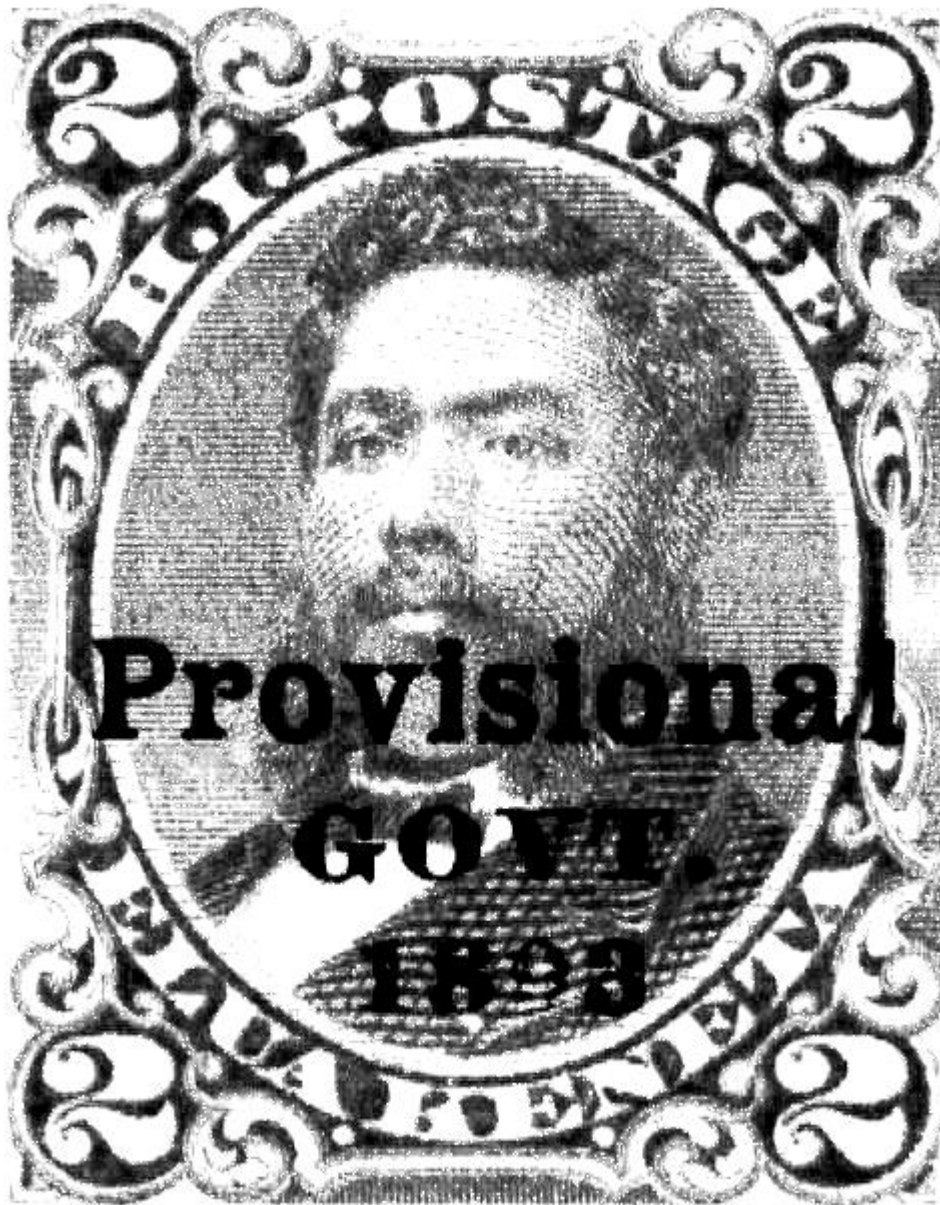


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07/02	First Sunday Bourse	Queen Kapiolani Hotel, 150 Kapahulu Ave. 10AM - 4 PM
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07/15	H.P.S. Stampers Youth Club	Manoa School, 3155 Manoa Rd. 1 PM - 3 PM
07/17	Winward Oahu Philatelic Soc.	Lois Opedal, 241 Kaha St., Kailua, 7:30 PM
07/24	H.P.S. Executive Board Meeting	Nuuanu YMCA, Doors open around 7PM, Board Meets around 7:15 PM

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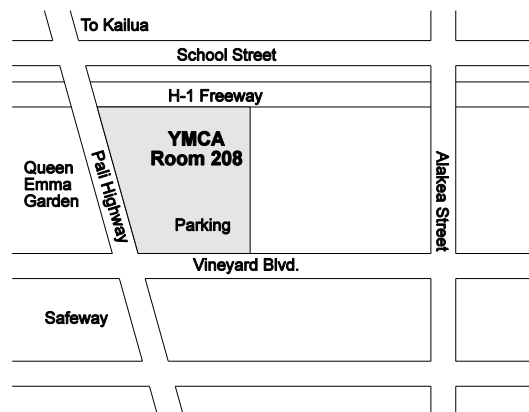
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Monthly Meeting and Monthly Swapmeet

The Hawaiian Philatelic Society meets at 7:30 PM on the second Monday of each month at the Nuuanu YMCA in central Honolulu. Each meeting includes a short business session, a program or slide presentation and an auction of about 125 lots. A board meeting is held at 7:00 PM on the fourth Monday of each month at the same location. We invite you to attend, meet your fellow members, enjoy the program, and talk stamps. The public is welcome at all our meetings and we encourage you to become a member.



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Editor's Notes

By Greg Chang, Editor

Aloha! Hope all of you have been doing well through the first half of the new millennium. I've just returned from a business trip to Montreal, Canada. Quite an interesting cosmopolitan city. Unlike the cities on the west coast, lots of large, old buildings. The people there were very friendly. Since the primary language there is French, this was an opportunity to brush up on my high school French. Parlez-vous anglais? So, my excuse for any typos or syntax errors you may find is due to jet lag.

The featured article in this issue is part 2 of Dr. Beardsly's document on imperforated Hawaiian stamps. That was reprinted courtesy of the Philatelic Foundation. What some people do to fake imperforated stamps!

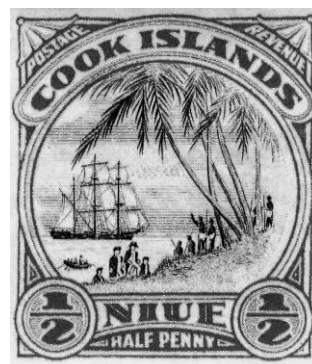
The second article focuses in on PC postage. Yes, you now can legally print your own postage stamps with your home computer and printer. Will it replace traditional postage stamps? Only time will tell.

Finally, the last article notes the release of new Hawaiian stamps. New Hawaiian stamps?? Last month, a set of three stamps and a mini sheet was issued for the use on urgent delivery packages within the Waikiki area. This will open up a new area to collect.

Thanks again for your support, take care and the best of health to all. Until next time...

Mahalo!

Greg Chang
Editor



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"Hawaiian Headache: Is This Stamp a Genuine Imperf?"

Part Two of Two

By Wallace R. Beardsley, Ph.D.

Reprinted from The Philatelic Foundation Quarterly, Volume 8, Number 1, Jan.-Mar, 1990, Pages 3 to 6

2¢ Brown (Scott No. 35)

The listing of this variety may be due to the seemingly imperforate used copy in the Tapling Collection of the British Museum. This stamp does not appear to be from the edge of the sheet. It bears a CDS cancellation which appears to be the rare M-H #238.42; KAHULUI POST OFFICE/MANI dated OCT/?/ 188?. The socked-on-the-nose nature of the cancellation suggests that this may have been the only stamp on the envelope. If so then it did service on interisland mail. Nothing has been added to the Tapling Collection since 1886. (Editor's note: Some items in the Tapling Collection, marked with an "x" in the frames, were later added by Sir Edward Denny Bacon to complete certain sets.) This fact in itself is sometimes advanced as evidence of the authenticity of the material in this collection. However the postmaster at Kahului is believed to have been responsible for the large number of philatelically inspired bisected stamps during the 1880's, many bearing this Kahului postmark. For this reason alone the imperforate must be regarded as suspect. No valid imperforate variety of the 2¢ brown stamp has come to the author's attention, nor does information regarding such a variety exist in the Post Office records or in the philatelic literature.

2¢ Lilac Rose (Scott No. 38)

Supposedly imperforate varieties of this stamp are occasionally seen. A seemingly imperforate used copy in the Tapling Collection bears the cancellation M-H

#234.62; HONOLULU/ H.I. dated DEC 1. It has no wide margin. However there is no evidence to support the existence of such a variety. It is not listed in the "Detailed List" and a detailed examination of the Tapling copy is needed.

5¢ Ultramarine (Scott No. 39)

The "Detailed List" does list an imperforate variety existing for this issue. The evidence, however, seems to be based upon a single used copy formerly in the Admiral Harris collection. Its appearance suggests it belongs to the first printing of this issue which occurred in 1882. As discussed later in this study the validity of this Harris copy is very doubtful.

2¢ Carmine Rose (Scott No. 43)

The listing of this variety may be due to a seemingly imperforate used copy tied on piece which was formerly in the Admiral Harris collection. This copy has the incriminating wide straight edge and it is tied to the piece across the wide margin by a target cancellation. This could easily have been a favor cancellation much like the aforementioned Kahului cancellation or the stamp could have been lifted from the piece, the perforations trimmed and the stamp then replaced. Also, the Honolulu Advertiser Collection contains two copies which originally belonged to Atherton. Both copies have the characteristic wide straight edge from LAYOUT V, however one copy also has a very wide margin on the opposite side as well (**Figure 5**). A twin to this stamp is



Figure 5. A 2¢ carmine rose stamp having two wide margins. The perforations have been trimmed away. The right margin is a wide straight edge characteristic of LAYOUT V. Compare this with a similar untrimmed copy in Figure 2.

illustrated in **Figure 6**. This has the perforations intact. None of the above mentioned copies meet the measurement standards as defined in the next section. Again, no information regarding an imperforate variety of the 2¢ carmine rose issue is to be found in the Post Office records or in the philatelic literature, and no valid imperforate variety has come the author's attention.

In summary, the criteria for judging authenticity of possible imperforate Hawaiian Bank Note varieties may be stated as follows:

1. If one or more wide margins are present and the layout dots characteristic of a sheet edge copy are present in one or both margins, the validity of the imperforate must be regarded as highly suspect.

2. Measurement along the greatest horizontal dimension and greatest vertical dimension of every seemingly imperforate variety must exceed these values, otherwise the possibility of trimmed perforations cannot be excluded:

Sheet edge copies -- horizontal 26.0 mm
vertical 30.5 mm

Interior copies -- horizontal 23.0 mm
vertical 28.5 mm

(These values represent maximum dimensions as determined by measurement of a variety of stamps belonging to each of the above denominations.)

3. If one or both of the criteria are not met, then the imperforate variety must either have an impeccable pedigree, i.e. ownership can be directly traced to PMG Brickwood, or the

imperforate variety is a pair or larger multiple having standard thickness paper, i.e. not a proof on India.

A final note. What follows is a classic instance of the pitfalls that may occur should the above criteria not be heeded. The Kaufmann Auction number 35, June 24, 1977, offered four lots of supposedly imperforate varieties of Hawaiian stamps. One lot, #236, was the 5¢ ultramarine

alluded to previously. It was identified as "ex-Harris." The remaining three lots, #238-240, were all the 2¢ carmine rose, one being the seemingly imperforate variety on piece alluded to previously and mentioned in Munk as formerly in the Welter collection (**Figure 7**). Note that of these three, two have the wide LAYOUT V straight edge which makes them immediately suspect according to criterion 1. All four stamps can



Figure 6. *Lead us not into temptation!* Examples of sheet edge stamps showing prominent wide margins. Such stamps have proved a strong temptation for unscrupulous persons to "create" imperforate stamps.

be traced to membership in the famous collections of Welter, Tows, and Harris. The late Sam Karash, a well-known collector and PF Trustee, bought these stamps at that auction assuming that if they formerly belonged to such famous collections, they must be genuine (i.e. he concluded that criterion 3 applied). However, famous

collections in themselves do *not* imply or prescribe criterion 3. This was recognized by The Philatelic Foundation when it refused to give an opinion on the stamps. It can now be stated that all four stamps fail criterion 2 as well. Yes, Sam paid a lot of money for those stamps, but, as often has been said, "Caveat Emptor."

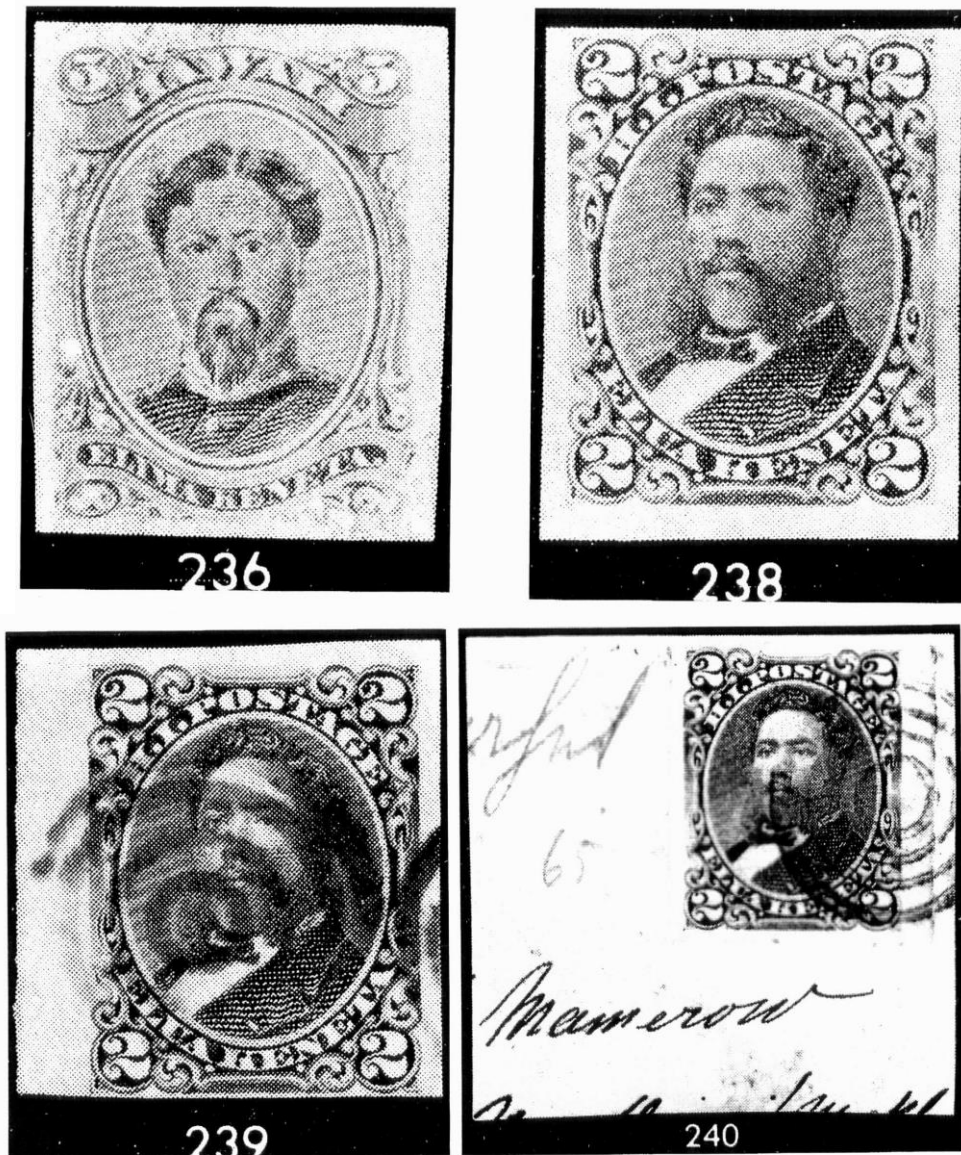


Figure 7. Lots #236, 238-240 from Kaufmann Auction No. 35, June 24, 1977. Three of the lots are the 2¢ carmine rose issue, two of which have the wide straight edge characteristic of LAYOUT V. None of the four stamps satisfies the standards of criterion 2.

The author is grateful to the Director and the curators of the Bishop Museum stamp collection and to Mr. Thurston Twigg-Smith, curator of the Honolulu Advertiser Collection, for supplying photographs reproduced in this study.

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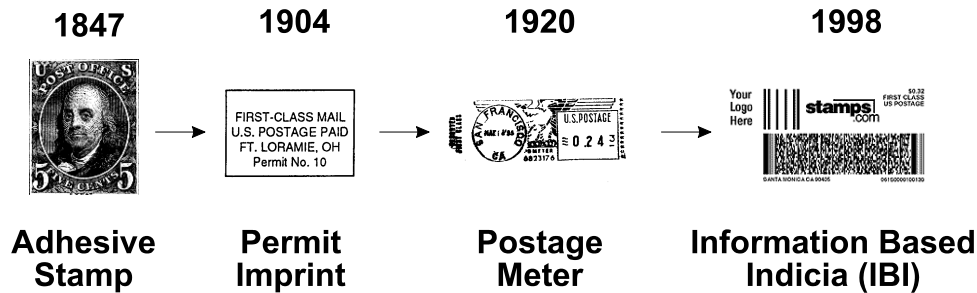
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PC Postage Stamps

By Greg Chang

The Evolution of Postage



With more and more households and businesses having access to personal computers and high-resolution printers, the time has come for the PC Postage. Yes, you are now able to print your own stamps and use them as legal postage! This is the next evolutionary step of postage.

In a March 1998 press release, the United States Postal Service announced the approval of the first personal computer-generated postage for test marketing. Up until then, approved postage came in the form of postage stamps, permit imprints, and postage meter. Several commercial developers have tested PC Postage products as part of the US Postal Service's Information Based Indicia Program (IBIP). Ones to note include E-Stamp Corporation, Neopost, Inc., and Stamps.com. Even the long time Meter Company Pitney Bowes had joined in.

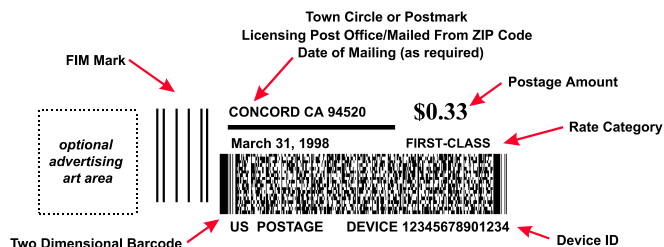
The IBIP has been followed by the USPS as a means to incorporate technological security requirements for postage metering products and the indicia as part of a strategy to reduce losses from criminal tampering of postage meters, counterfeiting of indicia, and audit weaknesses.

In addition to providing revenue protection, it provides customers the convenience of being able to purchase and print postage at anytime.

The heart of the program is the development of the Information Based Indicia (IBI). IBI contains the following information:

- **Readable Information** - This includes postage amount, mail class, date of mailing, device ID number, and the town or licensing post office.
- **Facing identification mark (FIM)** - The bar code to aid in the automated process of handling mail pieces for facing.
- **Two-dimensional bar code** - This symbol contains coded information, which includes the readable information as well as a digital signature and a delivery point code. Since every bar code will be unique, this will assist in automating the postage validation process as well as countering potential fraudulent postage. The symbol follows the PDF-417 symbology format.
- **Advertising area** - This is an optional area

that allows the user to personalize their piece with your logo or any message you see fit to include.



Shown below are different variations with the basic format as produced by the different e-postage companies:

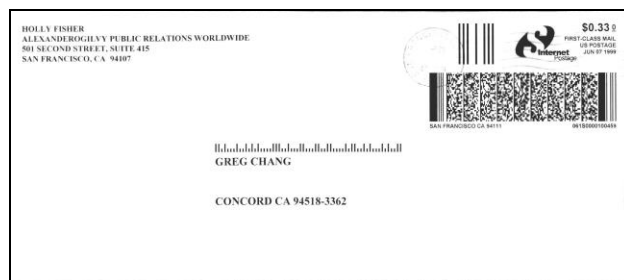
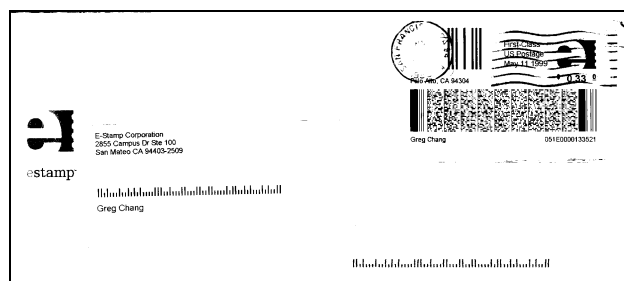


The process of purchasing and printing postage is fairly straightforward. There are two methods in obtaining postage, "offline" and "online". The "offline" method requires that the user attach a small palm-sized device that attaches to a personal computer. This can be in the form of a computer program key, which attaches to the parallel port of the computer. Postage is downloaded via the Internet with the information stored on the device, which then will keep track of how much postage has been

purchased as well as printed. This method is considered "offline" since the user will not need Internet access while printing postage. For the "online" method, the device is not required; however, the user is required to be connected to the Internet in order to purchase and print postage.

Once the postage has been purchased, printing can be made by a laser or ink jet printer with at least 300 dpi resolution or special postage printing devices onto self-adhesive labels or even directly onto the envelope. With some systems, an integrated scale is included. By placing the mail piece on the scale, the program will determine the proper postage and print out the stamp.

Below are couple of covers franked with and electronic postage stamps:



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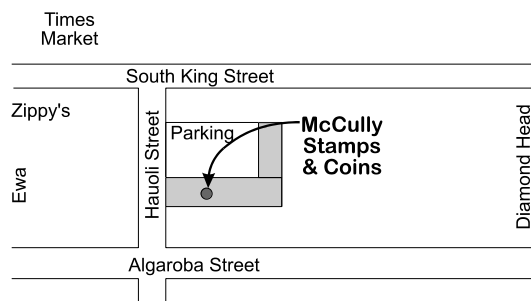
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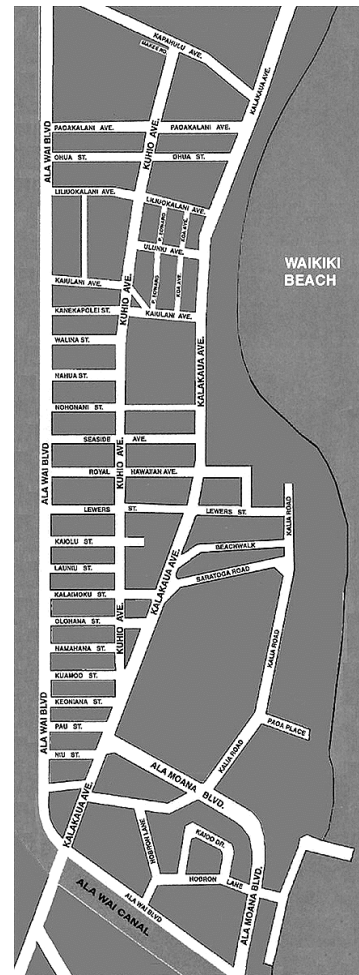


Figure 1 - Hawai'i Post service area

Finally, the \$8 mini-sheet which prepays the same day rate, shows a corner of a 4 cent stamped envelope, Scott No. U3, with barred oval postmark dated June 13, 1900.



Figure 2 - Illustrations of the \$1, \$3, and \$5 stamps

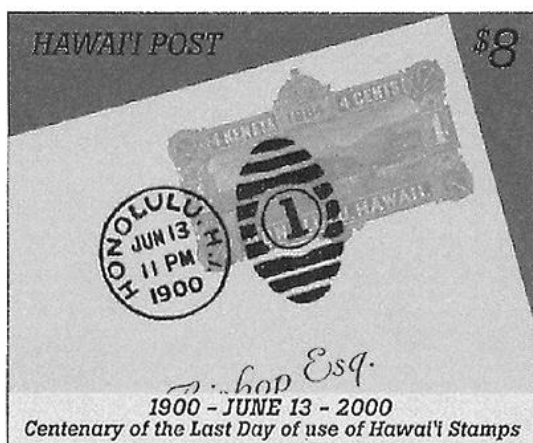


Figure 3 - \$8 Mini-Sheet

Hawai'i Post intends to follow a conservative issuing policy:

- 1) All stamps will be directly related to Hawaii
- 2) No more than 6 commemoratives issues per year
- 3) Denominations on the stamps will reflect the actual cost of services provided by Hawaii Post.

Two basic types of postmarks have be used. The first, shown in **Figure 4**, is the regular postmark used to cancel stamps on urgent mail. The date can be changed. It has diameter of 1-1/8" in black ink.

The second postmark, **Figure 5**, was used on June 13, 2000 only for the First Day of Issue. It has a diameter of 1-1/4" in purple ink. Other special event postmarks will be similar to this.



Figure 4 - Regular postmark

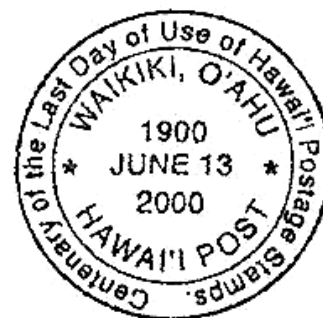


Figure 5 - First Day Issue postmark

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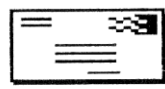
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