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PROVENANCE BRIEF

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# P-2026-0001

## 1989 Nintendo Game Pack — Factory Sealed Packs

O-Pee-Chee (Canada) · Three (3) Unopened Wax Packs · Sealed Custodial Inventory

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<b>Packet Identifier:</b>	P-2026-0001
<b>Date Prepared:</b>	April 2026
<b>Item Description:</b>	1989 O-Pee-Chee Nintendo Game Pack — Bilingual (Canada)
<b>Item Count:</b>	Three (3) factory-sealed wax packs
<b>Condition:</b>	Factory sealed — unopened
<b>Custodial Intention:</b>	Held indefinitely — never to be opened
<b>Storage:</b>	Home custodial archive
<b>Custodian:</b>	First Custodian of the Reliquary
<b>Related Documents:</b>	P-2026-0002 (graded batch); I-2026-0002 (internal)
<b>Status:</b>	Permanent Sealed Custodial Inventory

## **I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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This provenance brief documents the custodial status, acquisition history, and archival significance of three (3) factory-sealed 1989 O-Pee-Chee Nintendo Game Pack wax packs held in the permanent sealed custodial inventory of the Diné, Janeth & Fandleran Reliquary.

These packs are part of a six-pack lot acquired on March 8, 2026, the remainder of which was opened to yield the inaugural Nintendo grading batch documented under P-2026-0002. The three packs documented herein were not opened. They are retained in factory-sealed condition as a companion artifact to the graded batch — representing the acquisition in its preserved, unexamined state.

Physical examination of the sealed pack wrappers confirmed the presence of French/bilingual text and O-Pee-Chee manufacturer identification, establishing that the entire six-pack acquisition originated from a Canadian O-Pee-Chee box. This confirmation is the canonical finding for both P-2026-0001 and P-2026-0002.

The Reliquary's custodial intention for these three packs is unambiguous: they are to be held indefinitely in factory-sealed condition and are never to be opened. This determination is recorded as a standing custodial directive and is not subject to revision without formal amendment by the First Custodian of the Reliquary.

## **II. PRODUCTION & HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

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The 1989 O-Pee-Chee Nintendo Game Pack series was produced by O-Pee-Chee — Topps' Canadian licensee — under license from Nintendo of America, for exclusive distribution through Canadian retail channels. The series featured bilingual English/French card text consistent with Canadian bilingual publishing standards and was issued in a substantially more limited production run than the contemporaneous standard Topps series distributed in the United States.

The O-Pee-Chee series was never manufactured by Topps and was not distributed in the United States. Each wax pack contained five (5) cards: three (3) scratch-off game cards and two (2) sticker cards, at an original retail price consistent with the Canadian convenience and variety store market of the period. The set was designed for active play rather than long-term preservation, making factory-sealed examples — particularly from the more limited Canadian series — a meaningful condition rarity within the surviving population.

The Nintendo Game Pack set featured characters and scenes from six NES titles: Super Mario Bros., Super Mario Bros. 2, Punch-Out!!, Double Dragon, The Legend of Zelda, and Zelda II: The Adventure of Link. These characters have since become among the most recognized figures in global entertainment history, lending the set enduring cultural significance beyond its original market position as a mass-market play product.

### III. ITEM DESCRIPTION & SPECIFICATIONS

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<b>Manufacturer:</b>	O-Pee-Chee (under license from Nintendo of America / Topps)
<b>Product:</b>	1989 Nintendo Game Pack — Bilingual (Canada)
<b>Format:</b>	Wax pack — factory sealed
<b>Pack Contents:</b>	Five (5) cards per pack: three (3) scratch-off game cards, two (2) sticker cards
<b>Item Count:</b>	Three (3) sealed packs
<b>Wrapper markings:</b>	French/bilingual text confirmed; O-Pee-Chee manufacturer identification confirmed
<b>Condition:</b>	Factory sealed — wax intact, unopened
<b>Contents:</b>	Unknown — packs have not been opened and will not be opened
<b>Origin confirmed:</b>	Canadian O-Pee-Chee box — established by wrapper examination (see Section IV)

The specific card contents of each sealed pack are unknown and will remain so in perpetuity under the Reliquary's custodial directive. The sealed state of these packs is itself the primary archival attribute — the contents are subordinate to the preservation of the factory-sealed condition.

### IV. O-PEE-CHEE ORIGIN CONFIRMATION

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Following the return of graded slabs from the inaugural Nintendo grading batch (P-2026-0002), the three remaining sealed pack wrappers were physically examined. This examination confirmed the presence of French/bilingual text and O-Pee-Chee manufacturer identification on all three wrappers — establishing with certainty that these packs, along with the three previously opened packs from the same lot, originated from a Canadian O-Pee-Chee box.

This finding is significant for several reasons. First, it establishes the entire six-pack acquisition as a Canadian O-Pee-Chee product rather than a mixed or ambiguous lot. Second, it confirms that the three sealed packs documented herein are O-Pee-Chee Canadian series packs — not standard US Topps packs — and should be understood within the context of the more limited Canadian production run. Third, it provides a basis for the canonical re-characterization of the graded batch documented under P-2026-0002.

The wrapper examination was conducted by the First Custodian of the Reliquary. No third-party verification of the wrapper markings has been performed; the finding is based on direct physical inspection and is recorded here as the Reliquary's canonical determination.

## V. CHAIN OF CUSTODY & ACQUISITION HISTORY

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Six (6) factory-sealed 1989 Nintendo Game Pack wax packs were acquired on March 8, 2026 via eBay, purchased as two (2) lots of three (3) packs each (eBay Order Number: 08-14340-20088; Seller: jacqugaffn; Order total: \$44.83). The packs were delivered on March 17, 2026.

Upon receipt, three (3) of the six packs were opened to yield the inaugural Nintendo grading batch documented under P-2026-0002. The three packs documented in this packet were set aside and have remained in factory-sealed condition from the date of acquisition through the date of this document. They have not been opened, handled beyond initial intake inspection, or transferred to any third-party storage facility.

Following wrapper examination and O-Pee-Chee origin confirmation, the three sealed packs were transferred to home custodial archive storage under the direct stewardship of the First Custodian of the Reliquary, where they currently reside. Chain of custody is established from eBay acquisition through Reliquary intake and home custodial storage without intermediary private handling.

## VI. CUSTODIAL DIRECTIVE — SEALED STATUS

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The Reliquary's custodial intention for these three factory-sealed packs is recorded as a standing directive: **these packs are to be held indefinitely in factory-sealed condition and are never to be opened.**

This directive reflects the Reliquary's determination that the archival value of these packs in their sealed state materially exceeds the value of their contents in an opened state. The sealed condition preserves a form of historical authenticity — the packs exist as they were manufactured, distributed, and sold in Canada in 1989 — that cannot be recovered once lost. The cards within are, by definition, in the same condition they were in when the wax was sealed at the factory. That condition is irreversible and irreplaceable.

The three opened packs from the same acquisition, and the ten graded cards they yielded, provide the Reliquary with documented knowledge of what this set's packs contain. The sealed packs are therefore not held out of ignorance of their contents but as a deliberate preservation of the sealed artifact itself — companion pieces to the graded batch, one half preserved opened and examined, the other half preserved in its original sealed state.

This directive is binding on the current custodian and is recorded in the Reliquary's provenance documentation as the canonical custodial position. Amendment requires a formal written determination by the First Custodian of the Reliquary and a corresponding update to this provenance packet.

## VII. CULTURAL & HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

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Factory-sealed wax packs from the 1989 Nintendo Game Pack series occupy a specific position within the broader Nintendo collectibles market. Unlike graded cards — which are evaluated, encapsulated, and assigned a condition grade — sealed packs preserve the original retail experience: the weight of the cards, the smell of the wax, the graphics of the wrapper, and the uncertainty of the pull. These qualities are not recoverable once the pack is opened.

For the O-Pee-Chee Canadian series specifically, sealed pack survival is considerably rarer than for the standard US Topps series, reflecting both the more limited Canadian production run and the lower collector awareness of the Canadian variant at the time of original distribution. The broader Nintendo collectibles market — estimated to have crossed \$4 billion in 2026 — has driven increasing interest in sealed pack artifacts from this era.

The First Custodian of the Reliquary acquired cards from this set during childhood, at the time of their original release. The original childhood packs were opened and played as intended; no sealed examples survived from that period. The three sealed packs documented here represent a recovered form of what was once held — not the cards themselves, but the experience of the unopened pack, preserved in perpetuity.

## VIII. ARCHIVAL SIGNIFICANCE

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These three factory-sealed packs hold archival significance within the Reliquary on several grounds:

- **Sealed artifact preservation** — The packs represent the acquisition in its original, unexamined state — a condition that cannot be replicated once lost
- **Companion provenance** — Together with P-2026-0002, they constitute a complete archival record of the six-pack acquisition: three packs opened and graded, three packs preserved sealed
- **Canadian O-Pee-Chee documentation** — As confirmed O-Pee-Chee Canadian series packs, they contribute to the archival record of a variant series that has received comparatively limited documentation
- **Recovery narrative** — The sealed packs embody the Reliquary's founding mission — the deliberate recovery and preservation of artifacts whose significance was not recognized at the time of their original issue

## **IX. NOTES & LIMITATIONS**

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The specific card contents of the three sealed packs are unknown. No imaging, weighing, or non-destructive examination has been performed to assess contents. Statements regarding possible contents are not made in this packet, as the sealed state is the archival condition of record.

The O-Pee-Chee origin confirmation is based on physical examination of the wrapper markings by the First Custodian of the Reliquary. No third-party verification has been performed. The finding is recorded as the Reliquary's canonical determination and is consistent with the CGC label designation for Item 3 of the related graded batch (P-2026-0002).

This packet does not assign monetary value or forecast market performance. All evaluations are archival in nature and are intended to document physical characteristics, custodial status, and contextual significance as of the date of preparation.

## **X. CONCLUSION**

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This provenance brief documents the custodial status, origin, and archival significance of three factory-sealed 1989 O-Pee-Chee Nintendo Game Pack wax packs held in the permanent sealed custodial inventory of the Diné, Janeth & Fandleran Reliquary.

The packs are confirmed as originating from a Canadian O-Pee-Chee box — established by physical wrapper examination — and are held under a standing custodial directive that they never be opened. Together with the graded batch documented under P-2026-0002, they constitute a complete archival record of the Reliquary's 2026 Nintendo Game Pack acquisition: one record of the opened and examined, one record of the preserved and sealed.

These packs are formally recorded as part of the permanent holdings of the Diné, Janeth & Fandleran Reliquary, preserved for reference, study, and future custodianship.

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