1st Avenue 15415 24th Svenue 221 3174 Douglas Street 3505 15th Avenue 4346 Highway 16 West 100 1st Street East 2004 Comox Avenue Cedarvale

Town	Code	F-RC	N-RC	Remarks
Delta	V4L 2C0	654515	425370	est delayed
Port Hardy	V0N 3V0	645699	425699	new owner
Parsons	V0A 1L0	178810	426091	new owner
Vancouver	V6J 1Z0	385115	426121	new owner
Kamloops	V2C 1L0	354759	426326	new owner
Fairmont Hot Springs	VOB 1L0	642266	426679	new owner
Victoria	V8K 4V0	177245	427721	to ROSS
Richmond	V7C 5V0	425362	427896	upgrade PO
Port Coquitiam	V3C 3G0	656585	427896	new owner
Richmond	V7C 5V0	425362	427896	change date
Courtenay	V9N 1G0	349437	428248	replacement
Kamloops	V2B 3H0	26736 8	428299	upgrade
Kamloops	V2B 3H0	267368	428299	change date
Langley	V1M 2K0	new	428361	to ROSS
Courtenay	V9N 2L0	631752	428434	new owner
Revelstoke	v0e 3k0	348335	428728	new owner
Coquitiam	V3E 2Y0	new	429856	new
Abbotsford	V4X 2P0	09392	429880	new owner
Richmond	V6X 3R0	new	429910	new
Vanderhoof	V0J 3A0	415340	429937	to CFC
Kamloops	V2C 4JO	267309	429953	C1 to CFSS
Burnaby	V5W 3W0	655368	429961	new owner
Woss	VON 3P0	268674	430668	new owner
Kelowna	V1V 2J9	385107	432601	PO to CFC
Abbotsford	V2T 5E5	425184	432741	replacement
Victoria	V9B 2 Y0	631663	434280	replacement
Chemainus	VOR 1KO	656968	436003	PO to CFC
Windermere	V0B 2L0	631825	436038	replacement
Gibsons	V0N 1G0	640298	436089	RPO to CFC
Vancouver		388416	436135	replacement new CFC
North Vancouver	V7J 2H2	new 165492	436186 436283	replacement
Surrey	V4A 1N5	069132	436348	new owner
Victoria Terrace	V8Y 2K0 V8G 5P0	009132 new	436437	new CFC
North Vancouver	VaC 5P0 V7J 2P0	436186	436488	to franchise
Galiano	V0N 1P0	018783	436526	replacement
Langlesy	V3A 4P0	653624	437085	replacement
Abbotsford	V4X 2M9	432741	437093	relocat ROSS
Vancouver	147 2147	new	437247	new
Victoria		631167	437263	replacement
North Vancouver	V7J 2C0	new	438103	new
Victoria	112200	new	438111	DCW
Woss	VON 3P0	430668	438723	new owner
Burnaby	V5C 2A0	415499	438960	replacement
Тепасе	V8G 5P0	436437	439045	replacement
Cranbrook	VIC 3L0	132292	closed	closed
Kamloops		429953	closed	CFSS closed
North Vancouver	V7J 2P0	639729	closed	fire
Port Hardy	V0N 3V0	425699	closed	
Lower Nicola	V0K 1Y0	176788	closed	no replace
Campbell River	V9W 5T0	384348	closed	
Woss	VON 3P0	430668	closed	
Abbotsford	V2S 5W0	144142	closed	resignation
North Vancouver	V7L 1B0	058904	closed	
White Rock	V4A 2H0	096997	closed	closed
Victoria	V8Z 6E0	415855	closed	closed
Prince George	V2N 1A0	653454	closed	to Stn A
Smithers	V0J 2N0	359297	closed	closed
North Vancouver	V7L 1B0	058904	closed	closed
Comox	V3S 4C0	285609	closed	to Stap Shop
Cedarvale	V0J 1G0	641189	closed	ciosed

In late November a new style of Jet Spray Printers (JSP) were introduced into a number of Mail Processing Plants (MPP) in Canada and MLOCR 084 in Vancouver was modified by the addition of the new equipment which came into use on November 26. At first glance it appears that the new JSP equipment is similar in operation to the earlier equipment and has at least eight heads each containing five spray holes. Like the earlier equipment it appears that each line can be programmed to spray a variety of messages. Initially the postal code read "V6B 1Z1" but within a few days this was changed to read 'V6B 1Y6" and during the start up period the test mode appears has been used to cancel the stamps. At time of press full details on the equipment were not available but it is hoped to obtain these before the next News Letter.

JSP OCR 084 - 2001

Initial top line read:

084 V6B 1Z1 YRMODA TI:ME //////

"1Z1" slogans - 2001

Two line slogan read: WWW.CANADAPOST.CA ////// WWW.POSTESCANADA.CA ////// Early 01 11 26 21:34 Late 01 11 26 21:40

Slogan replaced by test mode cancellation a sloping line of dashes in groups of 7 separated by longer lines. Backstamps indicates use on November 26 & 27

Replacement top line replaces "1Z1" with "1Y6"

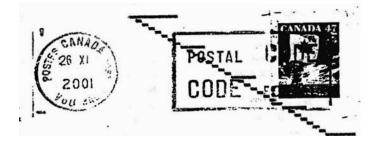
084 V6B 1Y6 YRMODA TI:ME //////

"1Y6" slogans 2001 *

Two line slogan read: WWW.CANADAPOST.CA////// WWW.POSTESCANADA.CA////// Early 01 12 04 03:08

In use

* Detailed information on new JSP needed. Single line slogan seen and variation in spacing of lines also reported



084 V6B 1Z1 011126 21:36 /////// WNW.CANADAPOST.CA /////// WWW.POSTESCANADA.CA ///////

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RESPONSE FORM

JSP OCR 081 - 2001 Top line reads: 2001 slogans Two line slogan reads: Single line slogan on B1 reads; www.canadaPost.ca ///////// www.ePost.ca/www/ePoste.ca///////// 01 05 16 23:37 01 06 17 11:49 01 11 14 04:29 Early 01 01 08 20:36 Late 01 04 07 07:17 01 06 15 21:23 01 08 24 02:17 01 12 08 08:10 Two line slogan reads: Single line slogan on B1 reads: www... CENSUS *2001* RECENSEMENT ///////// RECENSEMENT 2001 CENSUS ///////// Early 01 04 17 21:57 Late 01 05 16 03:56 Two line slogan reads: Single line slogan on B1 reads:www... Early 01 06 14 21:25 084 V6B 3A0 010911 21:20 111111111 Late 01 06 16 03:11 Literacy/AlPhabétisation 11111111 Single line slogan reads: Literacy/Alphabetisation ///////// Early 01 08 24 23:02 Late 01 09 18 07:20 081 VEB 3A0 010927 20:46 11111111 Single line slogan reads: United Way / Centraide ///////// United War / Centraide 111111111 Early 01 09 19 00:56 Late 01 11 05 08:23 Single line slogan on B1 reads www... Two line slogan reads: Early 01 11 06 00:48 Late 01 11 10 02:43 Single line slogan on B1 reads www... Two line slogan reads: Early 01 12 11 09:15 Late 01 12 27 08:29

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Name Address

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JSP OCR 118 - 2001

Top line reads: 2001 slogans Two line slogan reads: Single line slogan on B1 reads: www.ePost.ca/www.ePoste.ca / / / / / / / / / Early 01 01 10 19:31 01 06 04 18:56 01 06 18 17:50 01 09 19 16:18 01 11 22 19:31 01 06 14 00:01 01 08 23 23:06 01 10 02 01:26 01 11 12 06:52 Late 01 04 19 00:17 Single line slogan on B1 reads: www.. Two line slogan reads: CENSUS *2001* RECENSEMENT ! RECENSEMENT *2001* CENSUS ////////// 01 05 17 22:40 01 05 28 21:18 Early 01 01 19 16:24 Late 01 05 07 02:05 01 05 18 23:37 01 06 03 15:52 Single line slogan on B1 reads: www.. Corrected two line slogan reads: CENSUS *2001* RECENSEMENT ///////// Early 01 05 09 17:20 01 05 22 17:29 Late 01 05 17 18:29 01 05 26 01:00 Single line slogan on B1 reads: www.. Two line slogan reads: 118 V8Z 4B0 010518 23:24 Early 01 06 14 16:18 CENSUS *2001* RECENSEMENT -Late 01 06 15 23:11 Single line slogan reads: RELEMSEMENT *2007* CENSUS 11111111 Literacy/Alphabetisation ///////// Early 01 08 24 16:24 Late 01 09 19 01:02 118 V8Z 4B0 010522 21:35 111111111 Single line slogan reads: CENSUS *2001* RECENSEMENT _____ Early 01 10 17 23:44 Late 01 11 03 00:16 RECENSEMENT *2001* CENSUS 11111111 Single line slogan on B1 reads: www.. Two line slogan reads: Early 01 11 05 16:52 118 V8Z 4B0 011215 18:24 11111111 Late 01 11 22 00:14 Santa HOHOHO Pèere Noë! ||||||||||| Single line slogan resds: Early 01 12 12 13:53 Late 01 12 20 23:.. Single line slogan corrected to read "pere":: 118 V8Z 4B0 011222 04:50 11111111 Santa HOHOHO Pere Noel ////////// Early 0112 21 09 :14 Late 02 01 03 05:15 anta HOHOHO Père Noël 111111111

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