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PROVENANCE BRIEF

P-2026-0002

1989 Nintendo Game Pack — Inaugural Grading Batch

O-Pee-Chee (Canada) & Topps · CGC Certified · Ten (10) Items · Batch Provenance Record

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Packet Identifier:	P-2026-0002
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Set:	1989 O-Pee-Chee Nintendo Game Pack (Canada) — Bilingual
Items:	Ten (10) — batch record
Grading Authority:	CGC Trading Cards
Custodian:	First Custodian of the Reliquary
Related Documents:	I-2026-0002 (internal); P-2026-0001 (sealed packs, pending)
Status:	Permanent Archival Holdings

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This provenance brief establishes the production context, authentication history, acquisition record, and archival significance of the 1989 Nintendo Game Pack inaugural grading batch — ten (10) cards submitted for CGC certification as the first Nintendo-category assets formally processed under Reliquary stewardship.

The batch comprises cards drawn from the 1989 O-Pee-Chee Nintendo Game Pack series, produced exclusively for Canadian distribution. The acquisition — six (6) factory-sealed wax packs purchased as a single lot — has been confirmed as originating from a Canadian O-Pee-Chee box rather than a standard US Topps release. This determination is supported by physical examination of the remaining sealed pack wrappers, which bear French/bilingual text and O-Pee-Chee manufacturer identification consistent with Canadian distribution. All ten items have been authenticated and graded by CGC Trading Cards and are retained in the Reliquary's permanent archival collection.

Custodial valuation and cost basis documentation are maintained under internal reference I-2026-0002 and are not disclosed in this public record. A related provenance packet covering the three (3) remaining factory-sealed packs from the same acquisition is documented under P-2026-0001.

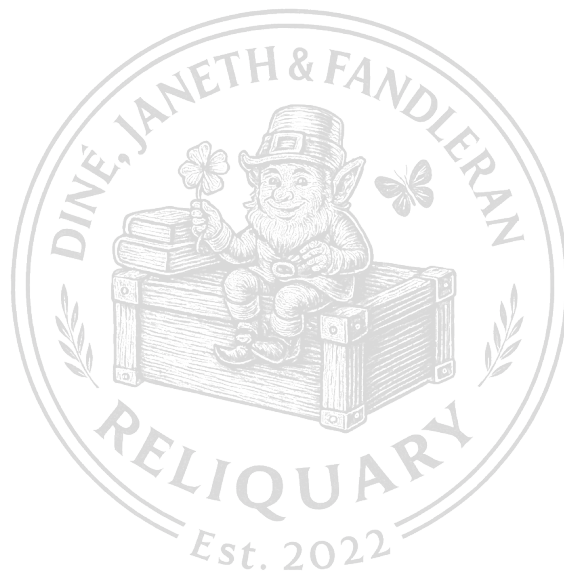
II. PRODUCTION & HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The 1989 Nintendo Game Pack set was produced by Topps under license from Nintendo of America and represents one of the earliest trading card sets produced in the United States to feature Nintendo's home console game library. Released at the height of the Nintendo Entertainment System's cultural dominance, the set was designed as an interactive collectible — combining scratch-off game screens and illustrated sticker cards featuring characters and scenes from six of Nintendo's most recognized NES titles: Super Mario Bros., Super Mario Bros. 2, Punch-Out!!, Double Dragon, The Legend of Zelda, and Zelda II: The Adventure of Link.

The complete set comprised 60 scratch-off game cards and 33 sticker cards, distributed through retail channels in individually sold wax packs. Each pack contained three (3) scratch-off cards and two (2) sticker cards and carried an original manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$0.25 per pack. The set was not conceived as a collector's product; it was designed for active play, with scratch-off mechanics that rendered cards disposable by design.

A contemporaneous variant series was produced by O-Pee-Chee — Topps' Canadian licensee — for exclusive distribution in Canada. The O-Pee-Chee Nintendo Game Pack series featured bilingual English/French card text and was issued in a substantially more limited production run than the standard Topps series. The O-Pee-Chee series was never manufactured by Topps and was not distributed in the United States.

The Reliquary's acquisition has been confirmed in its entirety as originating from the O-Pee-Chee Canadian series. Physical examination of the three (3) remaining factory-sealed pack wrappers from the same lot confirms the presence of French/bilingual text and O-Pee-Chee manufacturer identification on all examined wrappers. As a single-lot purchase, the consistent wrapper markings across the unopened packs establish that all six packs originated from the same Canadian O-Pee-Chee box.



III. BATCH DESCRIPTION & SPECIFICATIONS

The following table documents all ten items comprising this batch provenance record.

#	Description	Type	CGC Cert #	Grade	Mfr.	Notes
1	Punch-Out!! — Mr. Sandman, Screen 10/10	Scratch-Off	6155851001	CGC 9	OPC*	
2	Rescue Zelda and Win! #22	Sticker	6155851002	CGC 8	OPC*	
3	Super Mario Bros. 2 — Screen 5/10	Scratch-Off	6155851003	CGC 8.5	OPC	Confirmed bilingual
4	Zelda II, Adv. of Link — Screen 7/10	Scratch-Off	6155851004	CGC 8	OPC*	
5	Zelda II, Adv. of Link — Screen 9/10	Scratch-Off	6155851005	CGC 9	OPC*	
6	The Legend of Zelda — Screen 5/10	Scratch-Off	6155851006	CGC 9	OPC*	
7	Super Mario Bros. #9	Sticker	6155851007	CGC 9.5	OPC*	
8	Super Mario Bros. #11	Sticker	6155851008	CGC 9.5	OPC*	
9	Super Mario Bros. #31	Sticker	6155851009	CGC 9.5	OPC*	
10	Super Mario Bros. 2 #4	Sticker	6155851010	CGC 8	OPC*	

* OPC designation reflects confirmed box-level origin (see Section II). Items labeled 'Topps' by CGC reflect label classification conventions; all items in this batch are considered O-Pee-Chee Canadian series based on wrapper examination of the source lot.

IV. CONDITION ASSESSMENT & RARITY ANALYSIS

The ten items in this batch received CGC grades ranging from CGC 8 (NM/MINT) to CGC 9.5 (MINT+). Three items received CGC 9.5 designations — the Super Mario Bros. sticker cards (#9, #11, and #31). No item received a grade below CGC 8, indicating uniform above-average preservation across the pull.

All scratch-off cards in this batch were drawn from factory-sealed packs and are unscratched. Surface preservation, corner integrity, and centering account for the grade differentials observed within the batch.

* O-PEE-CHEE BATCH CONFIRMATION — ELEVATED CUSTODIAL NOTE

Physical examination of the three (3) remaining factory-sealed pack wrappers confirmed O-Pee-Chee manufacturer identification on all examined wrappers, establishing that the entire six-pack acquisition originated from a Canadian O-Pee-Chee box. The nine items carrying CGC 'Topps' label designations are understood to reflect CGC's label classification practices rather than a confirmed manufacturing distinction.

V. CHAIN OF CUSTODY & ACQUISITION HISTORY

Six (6) factory-sealed 1989 Nintendo Game Pack wax packs were acquired on March 8, 2026 via eBay. The acquisition comprised two lots of three (3) packs each, delivered March 17, 2026. Three (3) packs were opened, yielding fifteen (15) cards. Ten (10) cards were randomly selected and submitted as the Reliquary's inaugural Nintendo grading batch.

Following the return of graded slabs, physical examination of the three (3) remaining sealed pack wrappers confirmed O-Pee-Chee manufacturer identification on all examined wrappers. This examination establishes that the entire acquisition originated from a Canadian O-Pee-Chee box. The internal memorandum I-2026-0002, prepared prior to wrapper examination, describes the acquisition in earlier terms; this provenance packet constitutes the canonical archival record.

The ten selected cards were submitted to CGC Trading Cards via the Fanatics Collect pipeline under Submission #3147567, shipped April 7, 2026 (Tracking: 9405 5301 0935 5318 0205 75), received April 10, 2026, logged April 14, 2026, and fully graded April 24, 2026.

VI. CULTURAL & HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The 1989 Nintendo Game Pack set was released at the apex of the Nintendo Entertainment System's cultural penetration — a period during which the NES was present in an estimated one in three American households. The characters featured across this set, including Mario, Link, and Zelda, have since become among the most recognized figures in global entertainment history.

The First Custodian of the Reliquary acquired cards from this set during childhood. No original childhood examples survived. The Reliquary's 2026 acquisition represents a deliberate recovery of that history, consistent with the institution's founding mission.

The confirmed O-Pee-Chee Canadian origin of the entire acquisition adds a layer of cross-border cultural documentation. The childhood cards were almost certainly standard Topps issues — the recovered equivalents documented here are their Canadian counterparts, produced under the same license but distributed exclusively through Canadian retail channels in a more limited run.

VII. GRADING & ENCAPSULATION

All ten items were submitted to CGC Trading Cards via the Fanatics Collect grading pipeline at the Premier membership tier. Each item was evaluated for authenticity, physical condition, and surface integrity. All items were returned in tamper-evident CGC holders. Certification numbers may be independently verified through CGC's public registry.

No alterations, restorations, or post-issuance modifications are known or indicated for any item in this batch. All items were submitted directly from factory-sealed pack pulls without intermediary private handling.

VIII. ARCHIVAL SIGNIFICANCE

As the first Nintendo-category assets formally processed under Reliquary stewardship, these ten items inaugurate a collecting category that intersects gaming history, popular culture, and the Reliquary's custodial recovery mission.

The confirmed O-Pee-Chee Canadian origin of the entire acquisition further distinguishes this record. The Reliquary's batch-level confirmation of Canadian box origin — established through physical wrapper examination rather than label inference alone — represents a more complete archival record than single-card OPC identification would provide.

IX. NOTES & LIMITATIONS

Population data for CGC-graded 1989 Nintendo Game Pack cards is subject to change as additional submissions occur. This packet does not assign monetary value or forecast market performance. Custodial valuation is maintained under separate internal documentation (I-2026-0002).

X. CONCLUSION

This provenance brief documents the identity, production context, condition, authentication, and custodial history of the 1989 Nintendo Game Pack inaugural grading batch — ten CGC-certified items representing the Reliquary's first formally processed Nintendo-category acquisitions, confirmed in their entirety as originating from a Canadian O-Pee-Chee box.

All ten items 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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