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We have examined the enclosed item submitted to PSE, of which an image is shown below, and are of the opinion that:

Cat No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
Scott 67 Hawaii	1893	10c	Vermilion

"it is genuine unused, o.g., never hinged."





For The Expert Committee



No. **01311938**  2/15/2016

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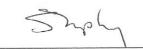
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Cat No.	Issue	Denom.	Color	
Scott 59	1893	5c	Ultramarine	

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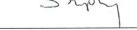
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Cat No.	Issue	Denom.	Color	
Scott 58	1893	5c	Deep indigo	

**GRADE: VF 80, Mint OGnh** 

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12/29/2006

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Cat #	Issue	Denom.	Color
HAWAII#55	1893	1c	Green

GRADE: XF 90, Mint OGnh

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No. **01079376**  12/29/2006

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We have examined the enclosed item submitted to PSE, of which an image is shown below, and are of the opinion that:

Cat #	Issue	Denom.	Color	
HAWAII#52	1891	2c	Dull violet	

GRADE: XF-Sup 95, Mint RG

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We have examined the enclosed item submitted to PSE, of which an image is shown below, and are of the opinion that:

Cat #	Issue	Denom.	Color
HAWAII#43	1886	2c	Rose

GRADE: XF-Sup 95, Mint OGnh

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Cat #	Issue	Denom.	Color	
HAWAII#39	1882	5c	Ultramarine	

GRADE: XF-Sup 95, Mint OGnh

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We have examined the enclosed item submitted to PSE, of which an image is shown below, and are of the opinion that:

Cat #	Issue	Denom.	Color
HAWAII#32	1866	5c	Blue

GRADE: XF 90, Mint OGh

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Cat #	Issue	Denom.	Color
HAWAII#78	1894	12c	Blue

GRADE: XF 90, Mint OGh

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Cat #	Issue	Denom.	Color
HAWAII#O3	1896	6c	Deep ultramarine

GRADE: XF 90, Mint OGnh

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We have examined the enclosed item submitted to PSE, of which an image is shown below, and are of the opinion that:

Cat #	Issue	Denom.	Color	
HAWAII#74	1894	1c	Yellow	

GRADE: XF-Sup 95, Mint OGph

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No. **01030172**  12/29/2005

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We have examined the enclosed item submitted to PSE, of which an image is shown below, and are of the opinion that:

Cat #	issue	Denom.	Color
HAWAII#01	1896	2c	Green

GRADE: XF 90, Mint OGnh

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We have examined the enclosed item submitted to PSE, of which an image is shown below, and are of the opinion that:

Cat #	issue	Denom.	Color	
HAWAII#06	1896	25c	Gray violet	

GRADE: VF-XF 85, Mint OGnh

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HAWAII#05	1896	12c	Orange	

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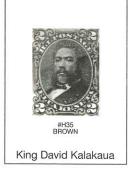
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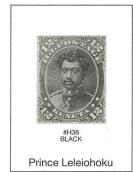


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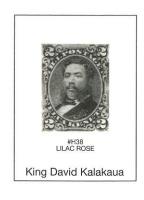
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#### 1875-82 Hawaii

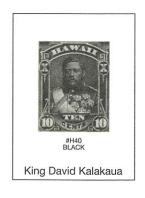














### Hawaii

1861-63
Horizontally Laid Paper

1861-63 Vertically Laid Paper

1869 Reissue Thin Wove Paper







**1864-71** Perforated 12











#### 1883-91 Hawaii

color was blue at first, then a printing was done from the same plate in green. The next printing was blue and issued for philatelic purposes only. The shades of blue varied greatly, the darker shades being the later printings.

King David Kalakaua: Printed by the American Bank Note Company, this 10¢ black stamp was first issued for postal usage on April 1, 1882. It was later reissued for philatelic purposes in November of 1886 and September of 1890.

King David Kalakaua: Elected by legislators, the king's rival throughout the campaign for the throne was Queen Emma Kaleleonalani, the popular wife of Kamehameha IV. She was so popular that when Kalakaua was proclaimed king a riot ensued, destroying the interior of the courthouse in Honolulu. The unruly mob went so far as to throw one of the legislators out a window. After this upheaval, Queen Emma, after some persuasion by foreign diplomats, felt inclined to make a public statement proclaiming herself a subject of King Kamehameha IV: Known as Alexander David Kalakana.

King David Kalakaua: Kalakaua's reign as king was littered with scandalous events, and questionable people were appointed to positions that wielded strong political power. One of these was a man named Walter Murray Gibson. Under Kalakaua's authority, Gibson constructed money-making schemes, some of which had serious repercussions on the natives. The legalization of opium, the sale of public offices, and the breakdown of leper segregation and treatment are just a few of his wrong-

Prince William Pitt Leleiohoku: Printed from an unaltered plate made by the National Bank Note Company in 1875, the stamp was issued in Honolulu in November of 1883. The only change was in the color of the stamp, first printed in black and now printed in red lilac. This stamp is exceedingly rare because only 37,500 were ever printed. Of these, 11,250 were overprinted, with the remaining 26,250 without an overprint.

Statue of Kamehameha I: To commemorate Captain Cook's discovery of the Sandwich Islands 100 years previous, a statue was built to honor the event. American sculptor T.R. Gould was residing in Italy when his services were rendered. The statue was lost at sea near the Falkland Islands. After a replica was made it was unveiled in Honolulu, where it remains today. The original statue was recovered and was set up in Kohala, Hawaii, Kamehameha's homeland.

King William Lunalilo: The issue of a reciprocity treaty was the most important political issue in this

Princess Miriam Likelike: This 1¢ stamp was first king's reign. The sugar-growers of the islands needissued for postal purposes on April 1, 1882. The ed the treaty to be passed to make their sugar prices competitive with sugar grown in the U.S. At the time, the U.S. would not pass a reciprocity treaty without the cession of Pearl Harbor. The harbor was critical to the defense of the west coast, and the U.S. would also guarantee the safety of the Sandwich Islands as long as it could use this harbor. Island natives were adamantly opposed to the cession of any of their lands to foreigners. The issue of reciprocity was not settled during the king's brief reign.

> Oueen Kaleleonalani: Also known as Queen Emma, she was married to Kamehameha IV until his death in 1863. Being of both Hawaiian and English descent, Emma was strongly influenced by her English education and upbringing. She was partially responsible for the introduction of the Episcopal Church to the islands. As American presence became more prominent in the later years of the kingdom, Queen Emma spoke out against it. She was staunchly for retaining her country's independence.

> Lunalilo, this king had bouts of drunkenness. In one of these episodes, he shot a man in the chest at close range. He suspected the man of having an affair with his beloved Queen Emma. After it became apparent to him that the two were innocent, he felt remorse over his behavior. He had thoughts of abdicating the throne. His advisors would not hear of it, and he was never prosecuted in any way for his

> King Kamehameha IV: This handsome king supported British influence in the islands. In his youth, he took a trip with his older brother, later to become Kamehameha V. He toured the U.S. and England, and was most impressed with England. While in the U.S., he and his brother had been mistaken for Negroes. As a result of this visit, the king had an immense dislike for the American institution of slavery. The king married Emma, who came from both English and Hawaiian descent so his support for England is understandable.

> Oueen Liliuokalani: Liliuokalani was determined to rule the Sandwich Islands with a strong hand. She did not like the liberal constitution in existence at the time of her ascension to the throne but swore to uphold it. She wanted the power of government returned to the monarchy. When she came into power, she signed an opium bill. Acts like these brought about the downfall of the monarchy.

> King Kamehameha V: With his brother Kamehameha IV, Lot Kamehameha V shared the enthusiasm for English ways. Unlike his brother. however, he did not believe in democratic ideals. He made it clear that he wanted to keep the power of government entirely under his control.

#### 1875-82 Hawaii

King David Kalakaua: King William Lunalilo died were frequently reissued for philatelic reasons, by the on February 3, 1874, without naming an heir to the throne. About an hour after the king's death, the Legislative Assembly ordered a special meeting to Kamehameha V: Also known as Lot Kamehameha, be held February 12. A campaign for the throne began on February 4. The competitors for the throne were David Kalakaua, who ran against Lunalilo in the previous election, and Queen Emma, the popular wife of Kamehameha IV. The legislature, which favored the American interest in the islands, elected Kalakaua to the throne by a vote of 39 to 6 on February 12.

Prince William Pitt Leleiohoku: On the same day that King David Kalakaua took the throne, he named his younger brother, Prince Leleiohoku, as his successor. This act was to insure the government would be controlled by the same dynasty after the king's death. The plan failed, however, when the young prince died in 1877. This had an impact on the future of the monarchy, because Leleiohoku was immensely popular among the Hawaiians, and he would surely have had strong support from native islanders.

Princess Likelike: Also known as Mrs. Archibald Cleghorn, Princess Likelike was the mother to the cherished Princess Kaiulani. She and her husband had an elegant estate at Waikiki called Ainahau, in which they entertained literary great Robert Louis Stevenson.

King David Kalakaua: Once Kalakaua was elected. the use of the Kamehameha V portraits on stamps issued for postal purposes was discontinued. The Kamehameha V portraits and other previous issues Cleveland and his wife.

collector-conscious postmasters in Honolulu.

the king was appointed to his position, because prior to the death of Kamehameha IV, no provision for an heir to the throne had been made. He was also a strong nativist, meaning he believed Hawaiians should retain control of their lands without excessive foreign influence. Lot was well-educated by Protestant missionaries, like much of the royal family. Despite this, he was a strong supporter of the English, and developed a dislike of his former teachers' beliefs.

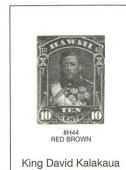
King David Kalakaua: In a speech to the people of Hawaii, King Kalakaua stated these objectives: "...the increase of the nation, there may be secured both the stability of the Government and the national independence...The increase of the people; the advancement of agriculture and commerce; these are the objects which my Government will mainly strive to accomplish." The population of native islanders had dwindled ever since the haole, or white man, first came to the islands. Every ruler of the Sandwich Islands since Kamehameha I had to contend with this dilemma.

Queen Kapiolani: The wife of David Kalakaua, Queen Kapiolani was the first and only queen of Hawaii to be crowned. The royal celebration took place on February 12, 1883, the ninth anniversary of the election of King Kalakaua, at the newly erected Iolani Palace. While queen, Kapiolani took a trip to the United States and was a guest of President

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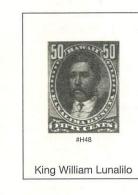












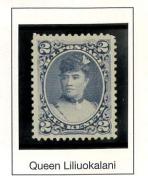


1886-91 Imperforate





#### Perforated 12





## 1893 Hawaii The Provisional Government

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When the queen attempted to put her own constitution into effect, some businessmen formed an annexation club. This later became the Committee of Safety. The changes to her constitution were considered revolutionary. The most radical of these were: cabinet ministers were to serve "during the queen's pleasure," only male Hawaiian-born or naturalized subjects were allowed to vote, and nobles were appointed for life by the queen. If this constitution had passed, the queen would have almost total control over the political affairs of the country, and the legislators' powers would be severely limited. *Haoles*, or white men, had become accustomed to running the Hawaiian government under the previous sovereigns.

The queen's actions caused a panic among the businessmen in the community. The Committee of Safety was formed, mainly made up of annexationists opposing the queen. The Committee of Safety determined that the queen's actions were a detriment to society, and called upon the United States for assistance in securing the public well-being.

Members of the committee obtained U.S. authority to set up a provisional government, and they wasted no time in doing so. A U.S. ship called the *Boston* was in Honolulu's harbor at the time. Troops from the *Boston* took possession of the government office building, the Aliiolani Hale, on January 17, 1892. The provisional government was in place the next day.

On May 20, 1893, the stamps of the Kingdom of Hawaii went on sale with the overprint of "Provisional GOVT. 1893." The newly appointed Postmaster General was Joseph M. Oat. Oat's predecessor, Walter Hill, was ousted from his position. Overprinting of the stamps was done with great haste by the Hawaiian Gazette Co. There was a strong demand for the overprinted stamps, and the 2¢ bright vermillion sold out on the first day it was placed on sale.









# 1893 Hawaii Overprinted in Red



Princess Kamamalu



Princess Likelike



Princess Likelike



King David Kalakaua



Queen Liliuokalani





#H62 BLACK

Prince Leleiohoku





Kamehameha V



Prince Leleiohoku



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#### The Philatelic Foundation

70 West 40th Street • 15th Floor New York, NY 10018 EXPERT COMMITTEE 05/07/2008

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: HAWAII

Cat. No. Issue Denom. Color

1893 10¢ vermilion

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED, OG RIGHT MARGIN HORIZONTAL STRIP OF THREE.

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE, NEVER HINGED. \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*



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For The Expert Committee

Chairman

Photocopies of this Certificate are not valid.

Sergio Sismondo

Philatelic Expert Syracuse, New York & Ottawa, Canada

Syracuse, New York, 2004.02.03.

HAWAII, 1893.

I have examined the postage stamp issued by the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1893, "Queen Emma Kaleleonalani" 1 dollar rose red, perforated 12, on medium white wove paper without watermark, overprinted in black in three lines "Provisional GOVT. 1893", Scott Catalogue #73, unused, a colour reproduction of which is below, magnified to 125% of true size, and am of the opinion that:

The stamp is **genuine in all respects**, unused, with original gum, lightly hinged, with fresh colour, exceptionally well centered, and is entirely free from faults or repairs at the time of examination. I have signed it.

Sergio Sismondo.



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## 1893 Hawaii Overprinted in Black





King David Kalakaua



King David Kalakaua



King David Kalakaua



Prince Leleiohoku









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#### **EXPERT COMMITTEE OPINION:**

Grade: 98J og NH

Denom. Shade Cat# Issue HI #67 1893 10c Vermilion

"it is genuine unused, og never hinged".



Acting Committee Chairman

#### 1894-99 Hawaii

In 1893, an ad was placed in the *Commercial Advertiser* for the purpose of obtaining new stamp designs for the newly-created Provisional Government of Hawaii. The winner of the contest, E.W. Holdsworth of Honolulu, was to receive \$10 for each design that was accepted. The result of the contest were these beautiful pictorial issues.

The Hawaiian Coat of Arms: This tropical location's coat of arms graces the design of this 1¢ stamp. It was first printed in yellow by the American Bank Note Company in New York.

View of Honolulu: Meaning "sheltered bay" in Hawaiian, Honolulu remains the capital city of Hawaii to this day. Located on the beautiful island of Oahu, Honolulu has been a hub of activity throughout Hawaiian history.

Kamehameha I: The first Hawaiian chief to unite the islands of Hawaii, Kamehameha the Great was to be the role model for the Hawaiian monarchy. Throughout the period of discovery by whites, Kamehameha I did not succumb to foreign rule or colonization. In fact, he often had white men, or haoles, in his employ.

Star and Palms: Perhaps the significance of the star as the central element of this stamp's design is Hawaii's desire to become a part of the United States. The palms indicate the beauty this island paradise had to offer the U.S.

"Arawa": This is the only stamp in Hawaiian history with the word "republic" on it. The republic of Hawaii lasted only six years. It was established on July 4, 1894, by the preceding provisional government's congress. The main purpose of the republic was to give an appearance of stability to Hawaii's government and to prepare the country for annexation to the U.S.

President S.B. Dole: The first and only president of Hawaii, Sanford B. Dole served for six years in the republic. Elected by legislators in 1894, Dole was a judge who had previously served in Queen Liliuokalani's cabinet. He played an instrumental role in the revolution of 1893, in which the queen had been deposed.

The stamps of 1899 were the last ordinary postage stamps issued by the independent government of Hawaii. In 1898, the Universal Postal Union decided on uniform colors for  $1\phi$ ,  $2\phi$ , and  $5\phi$  stamps. These stamps were issued to comply with the Universal Postal Union's regulations. The supply of stamps that was not sold to collectors or patrons was burned in Washington in 1901.















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### 1894 Hawaii













1899 Hawaii







## 1896 Official Stamps of Hawaii

Lorrin Andrews Thurston was a descendent of American missionaries, and was raised on the island of Oahu. He was educated by missionaries in Hawaii, then went to America to earn his law degree at Columbia University. After receiving his degree, Thurston returned to Hawaii, and embarked on his long career in Hawaiian politics.

Originally a member of King David Kalakaua's cabinet, Thurston came to dislike the king and his policies. An outspoken leader in the revolution of 1893 against Queen Liliuokalani, Thurston started an annexation club with other prominent businessmen in the Hawaiian community. The club was started in secret to avoid persecution from the existing monarchal government.

Following the queen's announcement of a new constitution, the annexation club, which had since become the Committee of Safety, went into action. It obtained permission from the U.S. government to use U.S. forces to maintain control of the islands. The queen's constitution was considered unreasonable by the committee, and the annexationists demanded immediate action. After U.S. troops landed in Honolulu, Thurston drafted a constitution for a provisional government modeled after that of the United States.

Thurston later went to the U.S., seeking support for the annexation of Hawaii. He was not well received by the Cleveland administration. While President Harrison had been in office, Thurston was promised support for annexation of the islands to the U.S. Undaunted, Thurston continued in his quest for Hawaiian statehood.

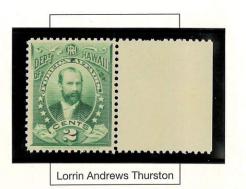
The provisional government lacked the appearance of stability longed for by Thurston and other businessmen on the islands. A republic was set up with Thurston and President S.B. Dole leading the way. Thurston helped to develop the constitution of the new republic.

The official stamps on the opposite page were printed at a quantity of only 10,000 for each denomination. Their purpose was to carry mail for government agencies. They were also sold to collectors at face value, and the remainder of the stamps not used were sold to a speculative buyer.





### 1896 Official Stamps of Hawaii













### 1877-1894 Revenue Stamps

These beautifully engraved stamps were printed by the American Bank Note Company. The purpose of revenue stamps is to apply a tax (duty) on a specific item purchased. A person buying anything from playing cards to opium would pay a fee to the government. The denomination on the stamp would determine the amount paid to the government.

The main purpose of these particular stamps was to tax the sale of opium. With the introduction of Chinese labor came the habit of smoking opium. The question of legalizing opium had been a controversial policy in the Hawaiian government since the introduction of the drug to the islands.

The licensing of the sale of opium was permitted at the whim of legislators and the ruling sovereign. It was first introduced under King David Kalakaua's reign. He was later accused of receiving a bribe relating to the granting of the opium monopoly license. It was the general consensus that he was guilty of this. He is said to have received \$71,000 as a "present" for granting a specific party the opium monopoly license. He did not grant the license to this party, and it was suggested he received a better "present" from someone else. There is a great deal of sworn testimony to this affect from the individual who gave the king the \$71,000, but there were no repercussions from the testimony, and the money was not returned. The legislature later repealed Kalakaua's opium bill.

Under Queen Liliuokalani's regime, opium was legalized for a short time. The reason it was passed through the legislators was that they believed licensing was the only way to solve the trafficking problem. They believed the practice of bringing drugs into the country illegally would not stop. It seemed to them the best remedy for the situation was to license the drug, so it could be better controlled by the government.

The sale of liquor, another frequently taxed item, had a fair amount of historical significance on Hawaiian society. It was legalized on the whim of the monarch, or other legislative bodies in power at the time. The issue of legality changed with different administrations. Prohibition was sometimes practiced. At first, a ban on importation of strong liquors such as whiskey and brandy was imposed. Then it was simply "controlled" as those in power saw fit. The only alcoholic beverage known to Hawaiians before the whites came to the islands was awa, made from the root of a pepper plant. With the haoles, or white men, came the importation of strong liquor. The natives of the island were used to a much milder narcotic in their awa and the affect of liquor on their sheltered society was detrimental. Several of the monarchs themselves were given to drinking binges. As their society matured, and Hawaiians became more educated, the people could deal with this new drug more effectively.







## 1877-94 Revenue Stamps

















#### 1894-1913 Revenue Stamps

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