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FINAL TREATMENT REPORT

Job No.: 88.252.1 of 2	
Object: manuscript map	Dimensions: 25" x 33" approx.
Artist or Author: OS. Spear, Surveyor	Medium: pen and various inks
Place/Date: 1876	Support: medium weight wove paper

Title or Subject: Map of Shelburn

CONDITION ON RECEIPT:

This manuscript map was in very poor condition. The paper was extremely brittle, with many tears and edge losses. The numerous tears had been mended with a "scotch" type tape. Part of an old stitched mend still existed. The map had been backed with a loose weave fabric which had released in many areas. It was received rolled, with sticks nailed to top and bottom.

There was a lot of surface dirt, grime and many small stains.

WORK PERFORMED:

The map was surface cleaned to reduce grime. Tape and residual staining were removed with toluene and methyl ethyl ketone. The solubility of medium was tested. The map was washed in water to clean and reduce acidity of the paper. The fabric backing and adhesive residue were removed during washing. The map was backed with Japanese paper for added strength. The adhesive used was wheat starch paste. It was flattened on a drying board. The map was encapsulated in polyester film to reinforce and to protect against dirt, handling and atmospheric pollution.

NOTE: Because of the extent of loss, we decided not to attempt to inpaint the map. Nor did we add an alkaline buffer as that might have caused loss to the red inks.

Full written and photographic records were kept.

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FINAL TREATMENT REPORT

Job No.: 88.252.2 of 2
Object: manuscript map

Medium: pen and ink
Support: medium weight wove paper

CONDITION ON RECEIPT:

This map was in extremely poor condition. It was received rolled and was too fragile to open without causing serious damage. The paper had been backed with cloth. Both paper and cloth were very brittle and acidic and had been extensively torn. Basically, the map was in shreds.

WORK PERFORMED:

The map was washed in water to clean and reduce the acidity of the paper. Tears were aligned and pieces positioned, and the map was backed with Japanese paper for added strength. The adhesive used was wheat starch paste. The backing serves to fill the losses. The map was surface cleaned to reduce grime. It was flattened on a drying board and encapsulated in polyester film to reinforce and to protect against dirt, handling and atmospheric pollution.

Full written and photographic records were kept.

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