

Town Postmarks
Island of Kauai

Hanalei

In 1878 the Honolulu Post Office, acting as the General Post Office for Hawaii, issued "standard" postmark devices to fourteen country post offices. These metal devices produced a mark with a 27 mm single outer circle, a central month/date/year, 'POST OFFICE' above, and a town/H.I. below -- as in this 1884 Waimea, Kauai example.



Four of these standard devices were sent to towns on the island of Kauai, westernmost of the primary islands of Hawaii: Hanalei, Lihue, Waimea, and Koloa.

HANALEI: First to use the new standard device was Hanalei an early port of entry at north Kauai, In use 1879 - early 1888.

November 1881

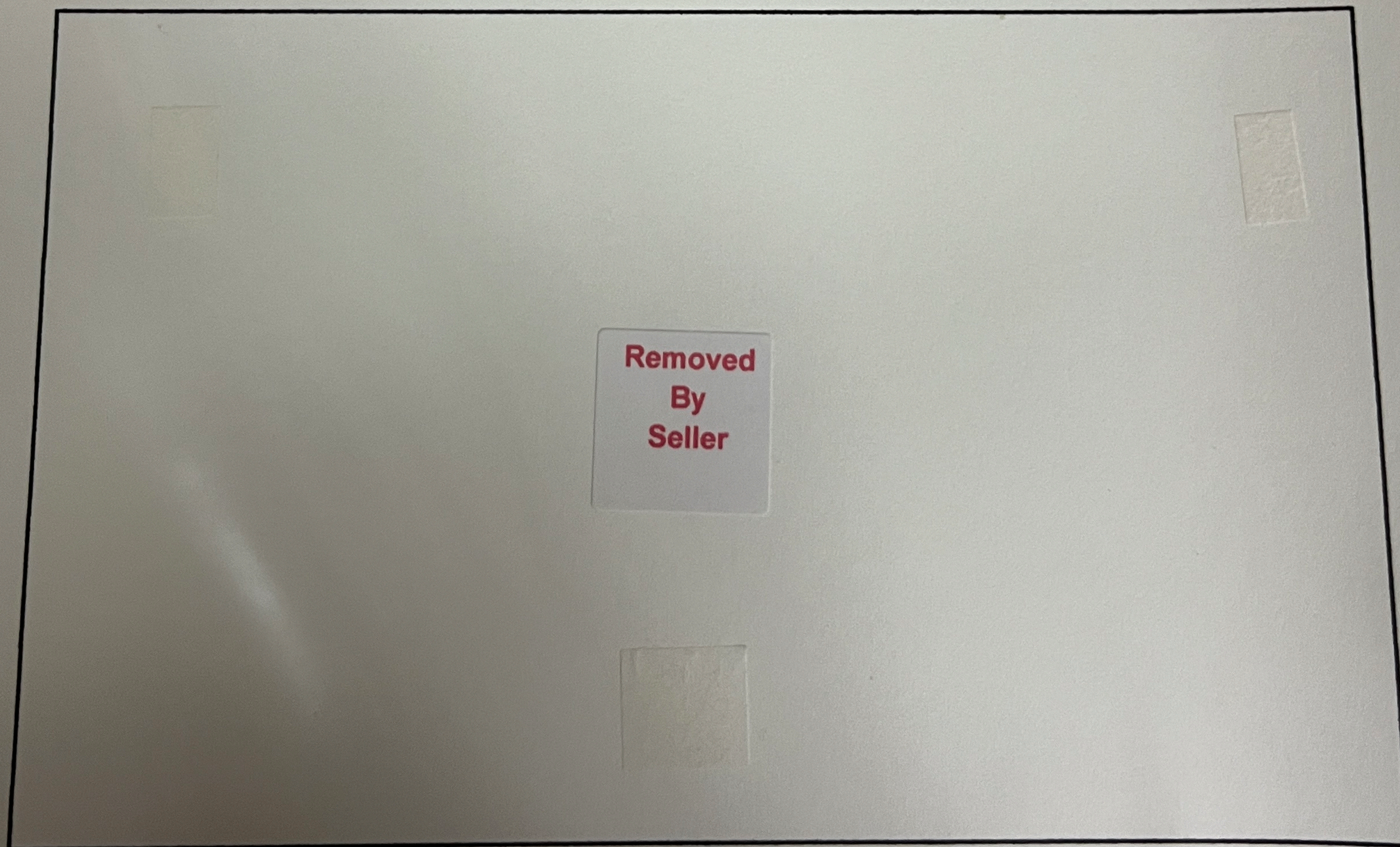


Later strikes show significant wear.

February 1887

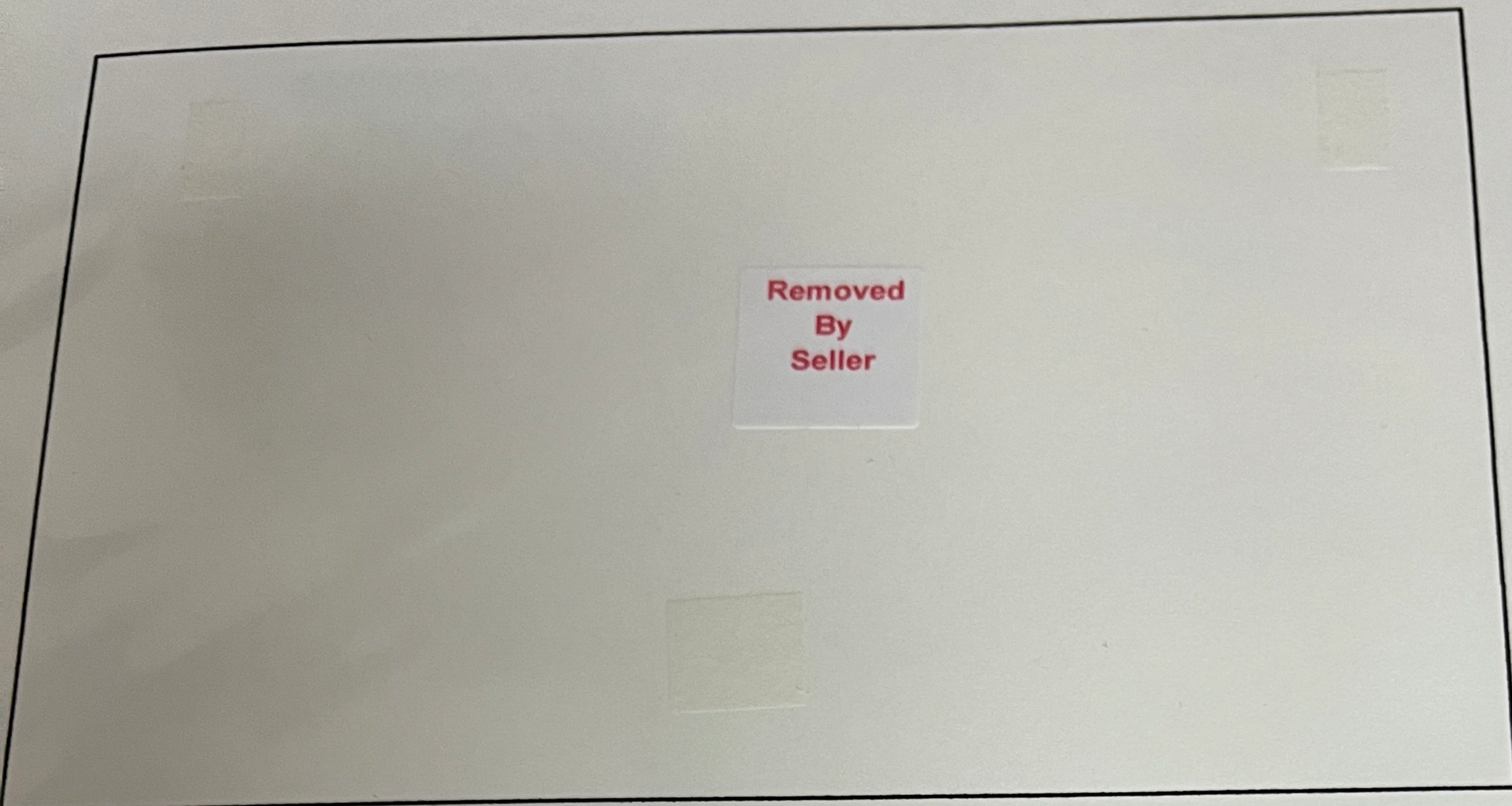
Twenty-two strikes are reported to date.

Beginning in 1881 the Honolulu office issued new rubber devices to country offices – primarily circular marks with ornaments at each side. Most common side ornaments were "sunbursts", stars, and crosses.



Next Hanalei handstamp, 33 mm double line outer circle and single line inner circle with small star side ornaments, in use late 1882 to 1887. Twenty examples are reported to date.

From late 1887 forward, Hanalei used four additional styles of circular postmarks.



Red strikes are far less common than purple and are usually faint.

29 mm double line circle with Hanalei, P.O. - in use from late 1887-1892.



33 mm with sunburst side ornaments



31 mm with no side ornaments



27 mm double line outer circle
Early strikes are in black, later in purple

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Lihue

LIHUE: This Kauai town, next to use the new device, was called the most important on the island by 1880.

The initial 'standard'
POST OFFICE
handstamp used
1880-1886.



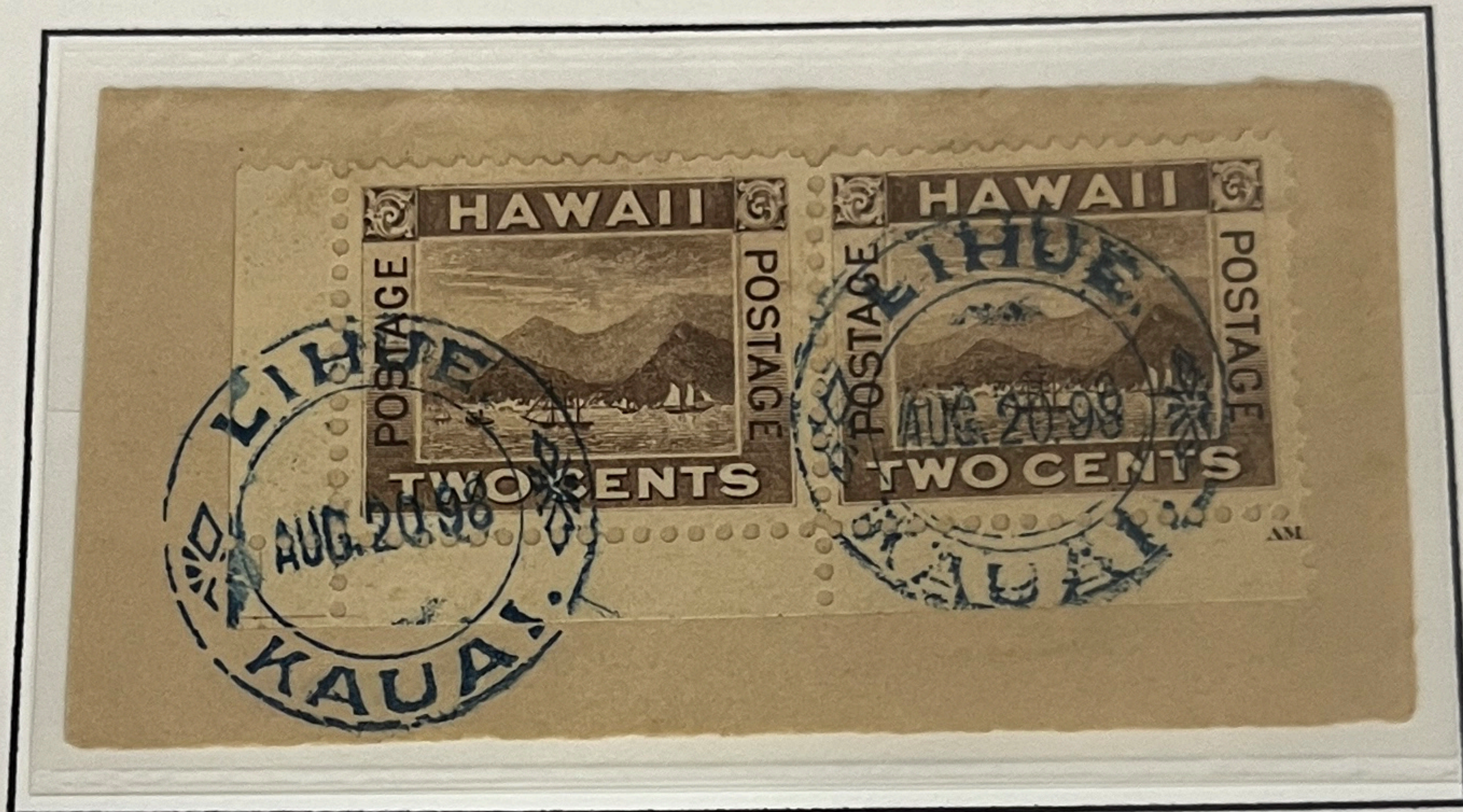
Eleven copies reported.



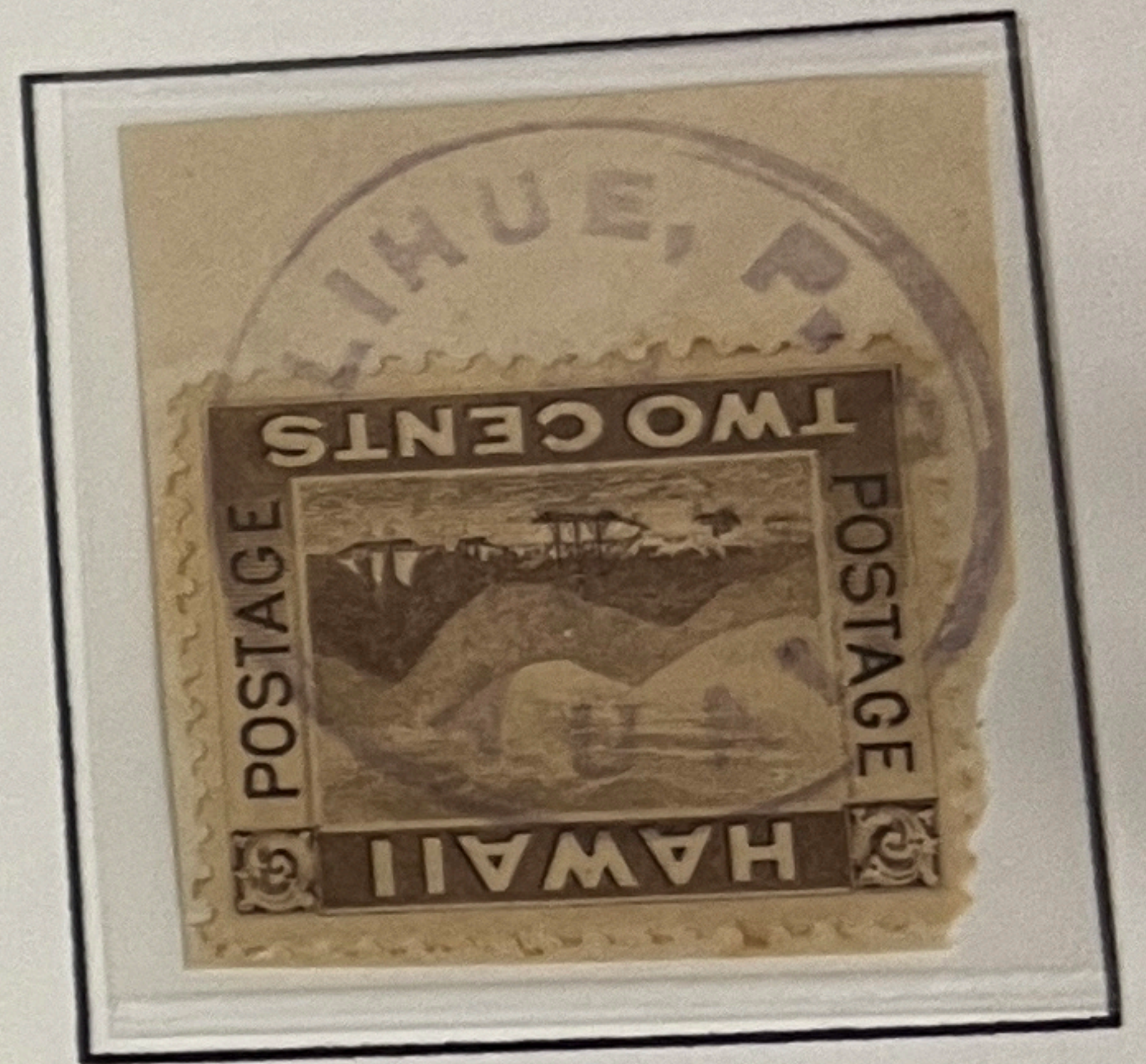
27 mm double line circle used 1885-1891.



33 mm with large sunburst
side ornaments



27 mm single circles with straight line date



Lihue P.O., used 1896-98.

Removed
By
Seller

Lihue with narrow
spaced letters. Used
July 10/1897-2/1898.
examples known.

Card showing 27 mm double line circle, Lihue with wide spaced letters. Used 1/97-8/98

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The next town using the standard device was Waimea, former capital of Kauai. The post office opened in 1856 and remained in service through 1900.

WAIMEA: Site of Capt. Cook's first Hawaii landing and the first mission station on the island, Waimea developed four styles of handstamps in addition to the first handstamp.

Waimea



Initial standard
POST OFFICE
postmark style
used 1880-1889



33 mm double line circle with large sunburst
side ornaments on two cent pink variety. Used 1888-98



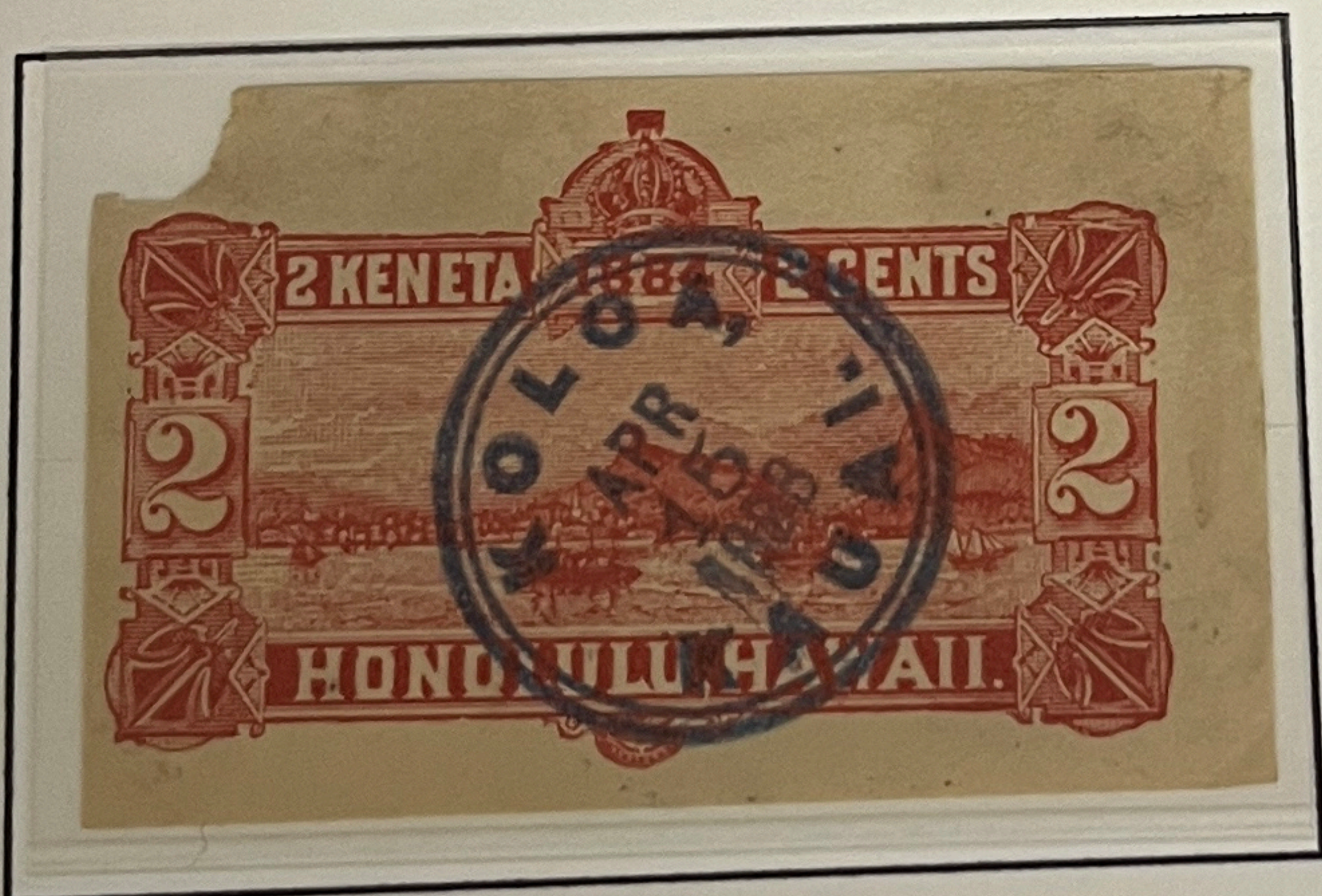
27 mm double line circle with arcs above
and below date. Used from 1888-1898.



25 mm double line circle in use 1888-1898 on two cent pink variety stamped envelope.

Discovery copy

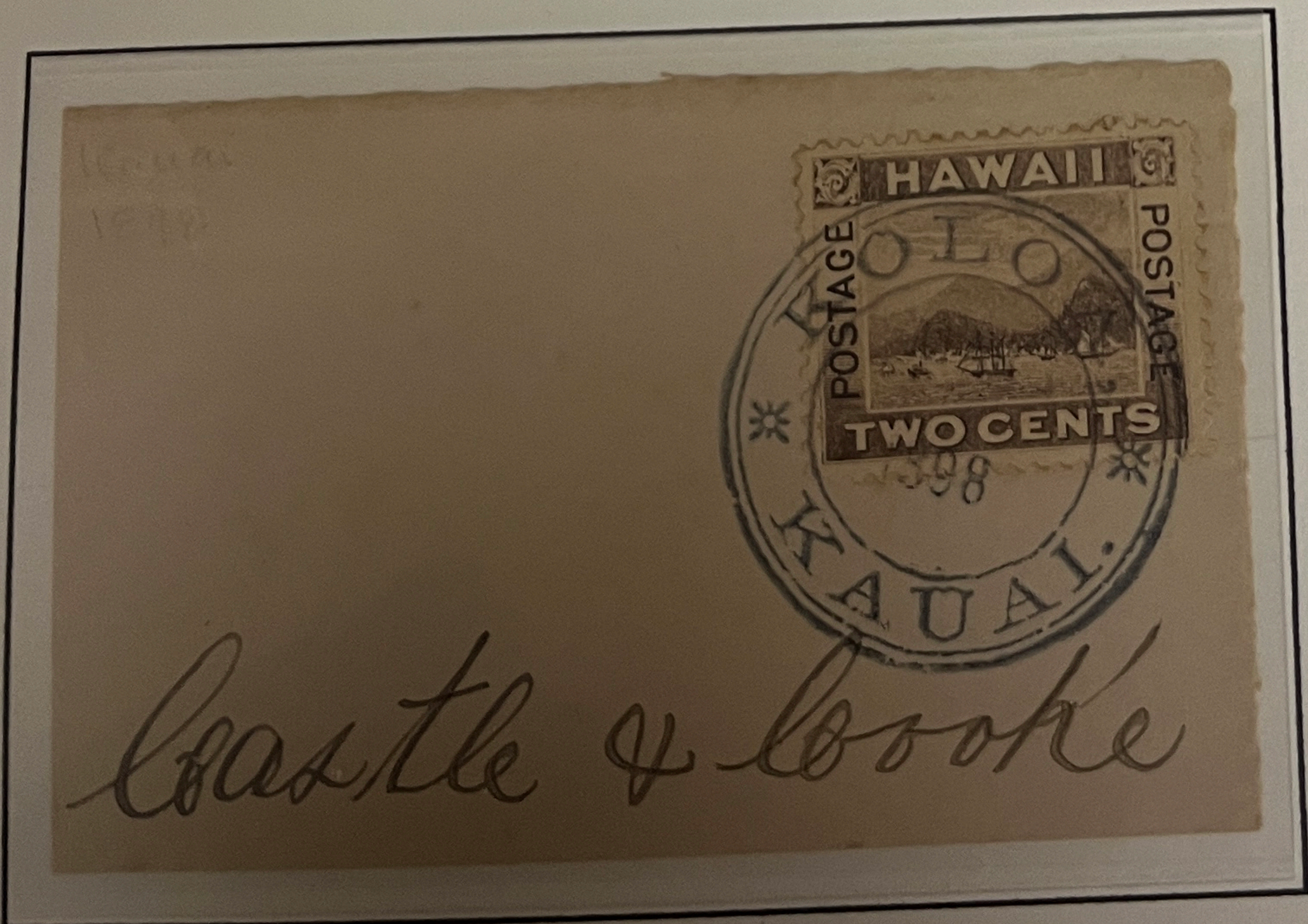
April 15, 1888
New earliest known
use



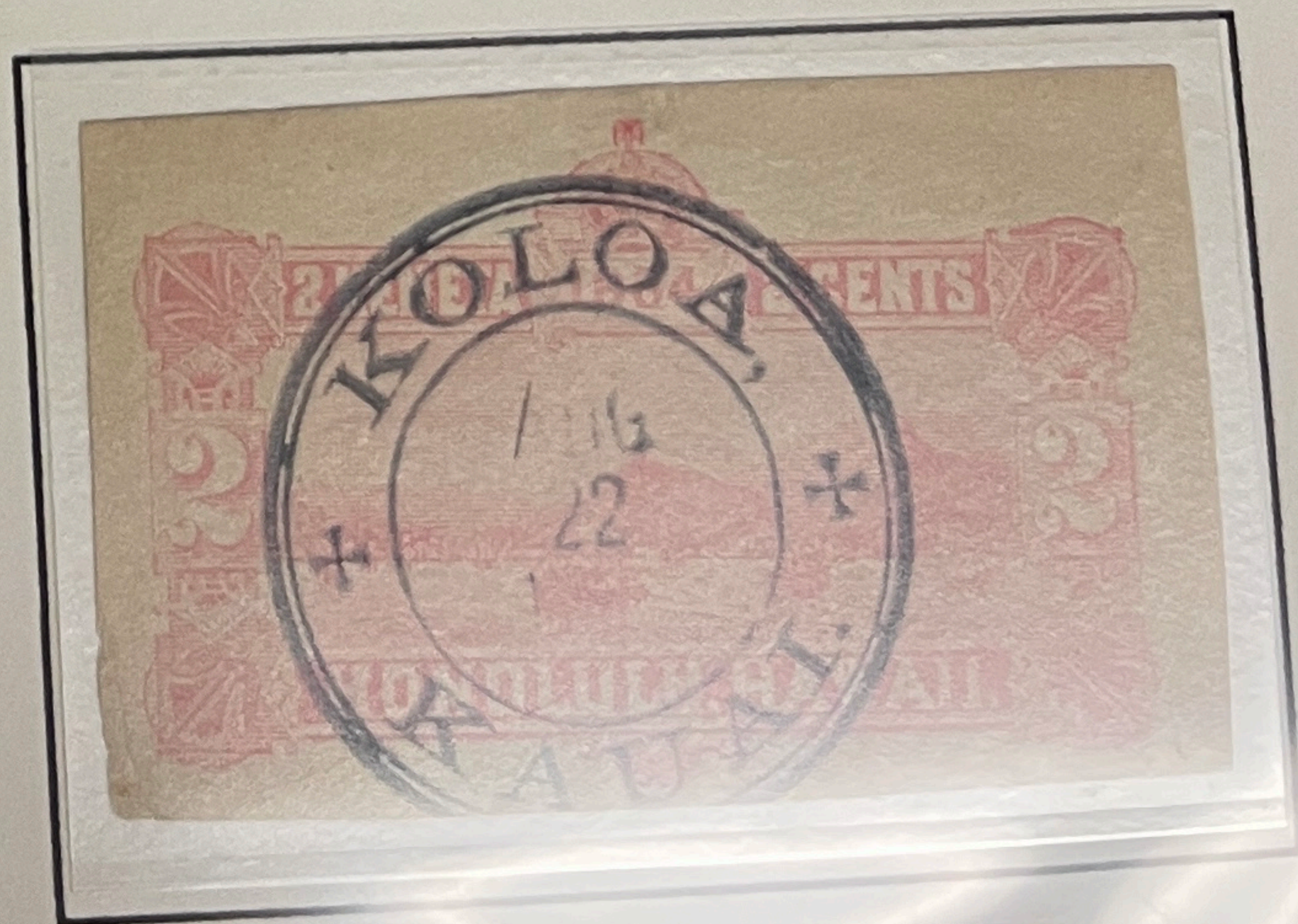
Discovery copy



Not previously reported in red
Known in purple, blue, and black



32 mm double line circle, sunburst side ornaments



33 mm double line circle, cross ornaments

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Kilauea – Kapaa

After the four early offices, post offices opened in eight smaller towns from the beginning in the late 1870s.

KILAUEA: post office opened in 1877 at the Kilauea Sugar Co. Three types of postmarks are known, all double line outer circles with single line inner circles.



Small side ornaments
In use 1882 - 1887



Large sunburst side ornaments
in use 1896-1900



No side ornaments
in use 1887 – 1896

KAPAA: The Kapaa post office opened in 1880. Postmaster G. H. Dole was also the plantation manager at Makee Plantation. Post office closed in 1893 when the company relocated. One postmark style is known.



Sept. 2, 1884 strike on the dull
red two cent issue of 1883.



January 21, 1890

The Kapaa postmark style is a 33mm double line outer/single line inner circle and small star side ornaments.
In use 1882 – 1892.

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Kekaha – Makaweli

KEKAHA: Opened in 1882, the post office was located in the Kekaha Store and served the sugar plantation. Three styles of postmarks are reported.

32 mm double line outer circle, single inner circle. Small sunburst side ornaments. In use 1884 – 1981.

Less than 75 known to date



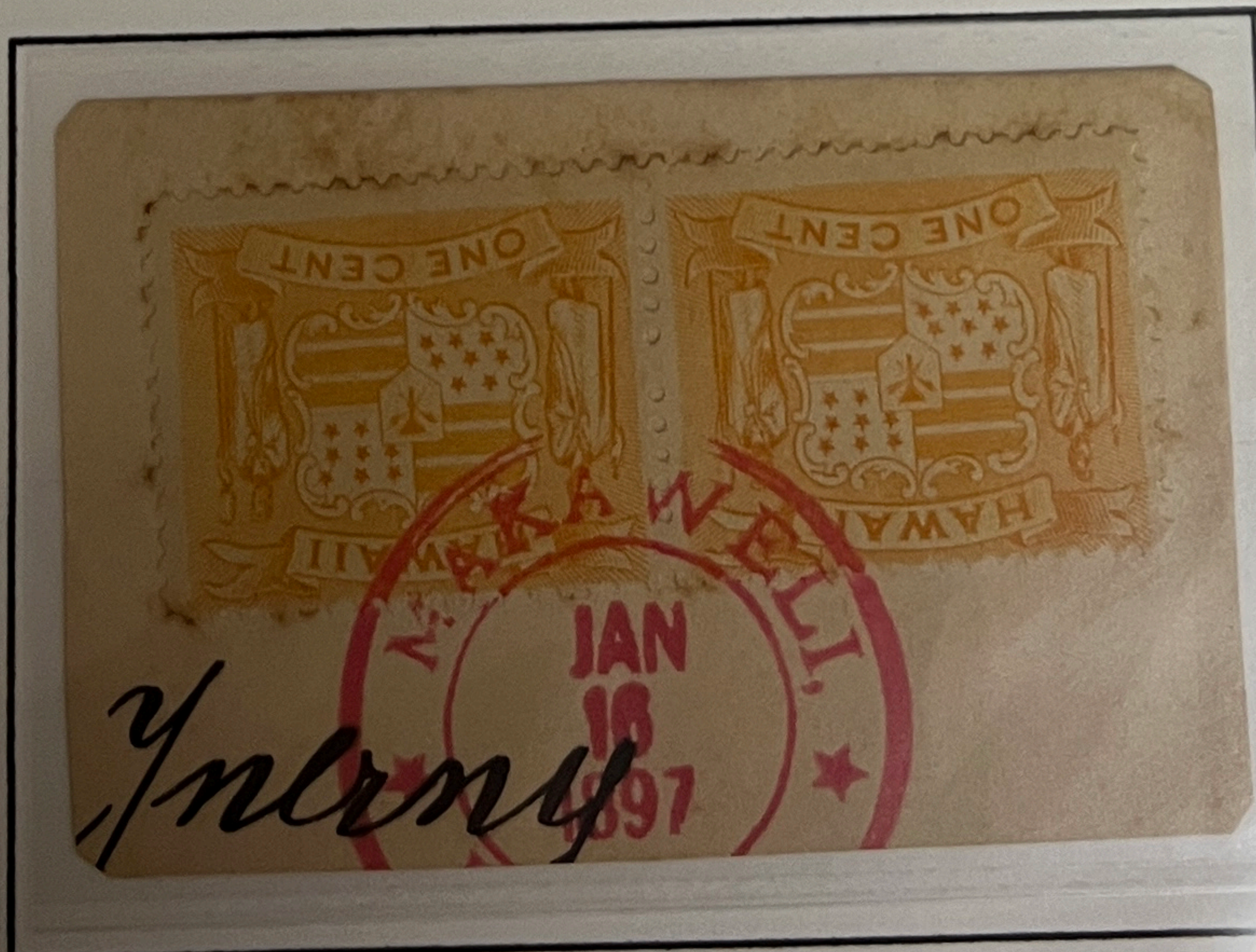
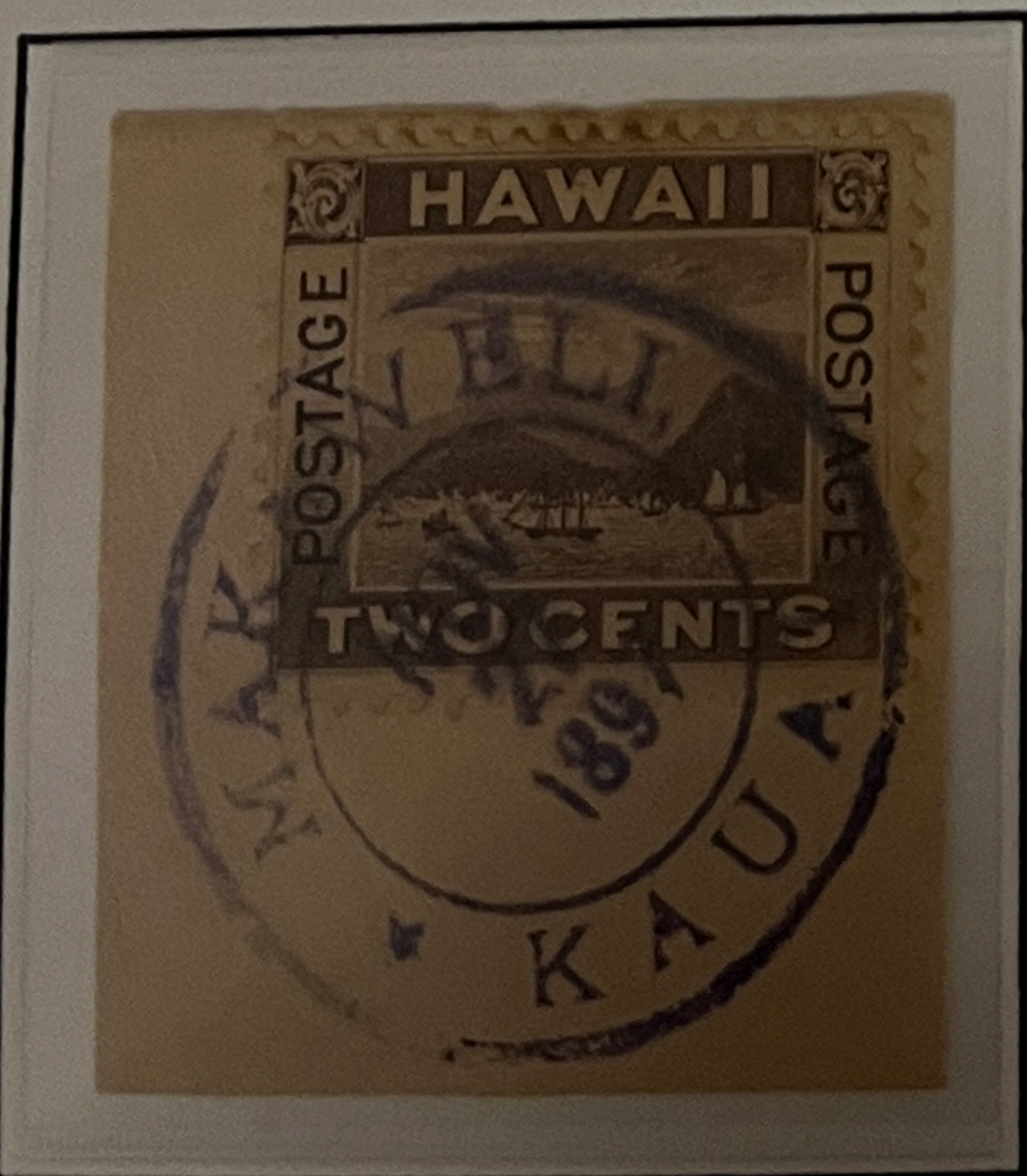
33 mm circle with large sunburst side ornaments. Extra space Between K and E. In use 1890 – 1897.



27 mm double line circle (often appears to be single with heavy ink). In use 1897-1900.



MAKAWELI: This small post office opened in 1890 and was eventually located at the headquarters of the Hawaiian Sugar Co. Two styles of postmarks are reported.



32 mm double line circle with star side ornaments in use 1890-1899, red only Oct/1896-June/1897.

29 mm with target duplex, 1898-1900

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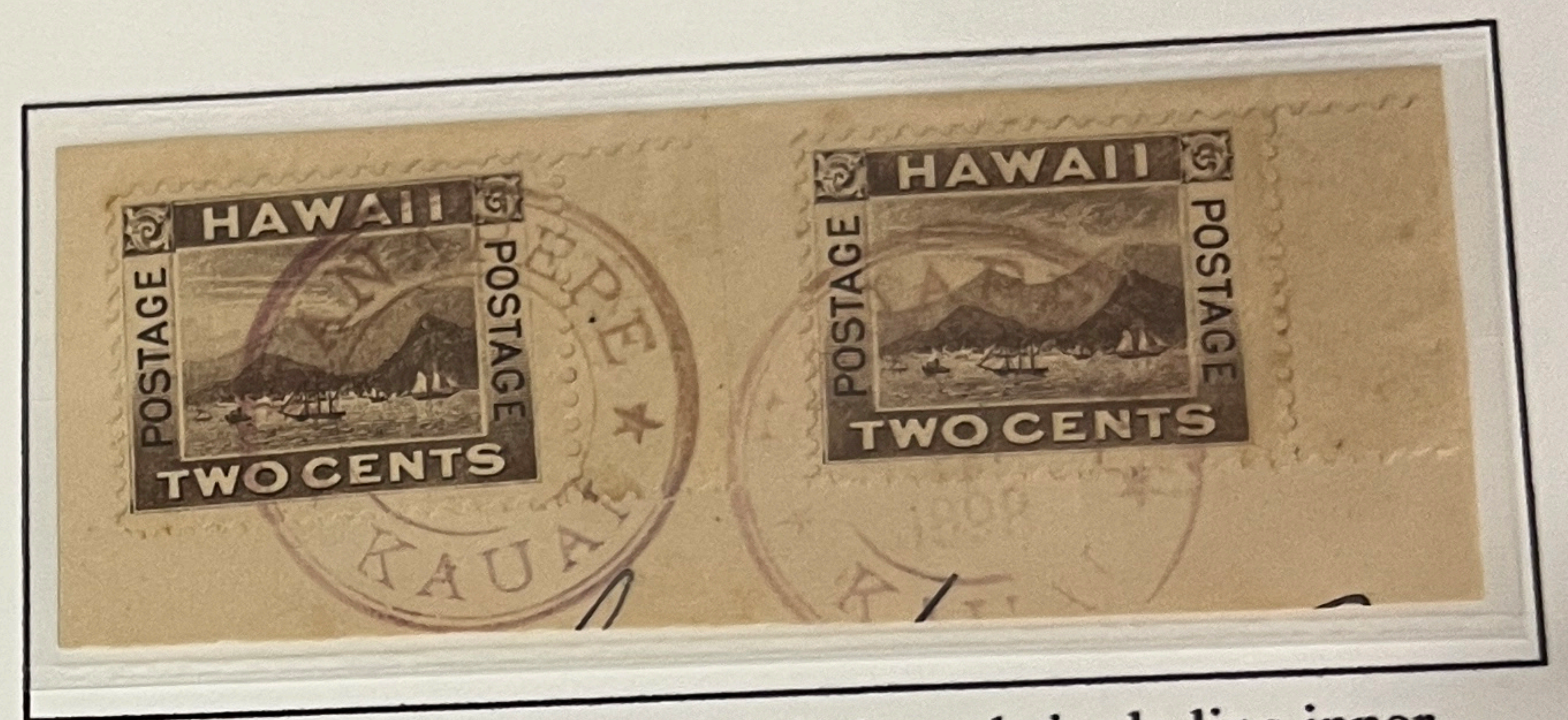
Kealia – Eleele

Following the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy in January, 1893, four post offices opened on Kauai.

KEALIA: The post office at Kealia opened in 1893 replacing the Kapaa office when the Makee Sugar Co. moved there. Only one style of Kealia postmark is known.

HANAPEPE: A post office for this small agricultural valley community opened in 1893. Two styles of postmarks are seen.

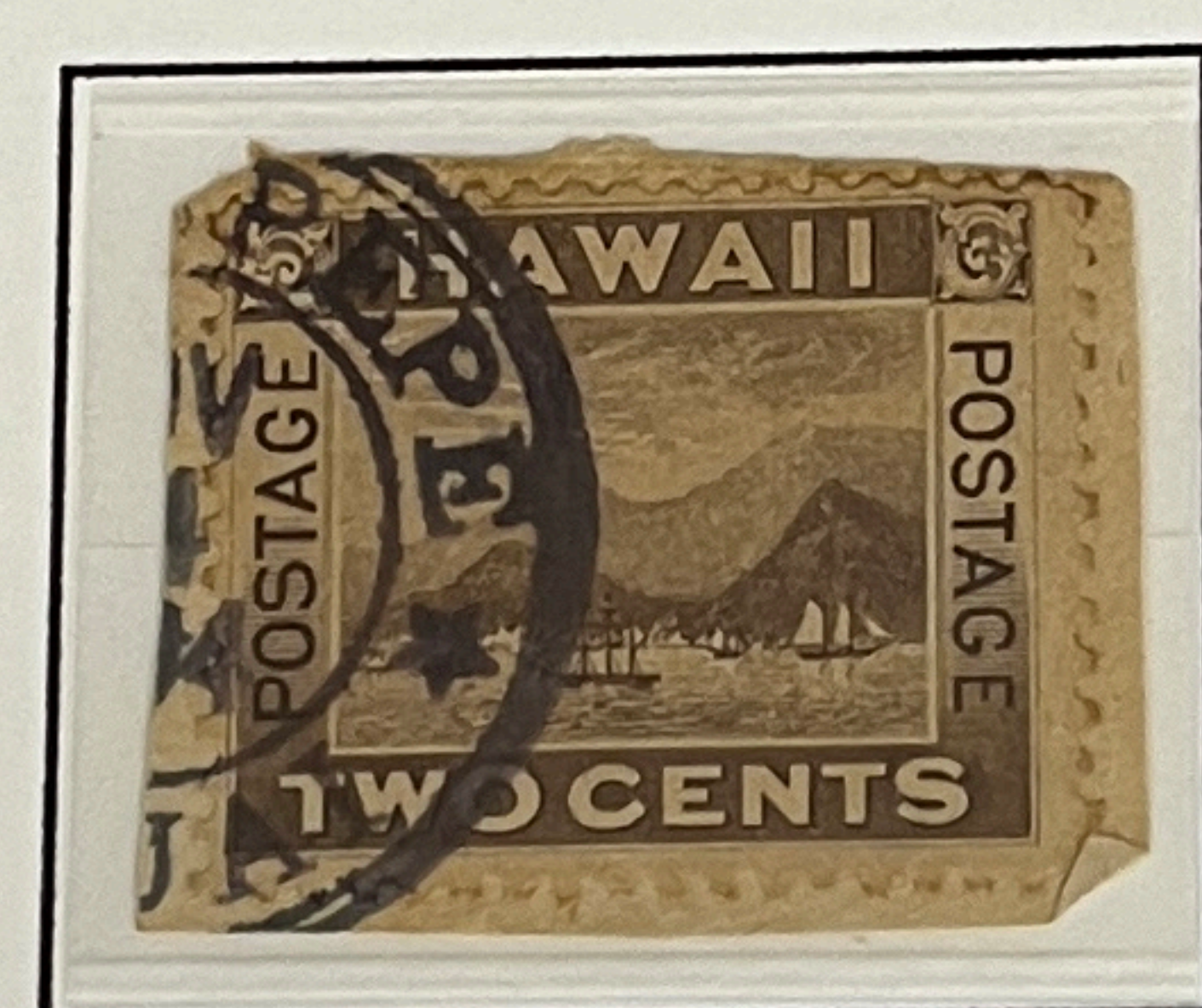
32 mm double line outer, single line inner circles with large sunburst side ornaments



30 mm double line outer circle and single line inner circle with star side ornaments. In use 1894 -- 1900

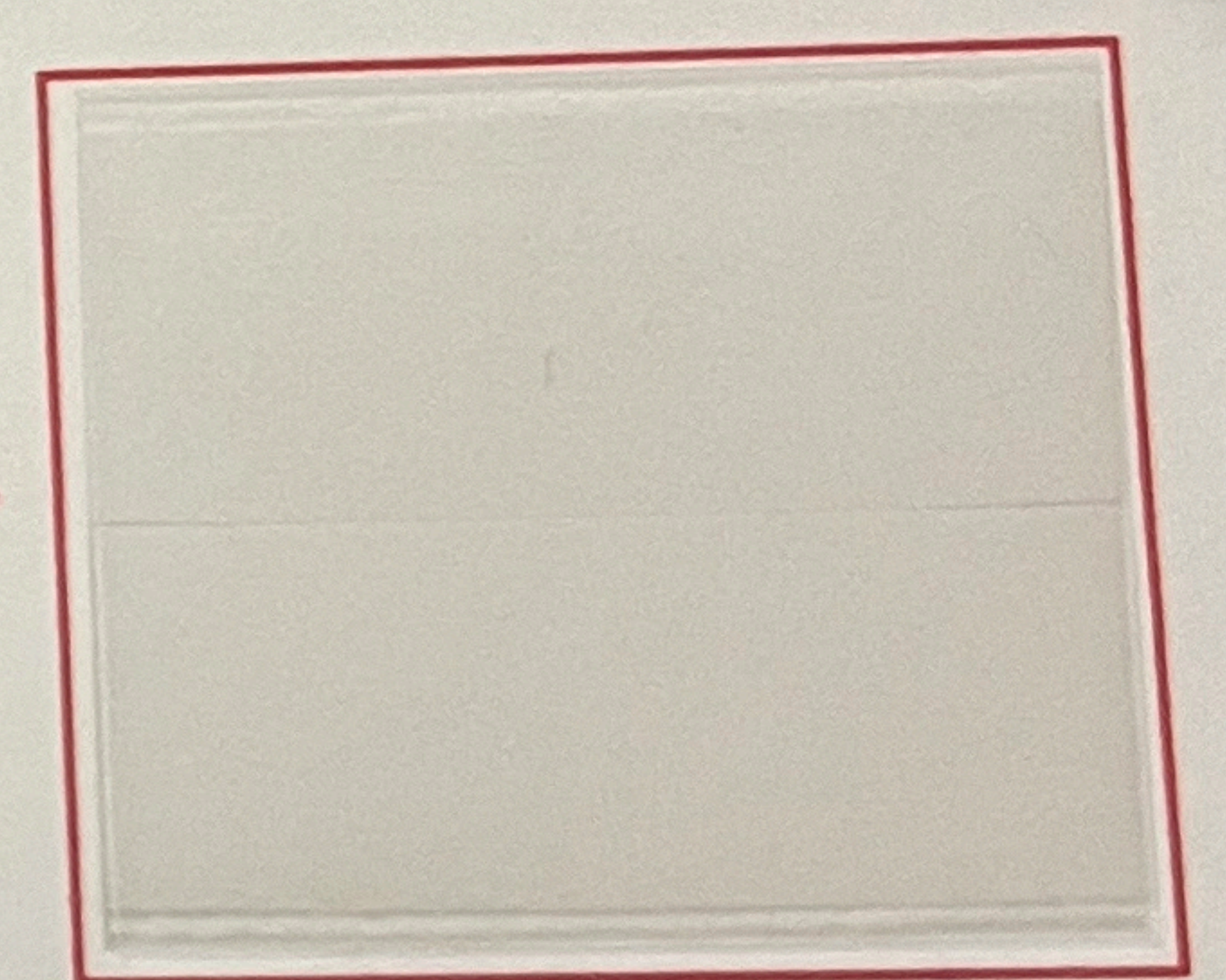


Previous 'Earliest Known Use'
December 8, 1894



New 'Earliest Known Use'
November, 1894

One of seven copies known.



27mm double line circle with central date. In use only from Oct. 1899-1900.

MANA: Post office at Mana opened September, 1893, as demanded by H.P. Faye, owner of Mana Plantation. It served only 250 residents.

A 33 mm double line circle, single line inner circle with cross ornaments. Used 1894–1899.



ELEELE: Last post office on Kauai opened in 1899 at Eleele, a landing community later known as Port Allen. Office was located at the McBryde Plantation office. Only one style of postmark is known.

27 mm double line circle with central date. Used only from October 1899 – 1900.



Town Postmarks
Island of Oahu

Five country post offices opened in 1856, but most were only open briefly and left no postmarks. Two offices remained in 1868. The population outside Honolulu was small (est. 1700) with little use for postal service. Thus handstamp town postmarks from Oahu are not common and many are scarce or rare.

WAIALUA: Of the five early post offices on Oahu, only Waialua remained open 1856 – 1900. It was first located at a mission, then the Mahaulu General Store, and eventually at a rail station. Two postmark styles are known.

33 mm circle mark
with star side
ornaments, used
1888 – 1898.

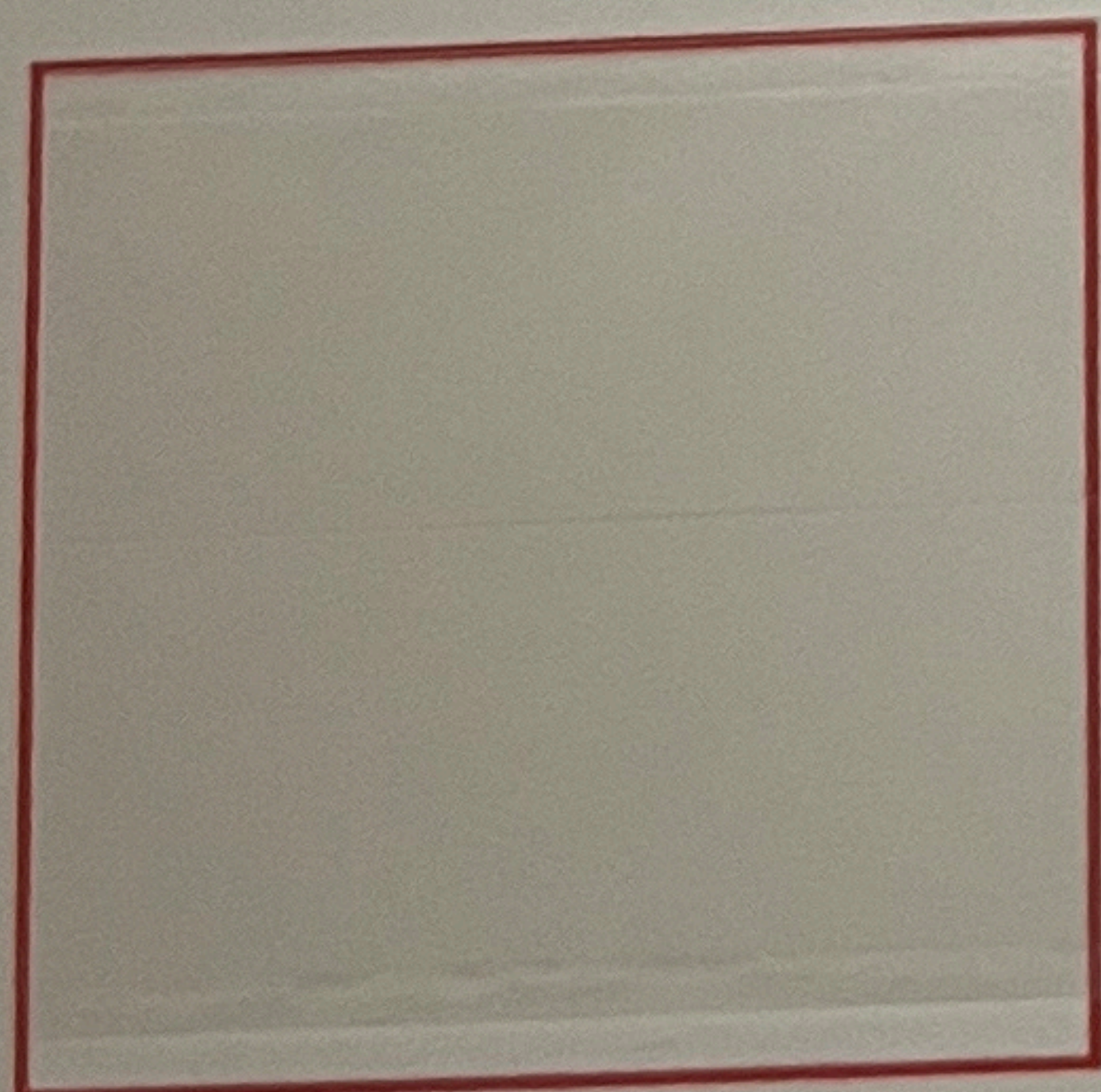


30 mm circle
with no side
ornaments used
1896 - 1900



Known with manuscript
changes or corrections

HAUULA: The first post office here opened in 1856 but closed in 1861. This small village was only a letter drop box site until 1899 when a post office opened. Little mail originated here. Other than two faint, partial postmarks reported by Davey, only one style is known.



29 mm double line circle
Seven strikes are recorded to date.

EWA: The history of the Ewa post office from 1856 and 1889 is vague. It was located at a mission station on ranch land near Pearl Harbor. Much of the mail at Ewa was actually sent to Honolulu to be processed. Two styles of postmark are known.



Nine strikes reported to date

30 mm double/single
circle with star side
ornaments. Used 1888-91.



33 mm double/single with sunburst side ornaments.
In use 1890 – 1900

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Kaneo-Waianae

KAHUKU: The Kahuku post office originally opened in 1856, closed in 1861, and reopened in 1890. In 1899 Kahuku became the northern terminus of the Oahu Railroad. Two styles of postmark are reported.



27 mm double line circle. In use 1890-1899.



27 mm double line circle. In use 1899 - 1900.

KANEOE: This post office also opened in 1856. It closed in 1867 and reopened in 1881. The location is uncertain. Very little mail originated here.



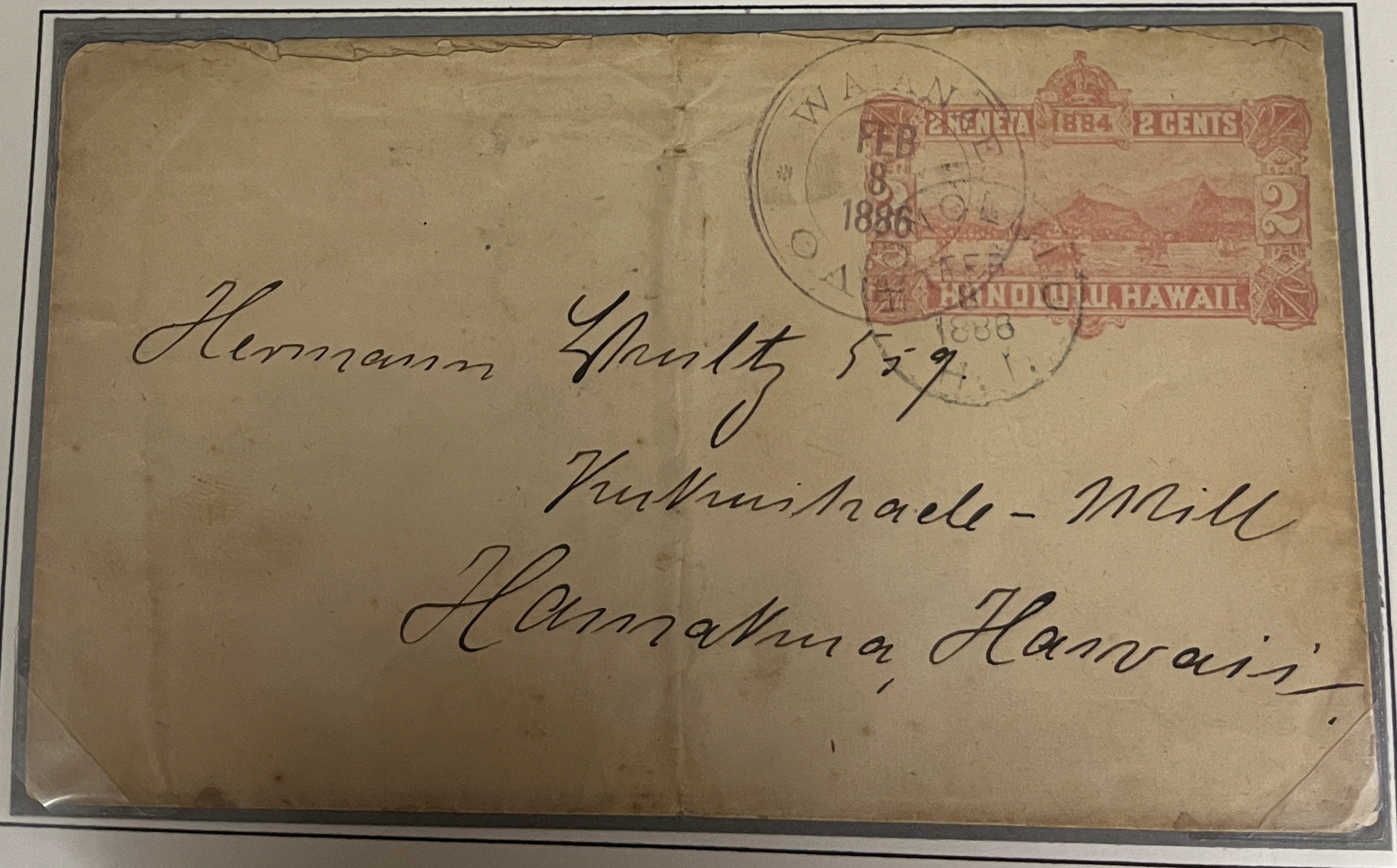
27 mm single line circle

November 13, 1898
Blue used only Oct-Dec 1898



May 16, 1899
Black used 1899 - 1900

WAIANAEE: The Waianae Sugar Co. opened in 1878 followed by a post office in 1882 – probably located at the company headquarters. The Oahu Railroad reached Waianae in July, 1895 and replaced steamship and couriers for mail service to Honolulu. Two postmark styles are known.



Feb. 8, 1886

32 mm circle mark with small sunburst side ornaments in use 1882 - 1898

Used on two cent rose 1st issue envelope

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Waianae-Punaluu Laie

WAIANAЕ:

33 mm similar mark with large sunburst side ornaments and 4-ring target duplex.

In use only 9/1898-1900



May 5, 1900
(five weeks before last day)

PUNALUU: The next post office opened in 1883 in Punaluu village on windward Oahu. The "landing" was dangerous so mail was carried overland. One postmark style, used from 6/1897-1900, is known.

29 mm double line circle with no side ornaments and a target duplex.

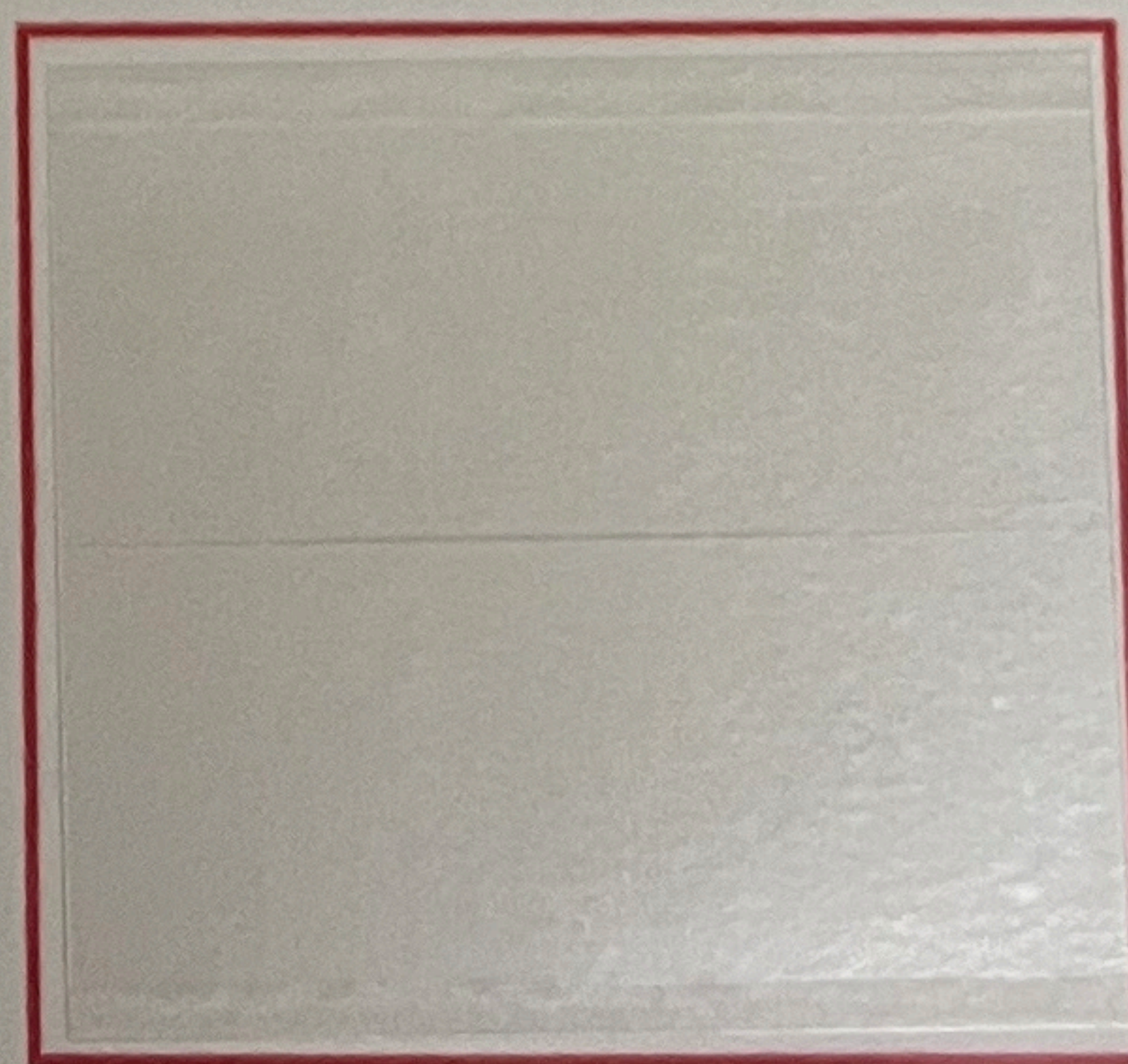
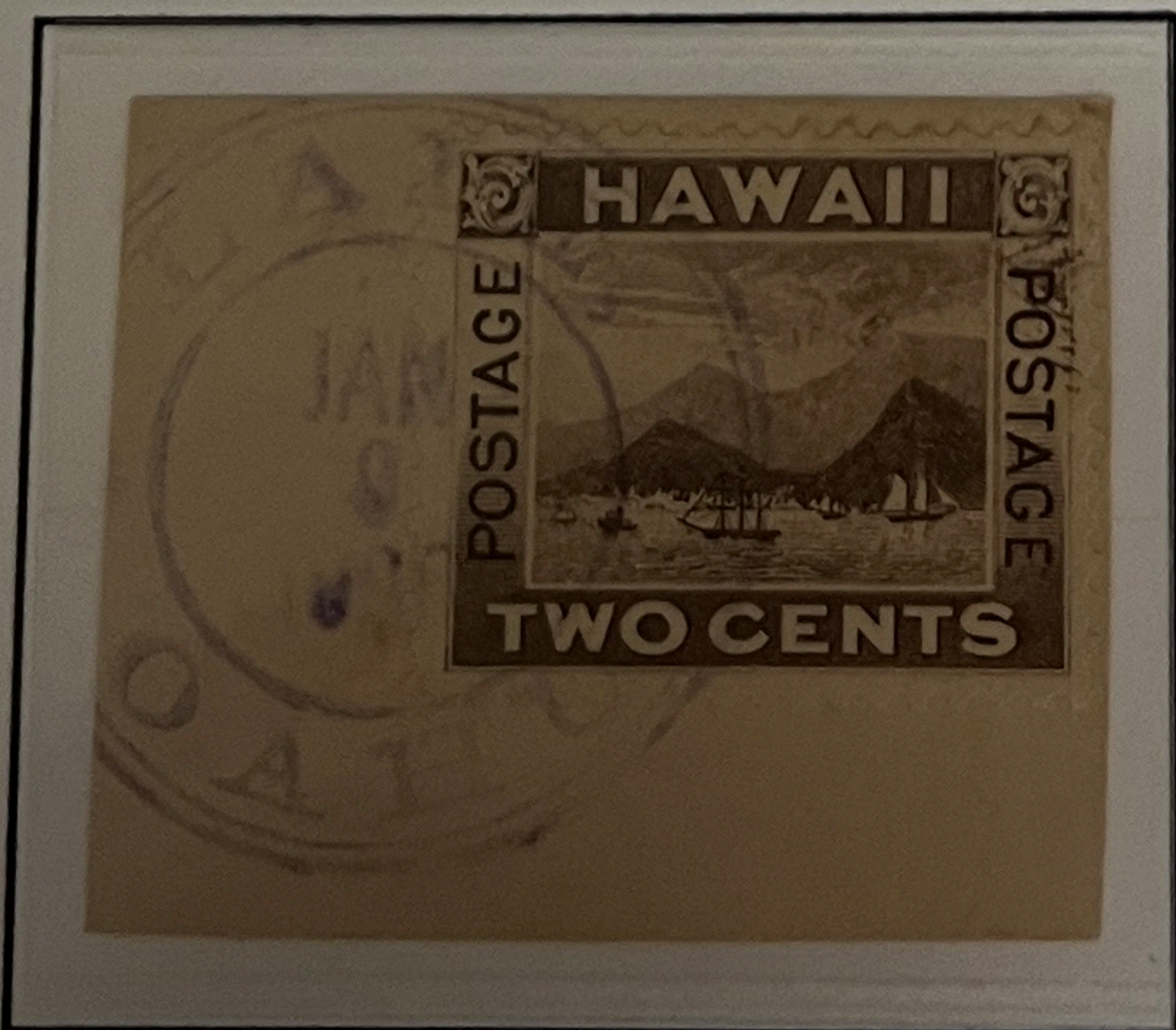


June 25, 1897
Earliest known use

LAIE: A Mormon colony was established here in 1865. A post office was open briefly 1878-79, but was little more than a stop for an overland courier. The post office reopened in 1889. One style of postmark is known.

From July to December 1899 the center date was removed. Manuscript dates were used.

The basic postmark was a 32 mm double/single circle with no side ornaments.



July 19, 1899
Earliest known use



December 18, 1899
Latest known use

Eleven examples reported.

30 mm double line circle with target duplex. *One of ten strikes reported to date.*

HONOLIULI: This post office, opened in 1890 west of Pearl Harbor, was at the headquarters of Ewa Plantation. Mail service by the Oahu Railroad began in 1892. Three postmark styles are known.

27 mm double line circle, in use 1890-1897.



29 mm double line circle
Used only March – June 1900.



31 mm double/
single in use
1897 – 1900.



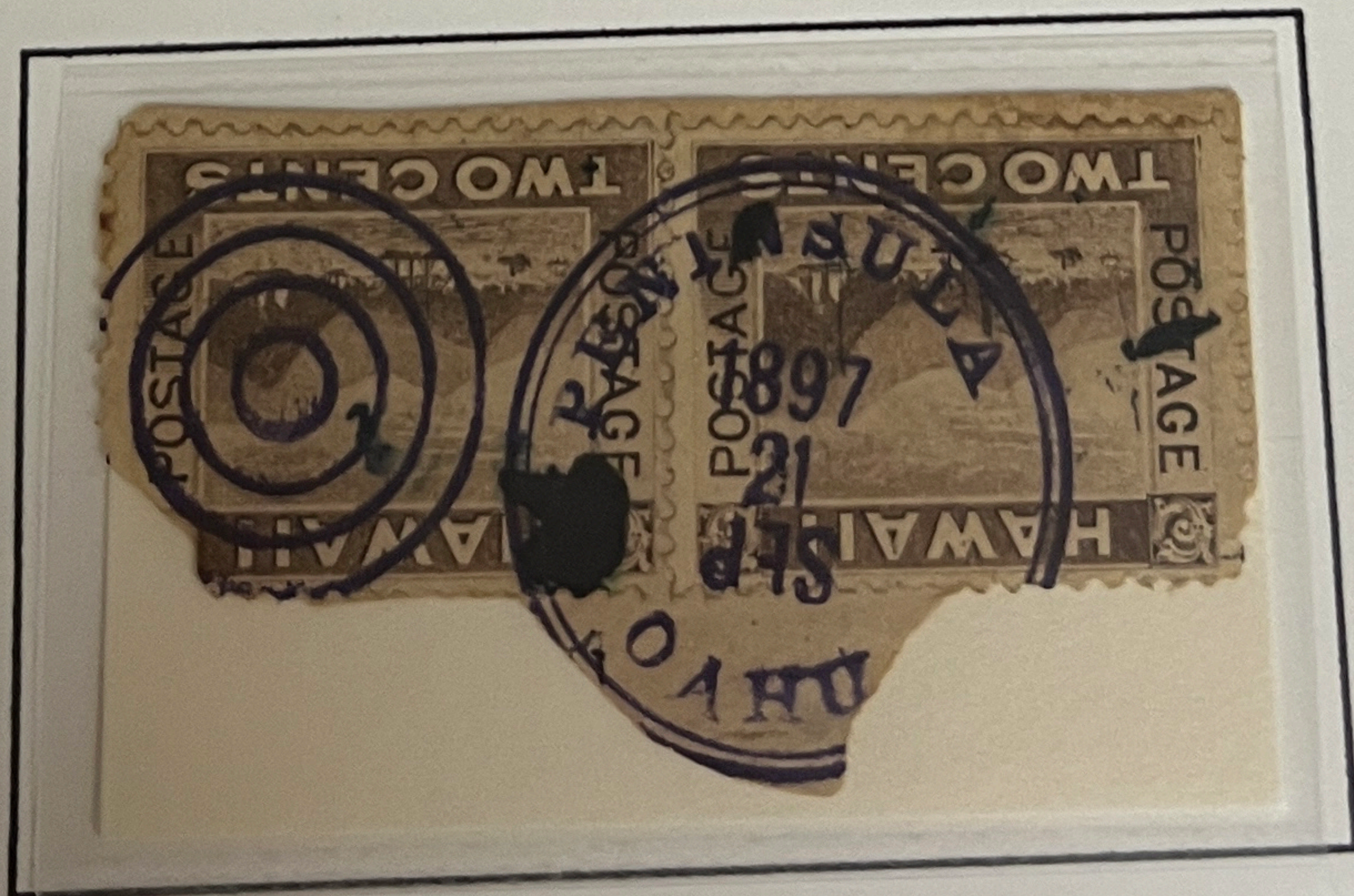
HEEIA: In 1891 a post office opened at Heeia, site of a Catholic church and seminary. It was located in the office of the Heeia Agricultural Co, formally the Heeia Sugar Co. Two very similar postmarks are known.



Unserifed 'Oahu'
In use 1897-1900

Serifed letters for 'Oahu'. In use 1892 – 1898.

PENINSULA: This post office opened in 1897 on the Pearl City peninsula. Mail moved to Honolulu by rail. Few postmarks are known, suggesting that most mail was actually processed in Honolulu. Only one style of postmark is reported.

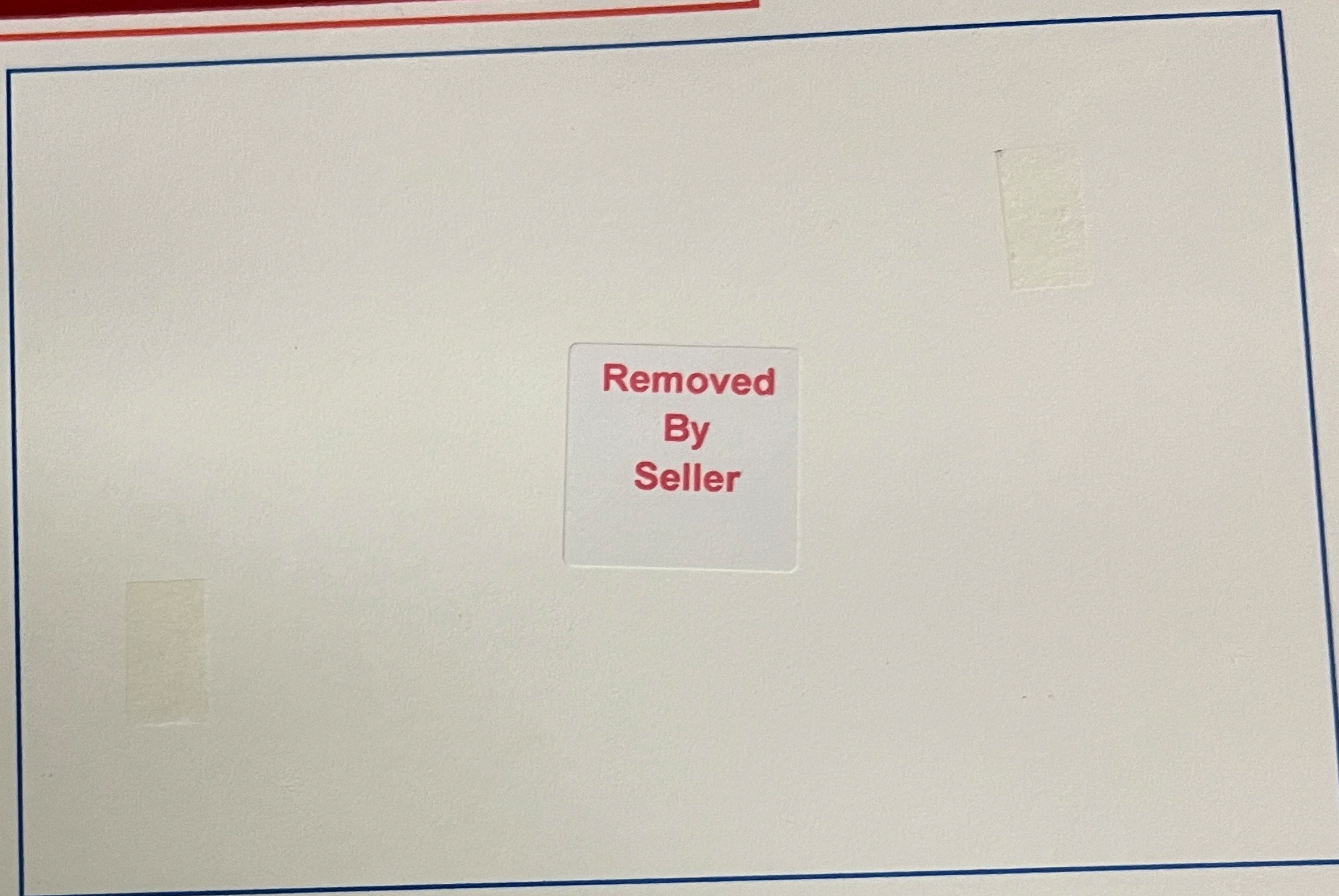


19 strikes are reported

29 mm double line circle with
target duplex at left instead of
right. In use 1897 – 1900.

Posted June 13, 1900 on a picture post card with a two cent republic stamp properly paying the rate to Europe.

reverse



AIEA: Rural Aiea became a depot for the Oahu Railroad. The post office, located at the headquarters of the Honolulu Plantation Co., opened in 1899 – the last of the Oahu post offices to open before Hawaii became a U.S. territory. One postmark style, with less than seventy-five strikes, is reported.



29 mm double line circle
Only used 1899 – 1900

August 12, 1899



March 7, 1900

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Lahaina

Maui is the second largest of the Hawaiian Islands. The first westerners – missionaries – and the first demand for a postal system arrived in 1821.

LAHAINA: A major port for the whaling industry, Lahaina was an early capital of Hawaii and site of the first post office on Maui. The office was first located at the Customs Office. As a long-standing postal service center, Lahaina has many handstamp postmarks and varieties.



First postmark made privately proceeding the use of a device from the Honolulu general post office.

In use 1867 – 1879.

'Lahaina P. O. Hawaiian Islands' May 4, 1875



Standard POST OFFICE circle, 30 mm single line circle.

In use 1879 - 1885

'POST OFFICE Lahaina, H. I.'

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Lahaina



30 mm with star side ornaments. In use 1885-1893.



30 mm with no side ornaments. Reported use 1887-91, then again 1898-1900.



July 1, 1887
(used during a gap
in reported use)



31 mm version with large sunburst side ornaments. In use 1893-1898.



27 mm double
line circle with
duplex (side by side)
target cancel



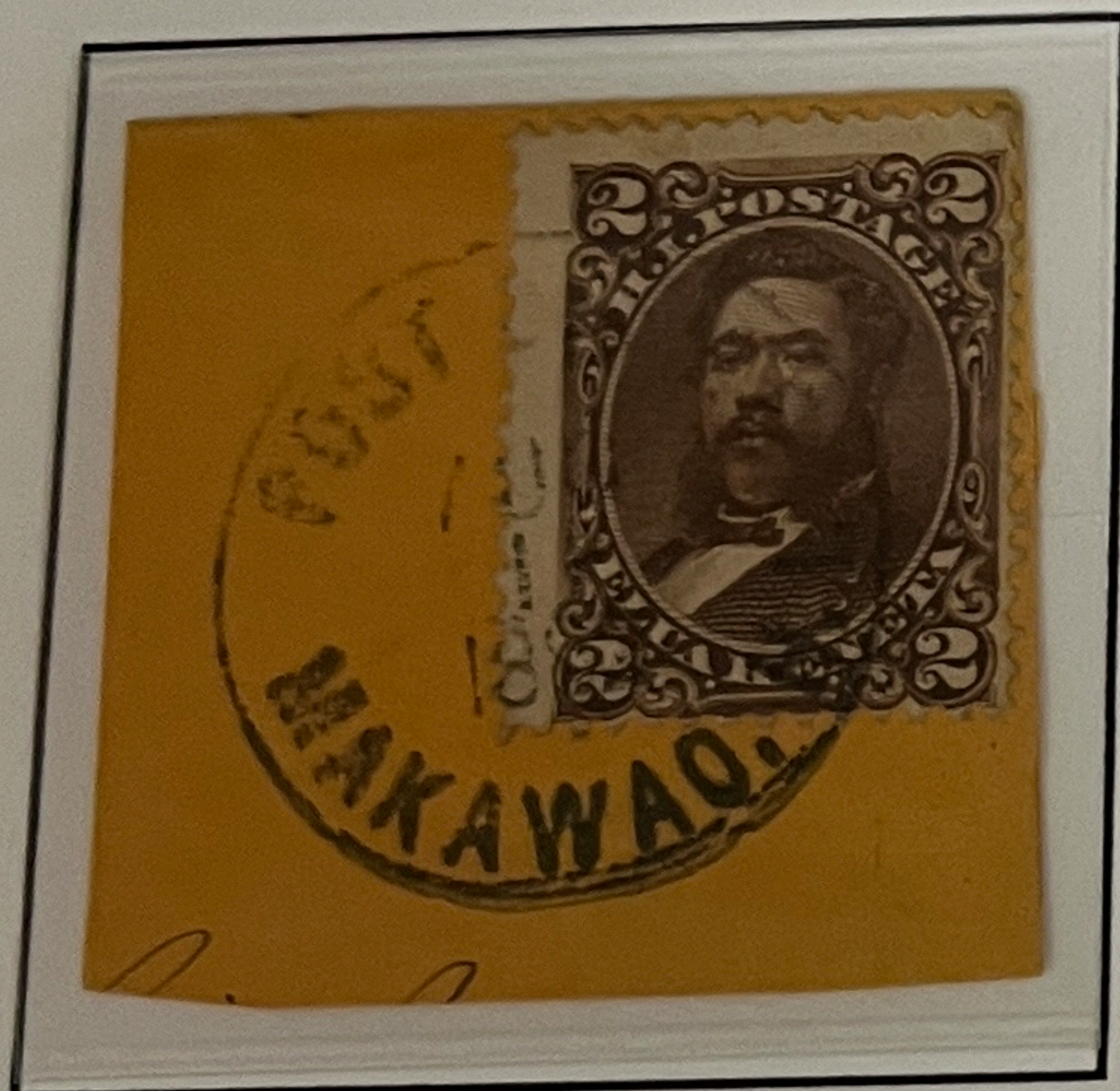
29 mm double line circle

MAKAWAO: In 1854, the second post office on Maui opened at Makawao. a sugar plantation town, headquarters for the McLane Sugar Plantation. Postmasters were appointed by the postmaster of Lahaina.

This mark from a private metal device, a 35 mm single line circle was in use 1870-1879.

September 8, 1875

13 examples reported to date



30 mm standard POST OFFICE style in use 1879 - 1893



33 mm double lined circle in use only May-June 1900
Six strikes reported to date



33 mm double/single with cross side ornaments -- in use 1883-1897



29 mm double/single circle with large sunburst side ornaments



April 6, 1900



April 14, 1900

date failures forced manuscript dates January 1900-May, 1900

The Wailuku post office also opened in 1854, but was unofficial until 1859. Four sugar plantations and the sugar boom of the 1870s moved Wailuku from a small village to prominence among Maui towns. In 1879 the Kahului Railroad connected Wailuku to the port at Kahului. Eight postmark styles are reported.

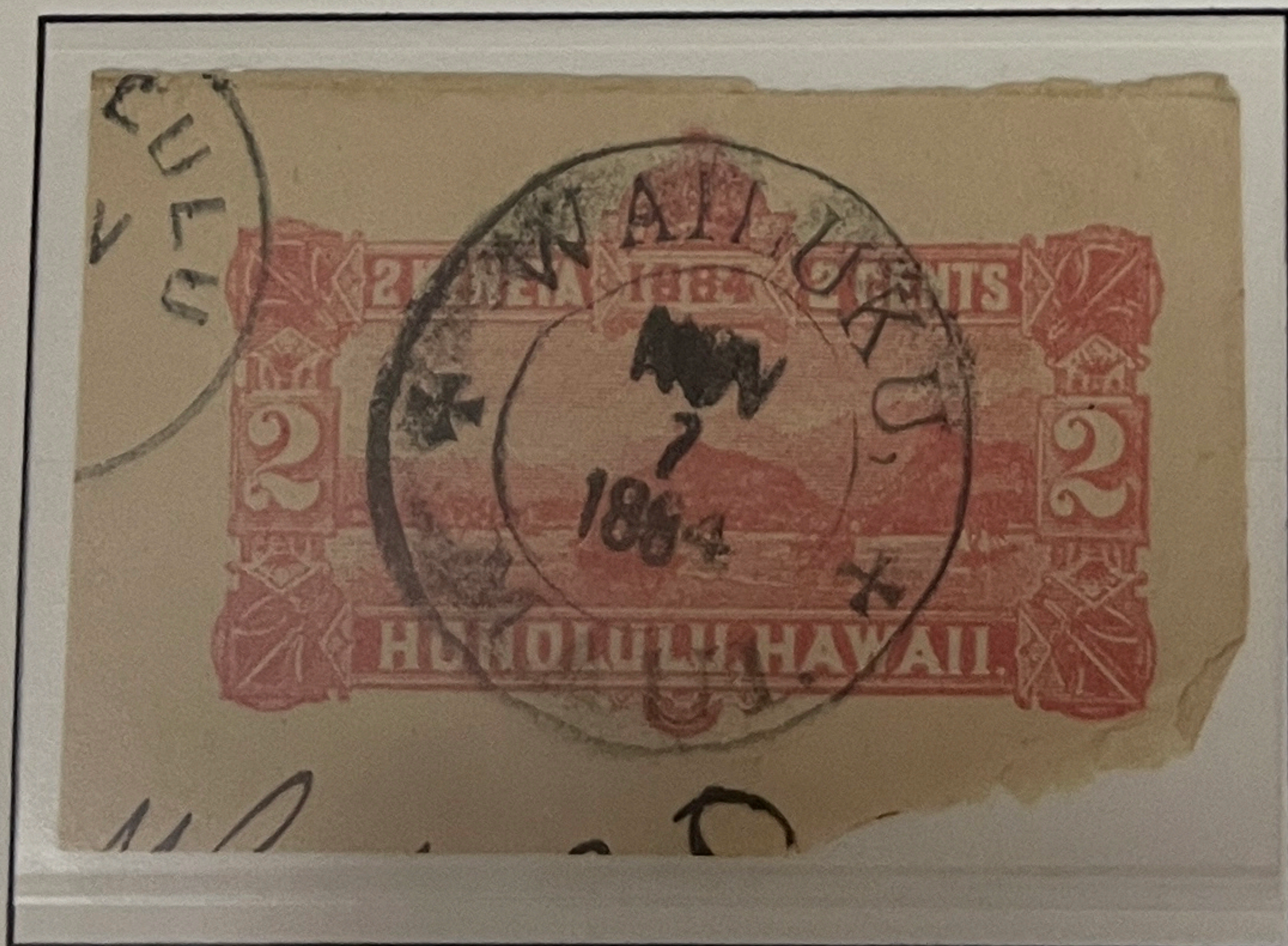
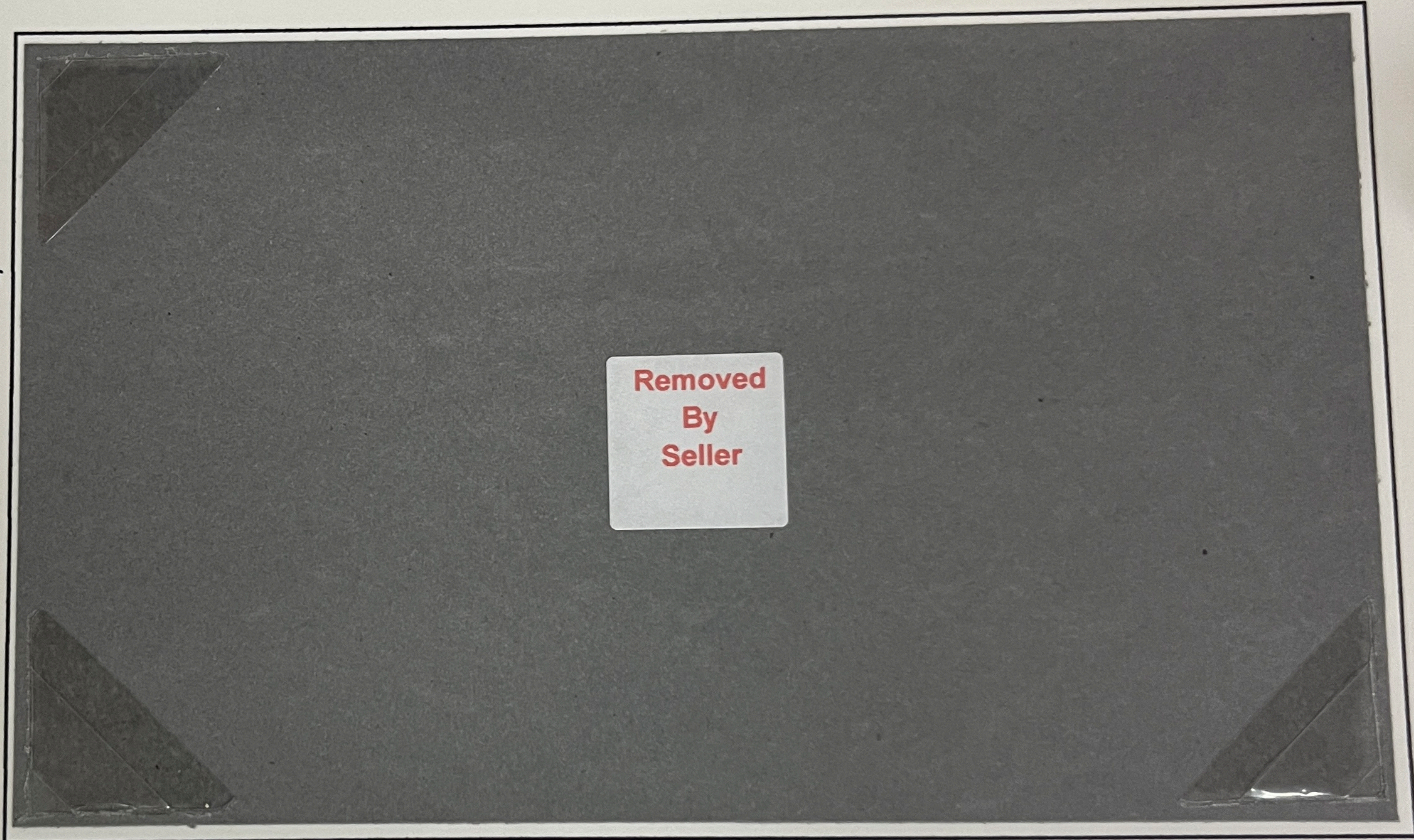
30 mm standard POST OFFICE
metal device in use 1879-1883.

'POST OFFICE Wailuku, H. I.'
April 7, 1882



36 mm double lined outer
circle, single line inner
circle with cross side
ornaments.

In use 1883-early 1885



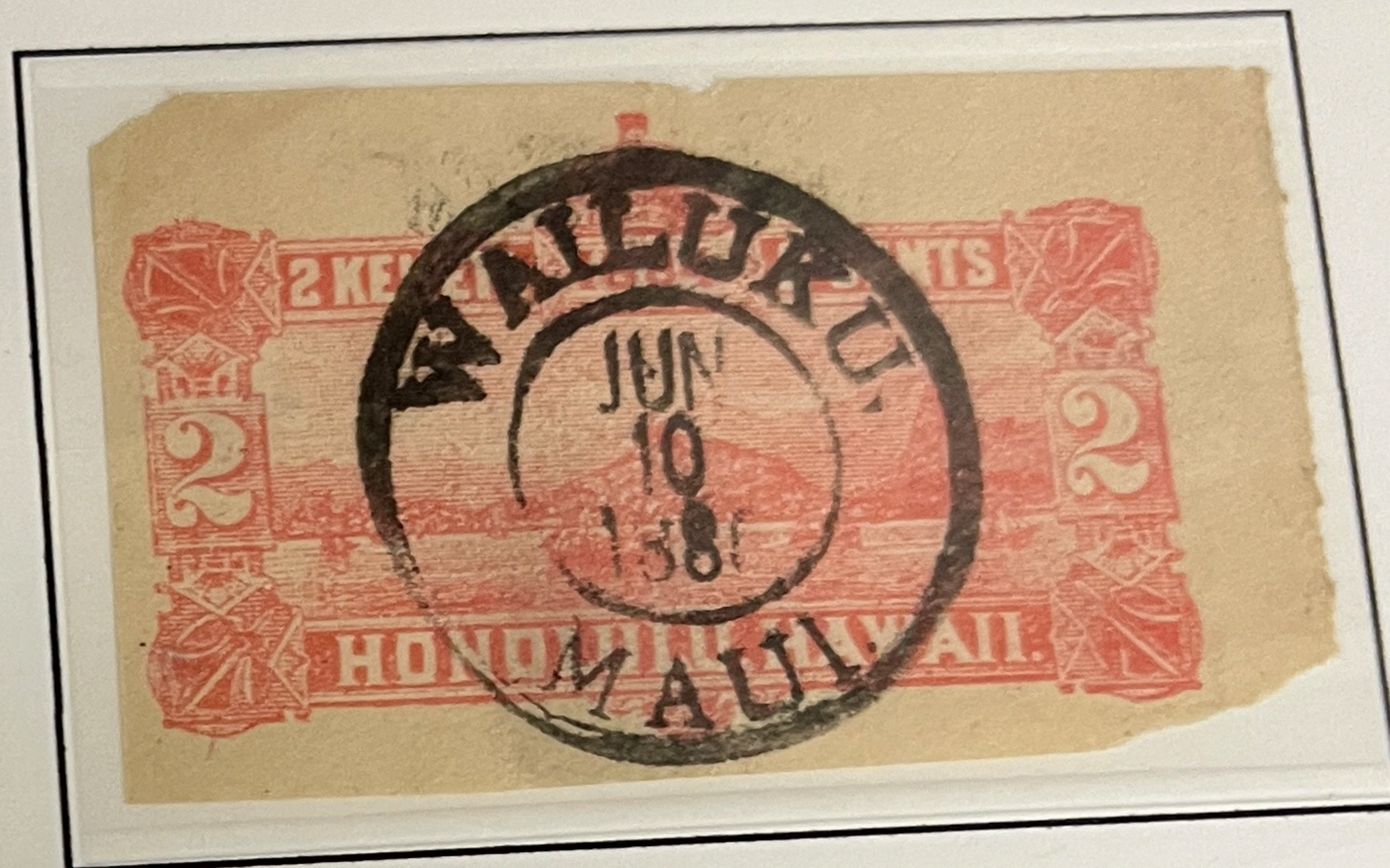
Sometime in 1884, the outer ring wore off,
or more likely was cut off for an unknown
reason. From that time the "single" outer
ring is known.

November 7, 1884

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Similar double lined outer circle with single inner circle postmarks were regularly used by Wailuku.

31 mm version with
no side ornaments.
In use 1884 - 1887.



Wailuku

June 10, 1887

Removed
By
Seller

34 mm versi
with no side
ornaments -
1888 - 189

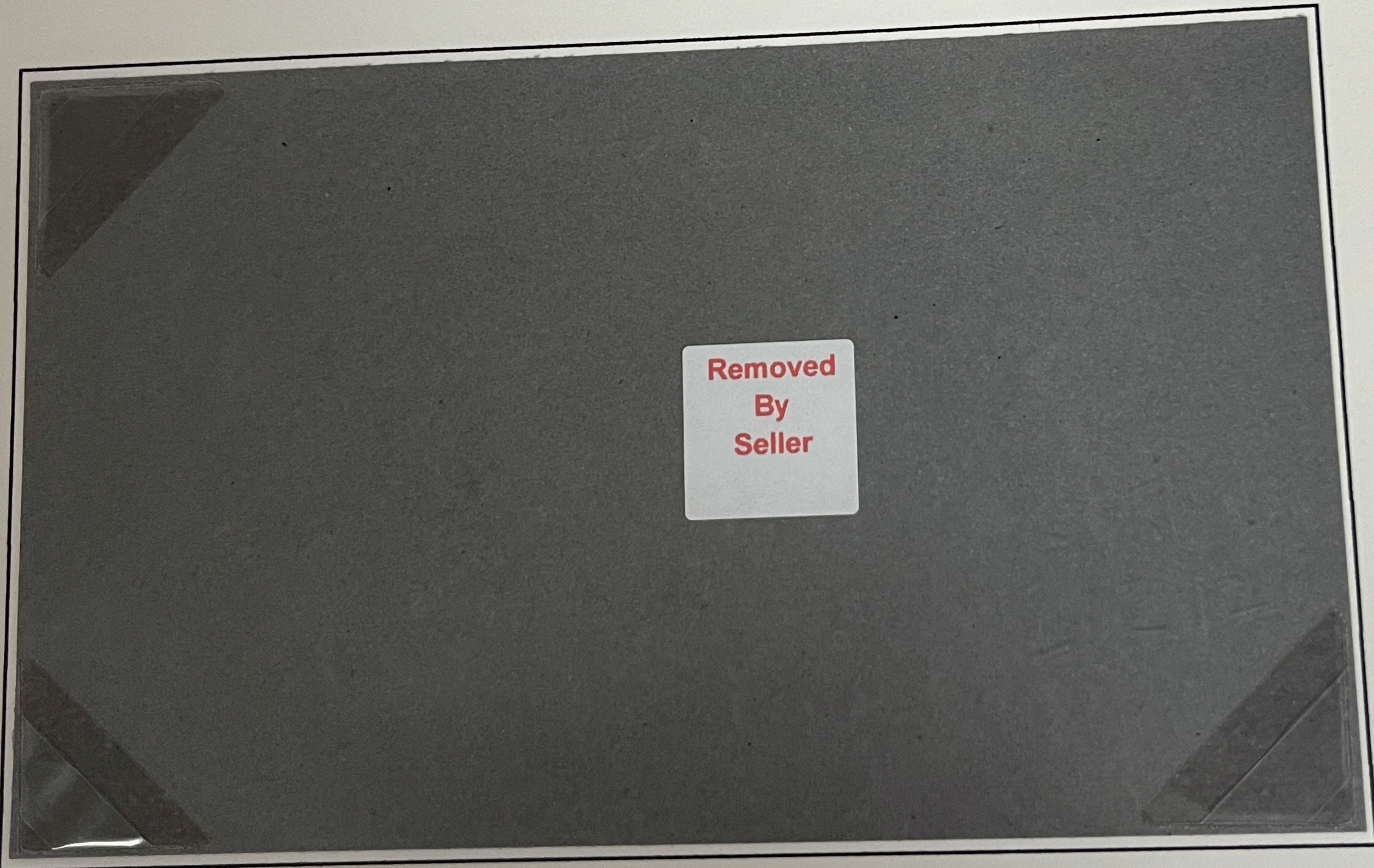
August 28

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27 mm single line circle, often found incomplete

This mark is likely to be philatelic. It is often seen on blocks of the Provisional Government 1893 overprint issues and dated October 20, usually without year date.

Not previously reported in black



30 mm double outer circle/single inner circle mark with no side ornaments. In use 1897-1900.

Inner circle faint in later strikes

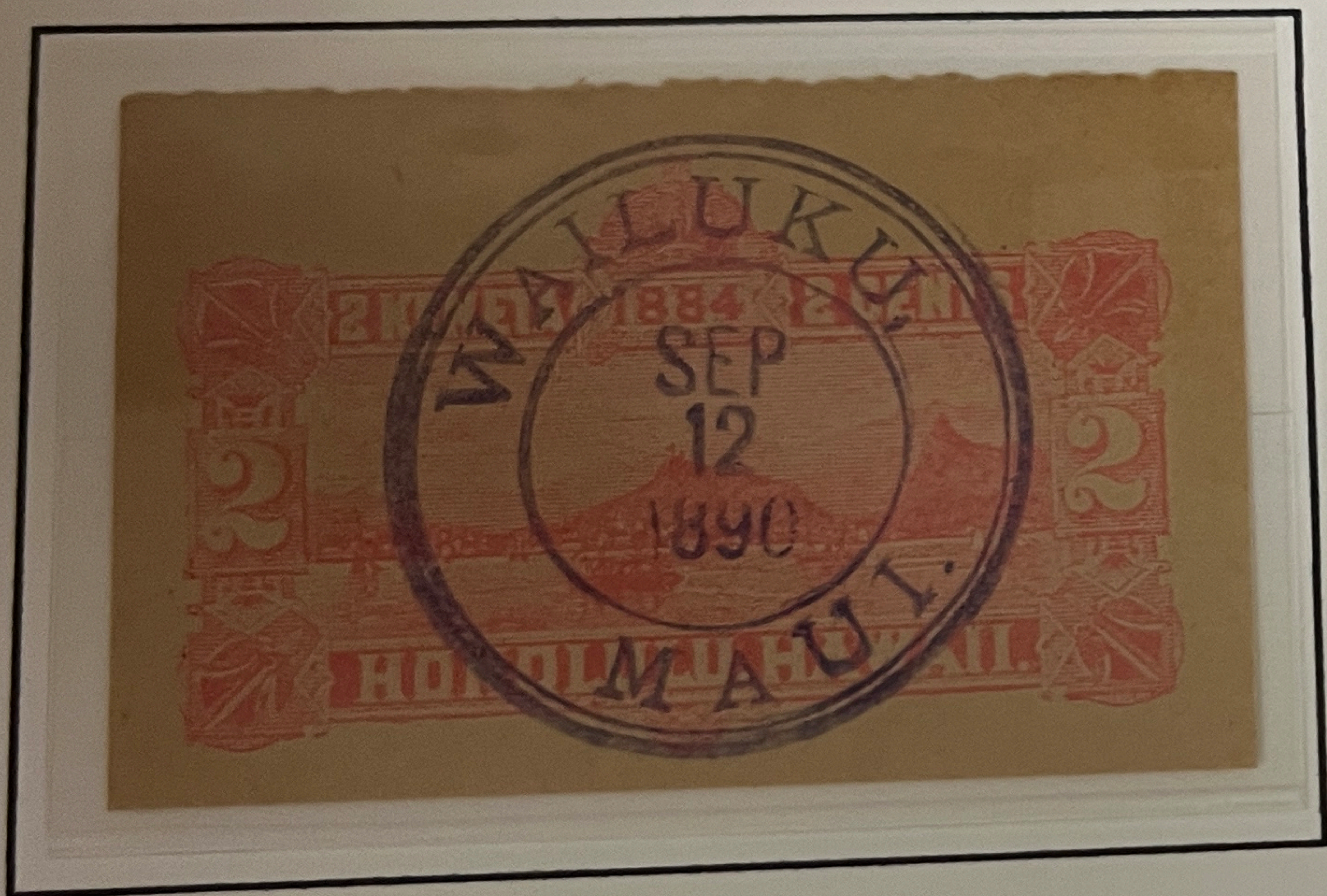
27 mm double line circle
In use only November, 1899 to June, 1900.



June 2, 1900
Latest known use

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Wailuku



33 mm double outer circle/single line inner circle
with no side ornaments in use by Wailuku 1888 – 1893

This same mark was used as a “provisional” postmark along with a manuscript ‘PAID’.



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Kahului

The Kahului post office opened in 1857 as the town was pushed by the sugar boom into becoming the main port of Maui. Twelve postmark styles, the most of any Maui country post office, are known.

The first postmark was a version of the initial standard POST OFFICE device. Maui was misspelled as 'MANI'. Used from 1880 – 1885.

21 examples known



Two versions of a 30 mm double outer/single inner circle mark were used from 1884–1887.



Two versions of a 30 mm double/single circle with no side ornaments were in use 1885 – 1889 and 1892-1895. Early version has a larger 18 mm inner circle.

Later version with smaller 17 mm inner circle.

This mark is often found on ship sailing notices.

Removed
By
Seller

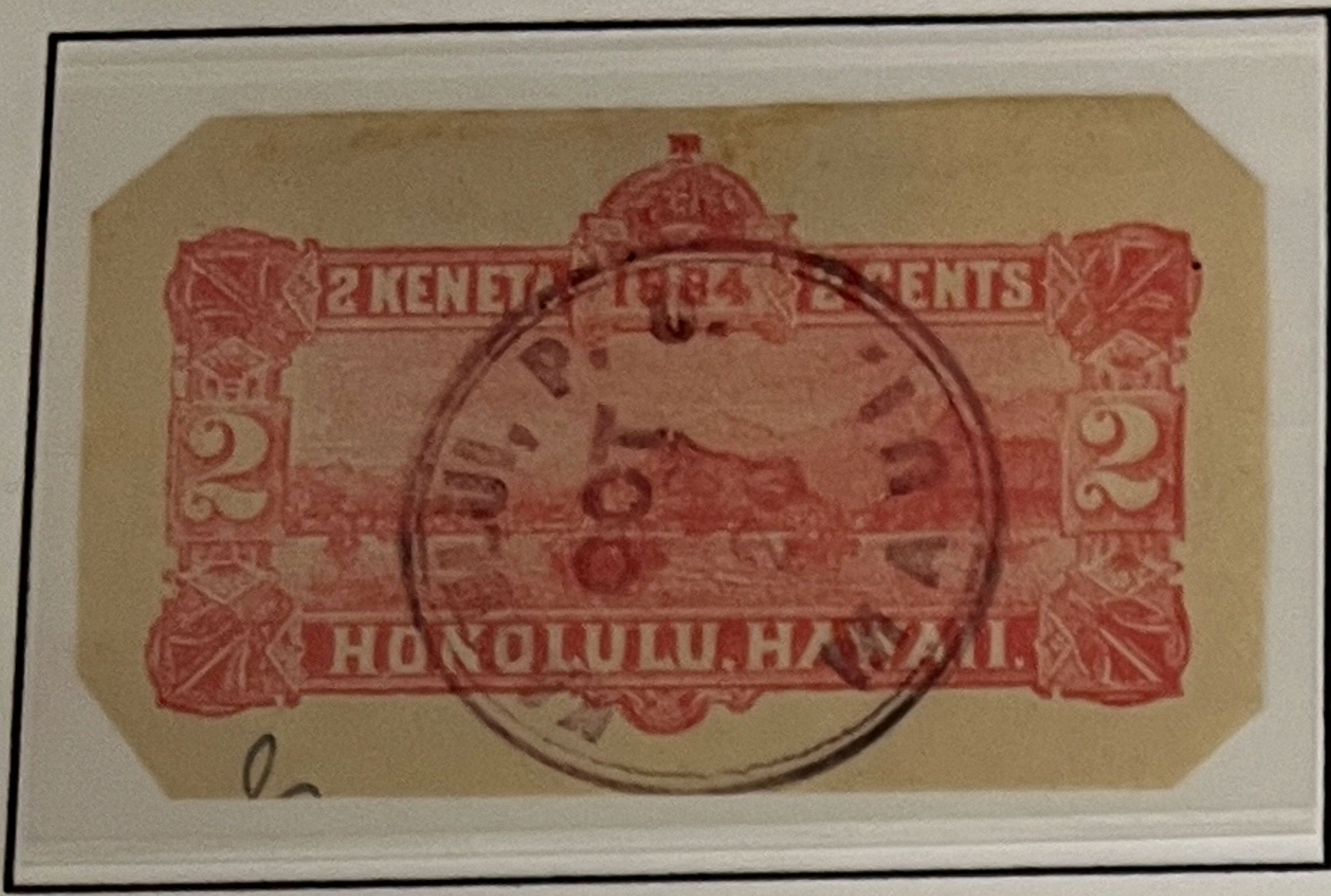
This 30 mm postmark is often found as a favor cancel on unauthorized bisected stamps intended for collectors.



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Kahului

Two versions of a Kahului P. O. mark are known and used from 1887 – 1891.



Date with short, thick letters

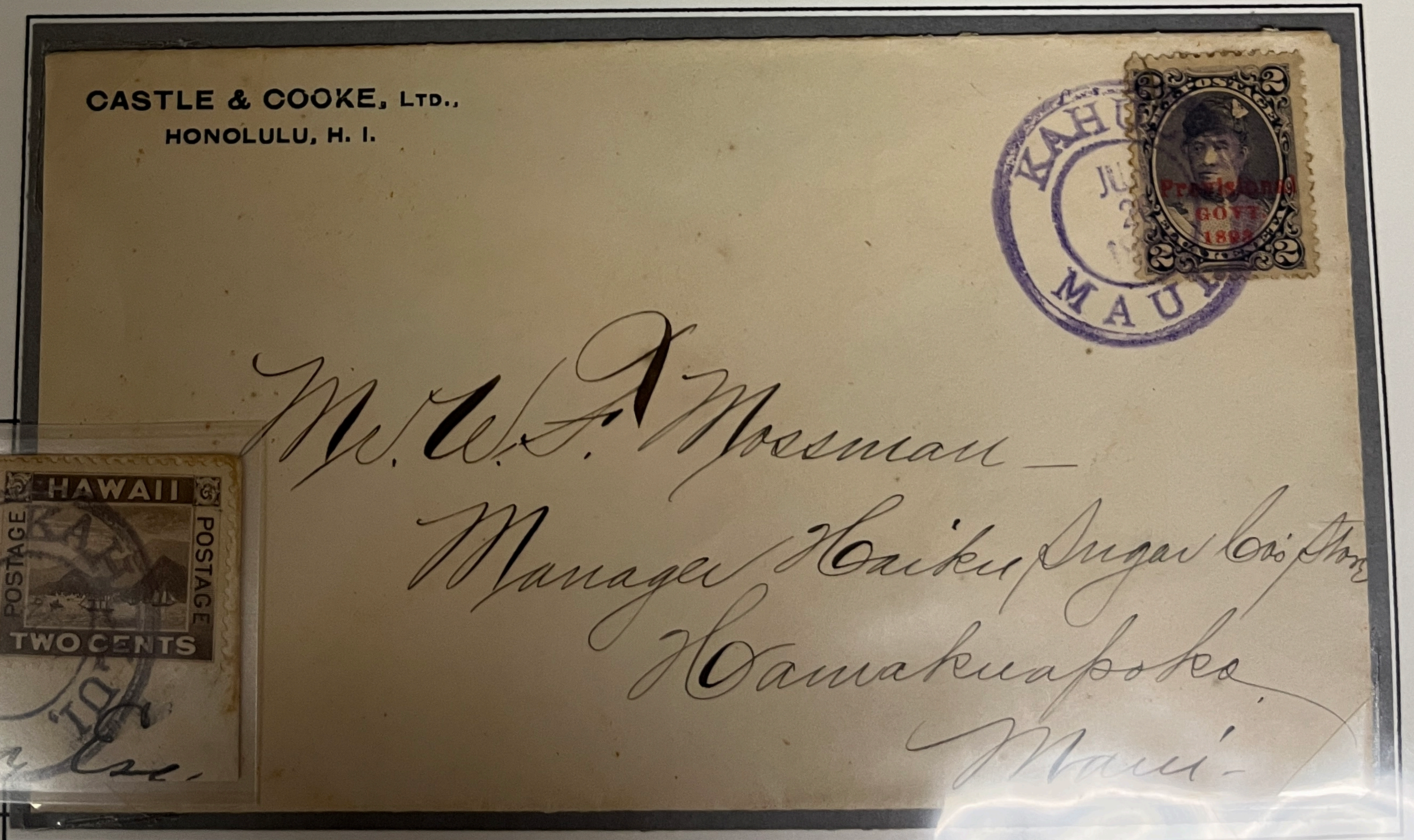


Date with tall, thin letters

From 1889 – 1891 a 33 mm double/single circle with large sunburst side ornaments was in regular use. (Here on two cent pink envelope variety.)



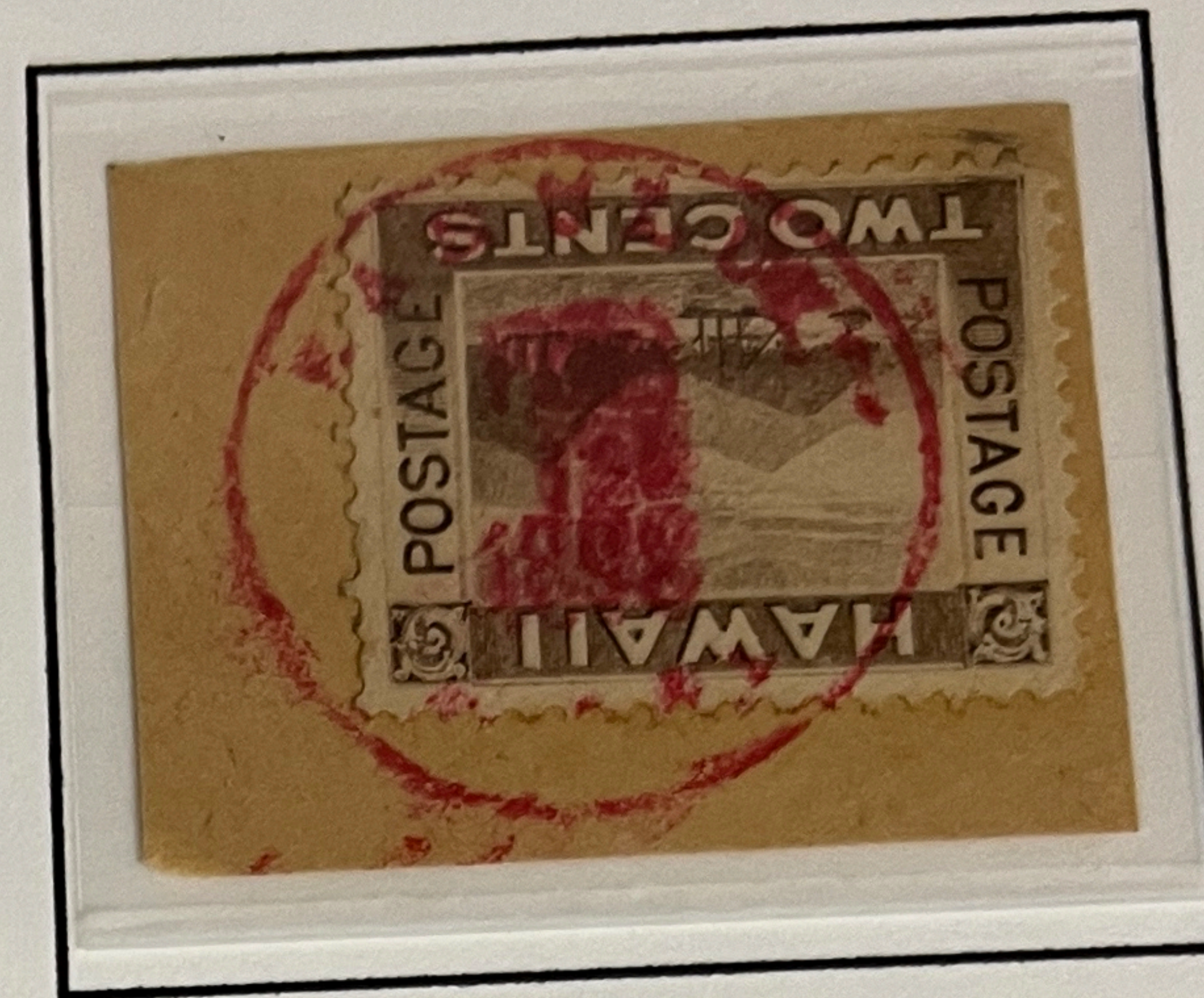
This mark, a 33 mm double outer/single inner postmark without side ornaments began use in 1895 as a circle. Heavy use deformed the circular mark into an oval. The date often did not print.



With growth in mail demand, more devices were put into use.



27 mm double line circle, 1896-1898



29 mm single line circle, 1897-1898

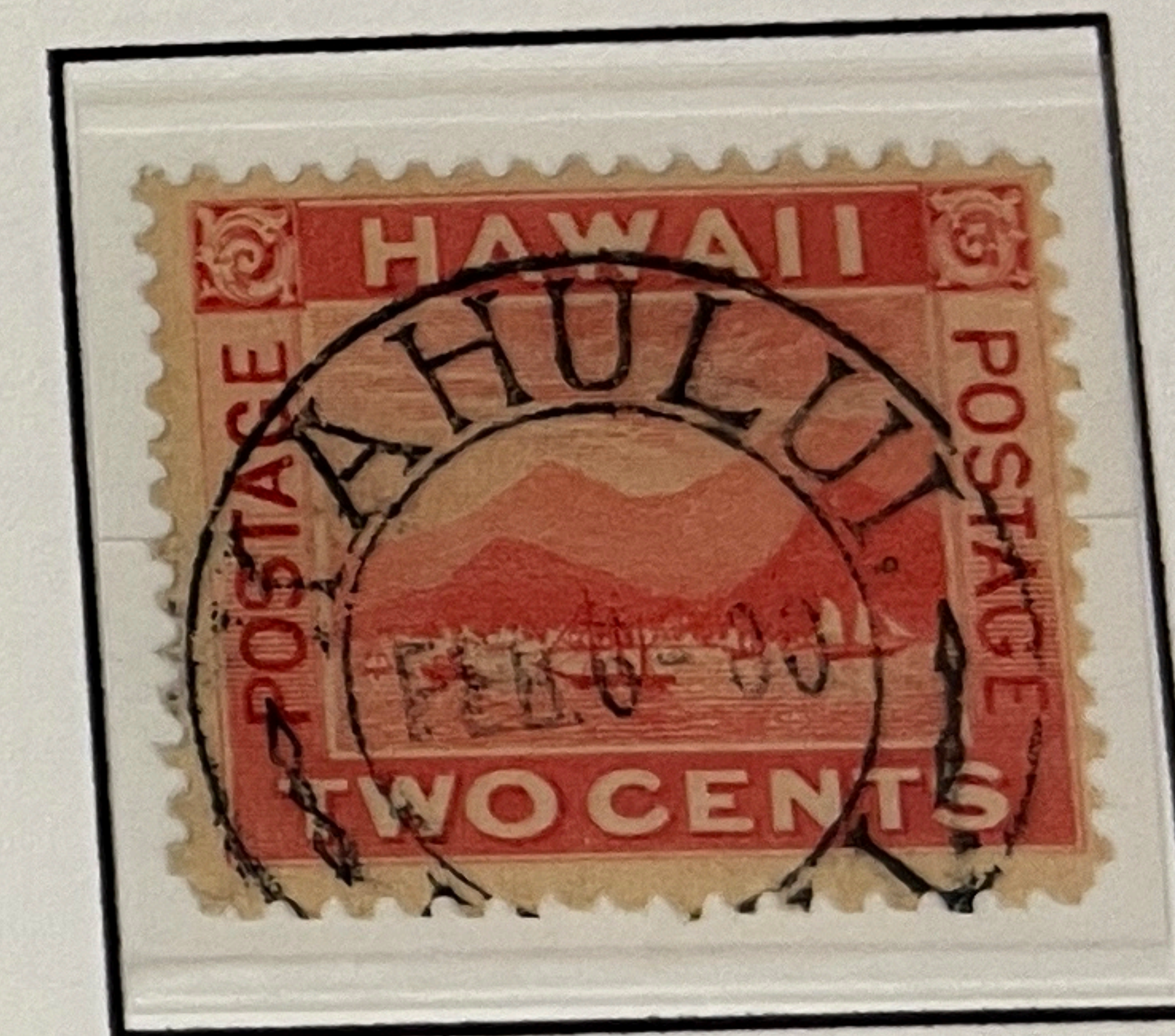


27 mm single line inner and outer circles, straight line date cross side ornaments



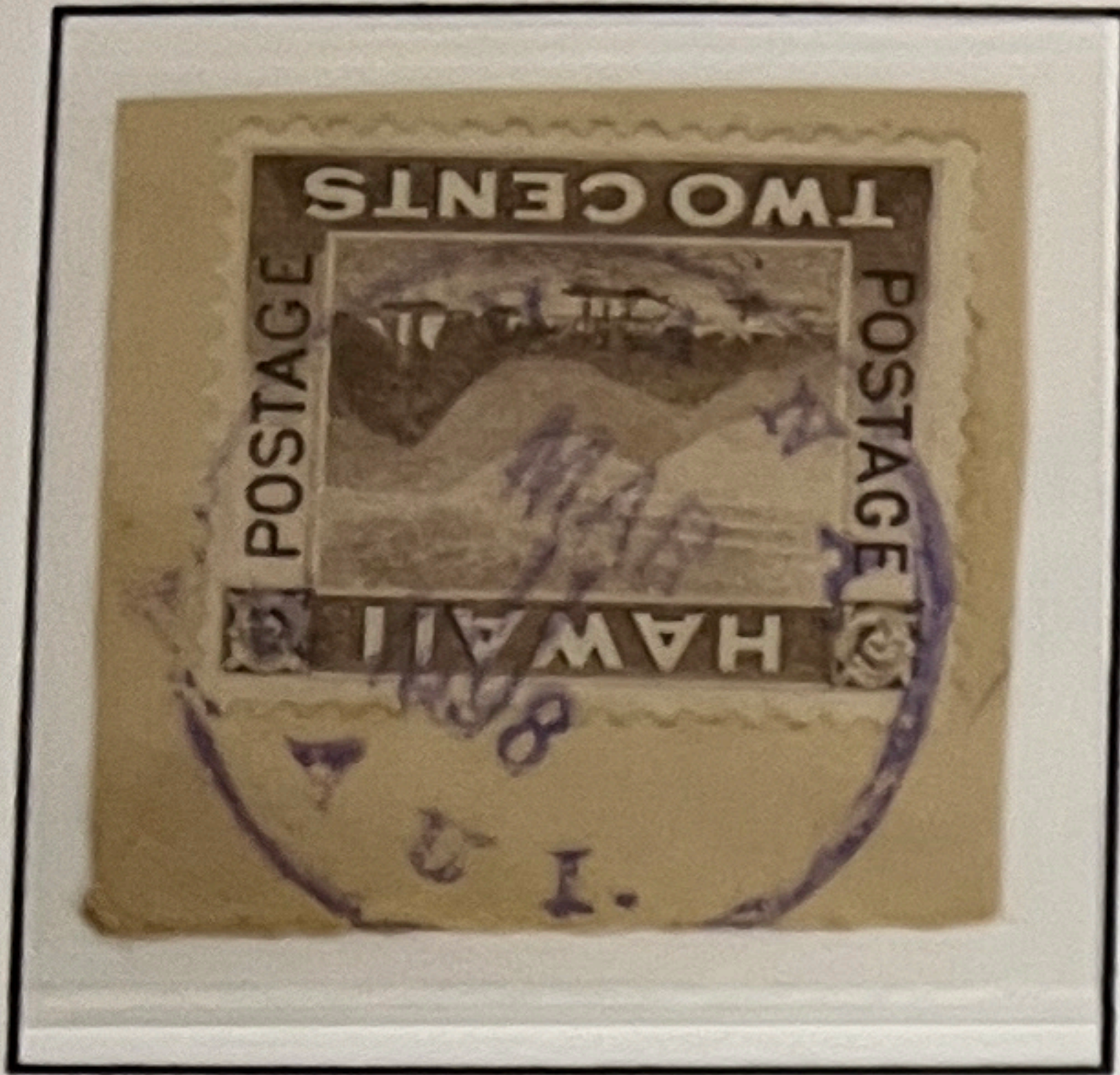
29 mm double line blue circle used mid Jan – Feb 2, 1900

11 strikes reported to date



26 mm single line inner and outer circles with lozenge side ornaments. In use Feb.-June 1900

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29 mm double line
circle in use
1896 – 1900

Hana-Kaupo-Haiku-Keanae



27 mm double line
circle in use
1898 - 1900

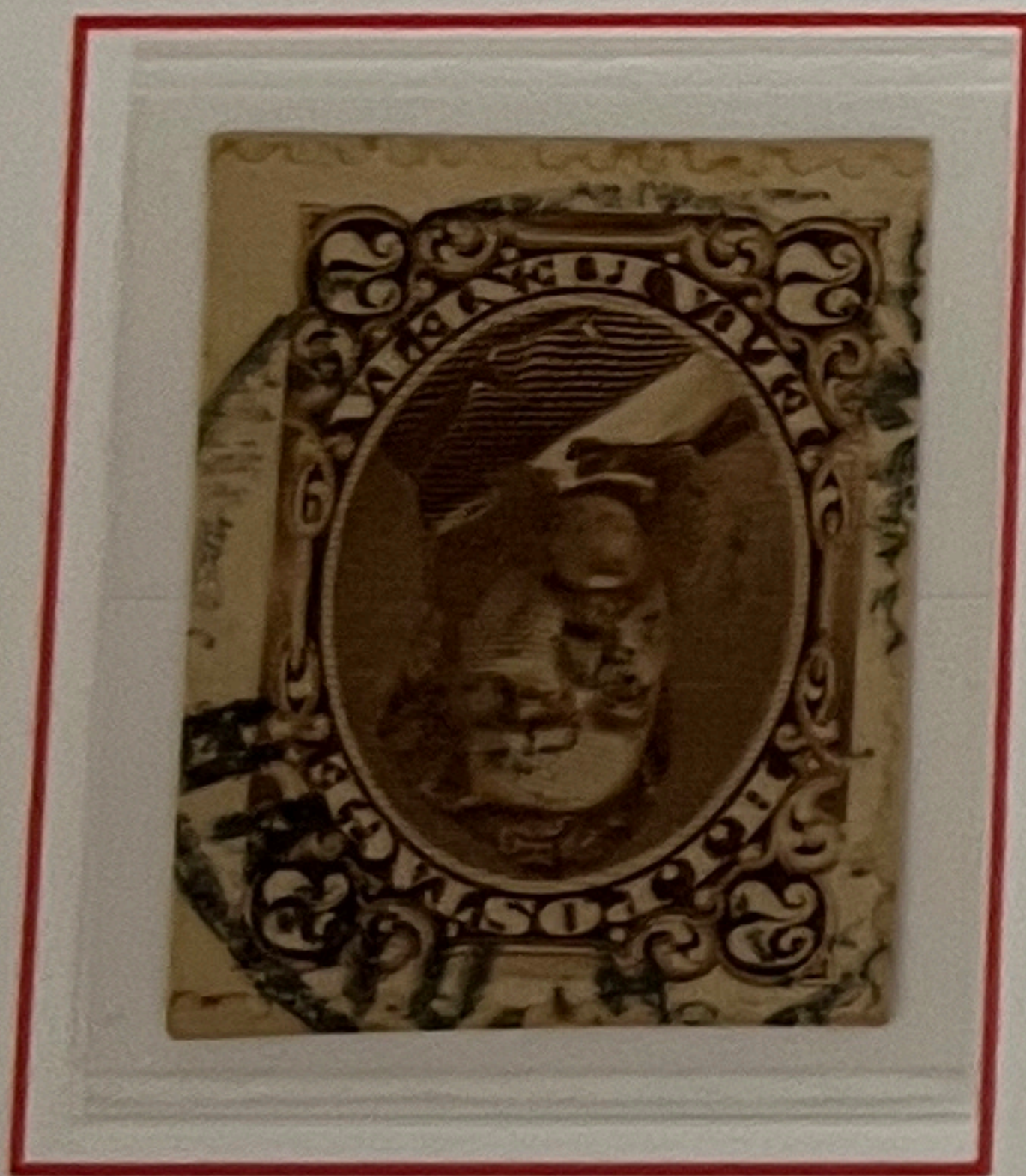
KAUPO: Initially opened in 1860, this village post office was open only sporadically from the home of the home of the postmaster. Only one style of postmark known.

30 mm double outer/single inner
circle with no side ornaments.
Known from 1892 – 1898



July 8, 1898

Ten strikes are known to date



HAIKU: Post office opened in 1862 serving the Haiku Sugar Company mill. When the operation moved to Hamakuapoko in 1879, little was left of the town. Few postmarks are known.

The standard POST OFFICE style for Haiku used 1879-1882

Nine examples reported to date.

KEANAE: Post office opened in this north coast town in 1867 but closed after nine years - reopened in 1894. Two postmark styles are known.

30 mm double single circle used
from 1894-1898



29 mm double line circle used 1898-1899
Less than thirty strikes reported

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Kipahulu

KIPAHULU: Opened in 1880, this post office served the coastal village and the Kipahulu Sugar Company. Two styles are known.

27 mm double lined circle with arc beneath the date in use 1884 - 1896



33 mm circle mark with large sunburst side ornaments used 1896 - 1900.

PAIA: The next post office to open was at Paia in 1881 at the eastern terminus of the Kahului Railroad. It was initially located in the store owned by C.H. Dickey, who became postmaster.



33 mm circle mark with small star side ornaments, used 1881 - 1893



30 mm circle mark with large sunburst side ornaments. Date is usually weak. Used 1893-1897.

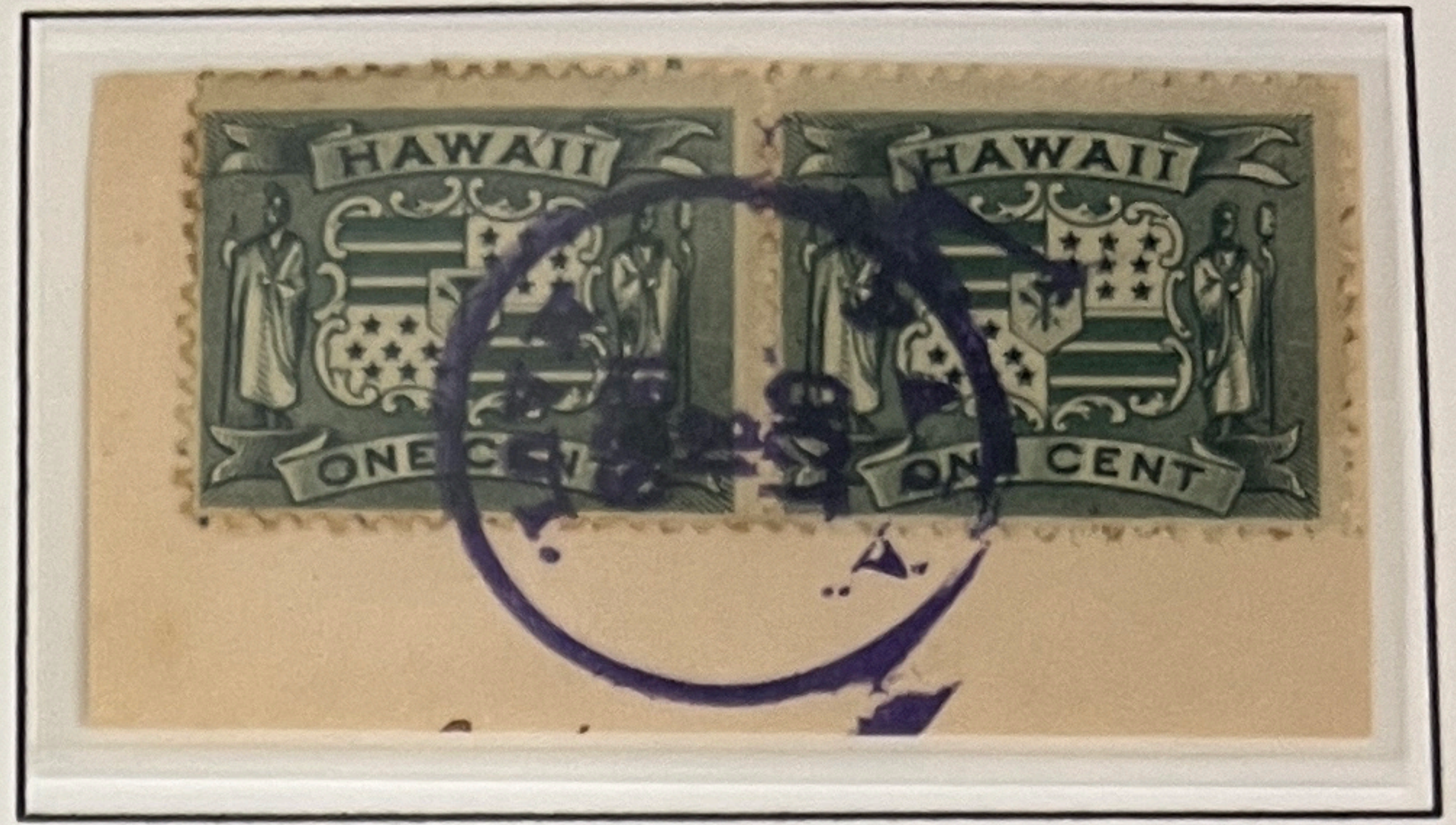
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Paia – Hamakuapoko

Later in the period,
two styles of a 27 mm
double lined circle
were used.

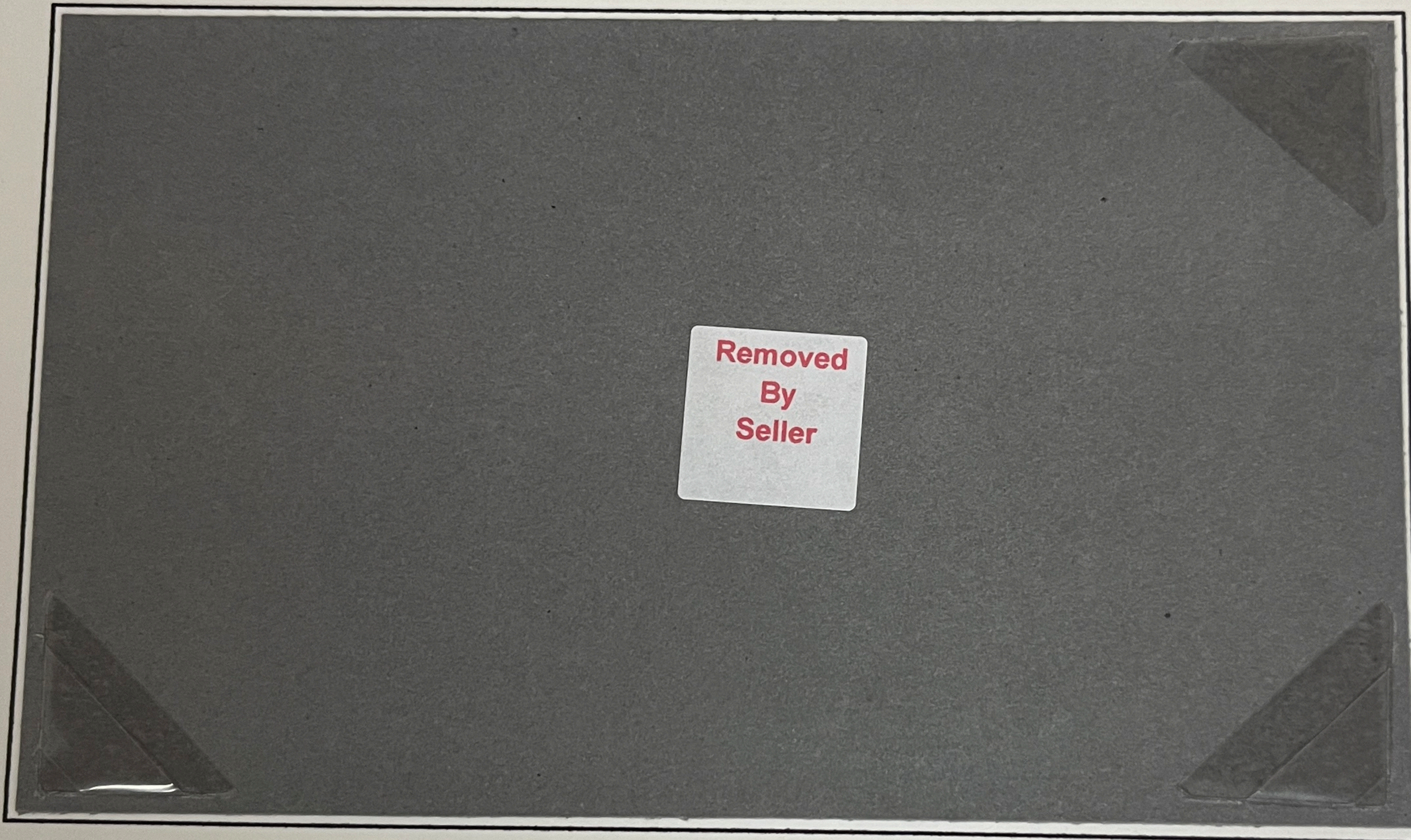


27 mm with duplex target cancel
In use 1897-1899



27 mm without duplex, with 'Maui' shifted left
In use 1899-1900. Less than thirty known to date.

HAMAKUAPOKO: Post office opened in 1883 at the office of the Haiku Sugar Co. with employees as postmasters. Two postmarks styles known.

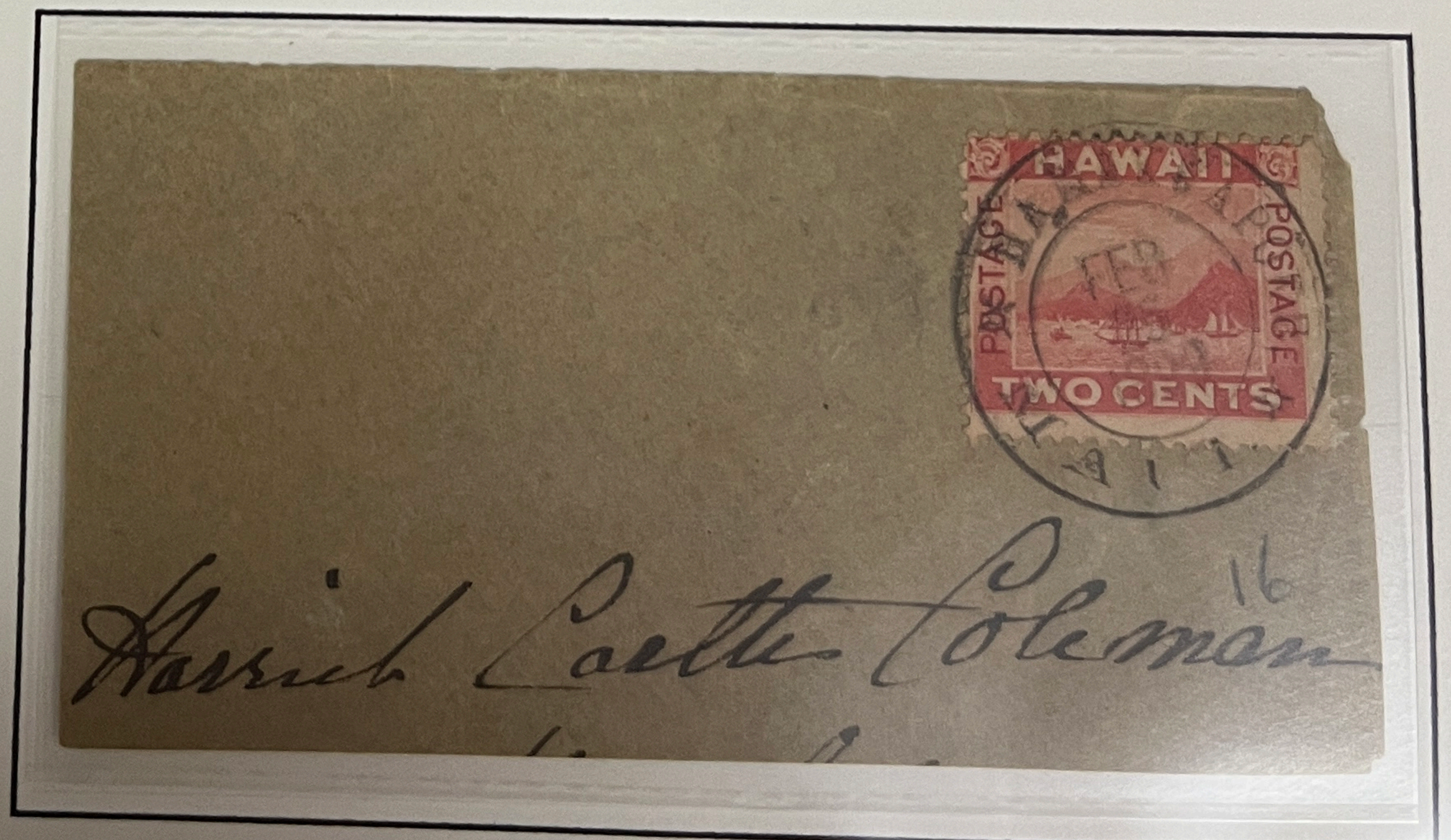


October 25, 1889
Blue strikes are
less common

31 mm double single circle with no side ornaments in use 1883 – 1893

30 mm circle with large
sunburst ornaments in
use 1892-1900.

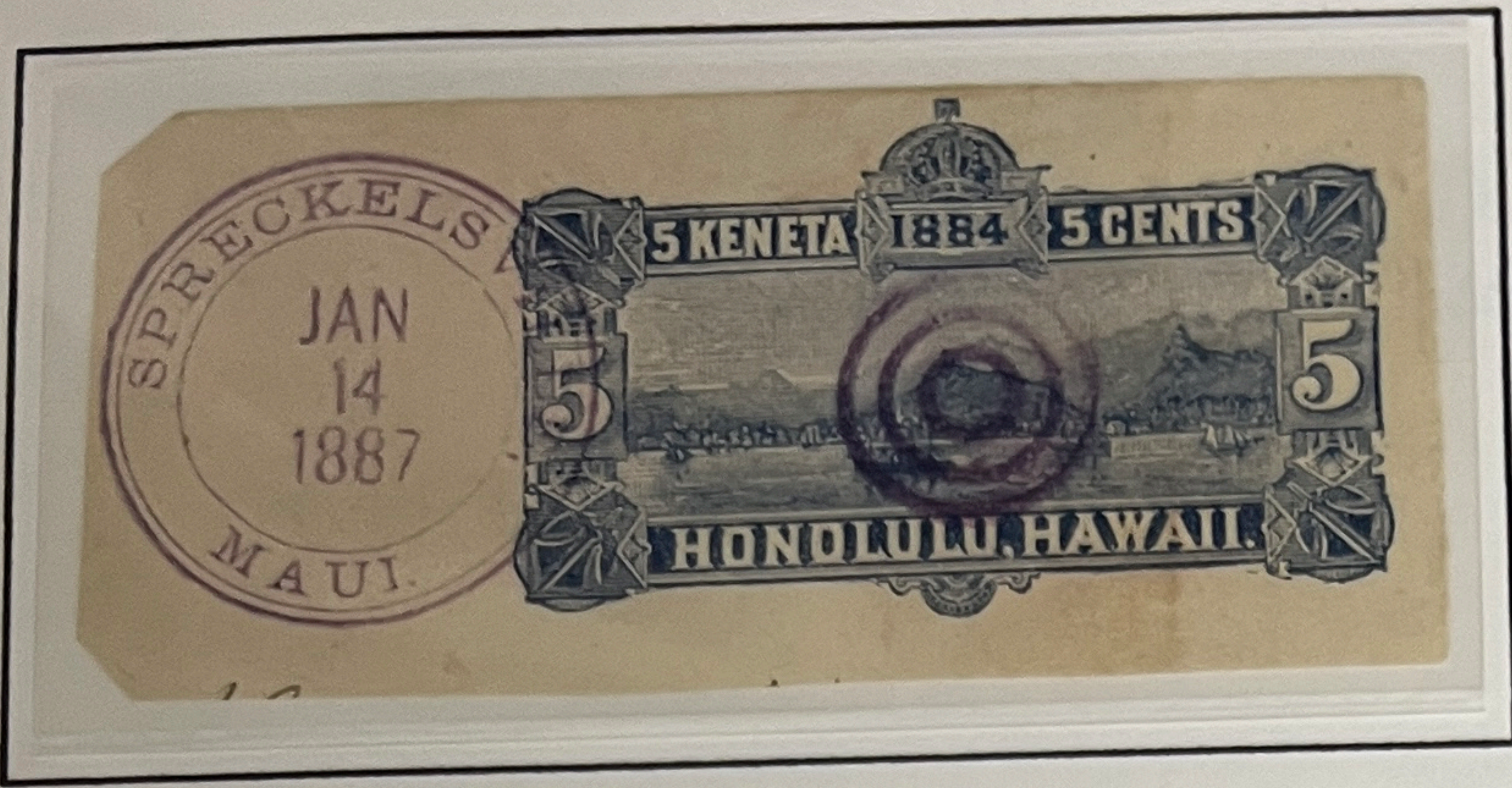
Town misspelled as
'Hamakuapoku'



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Spreckelsville

Also in 1883 a post office opened in Spreckelsville, located in the Hawaiian Sugar Co. plantation store founded by Claus Spreckels - a German immigrant for whom the town was named. Three postmark styles are listed.



January 14, 1887
Early strikes are mostly clear

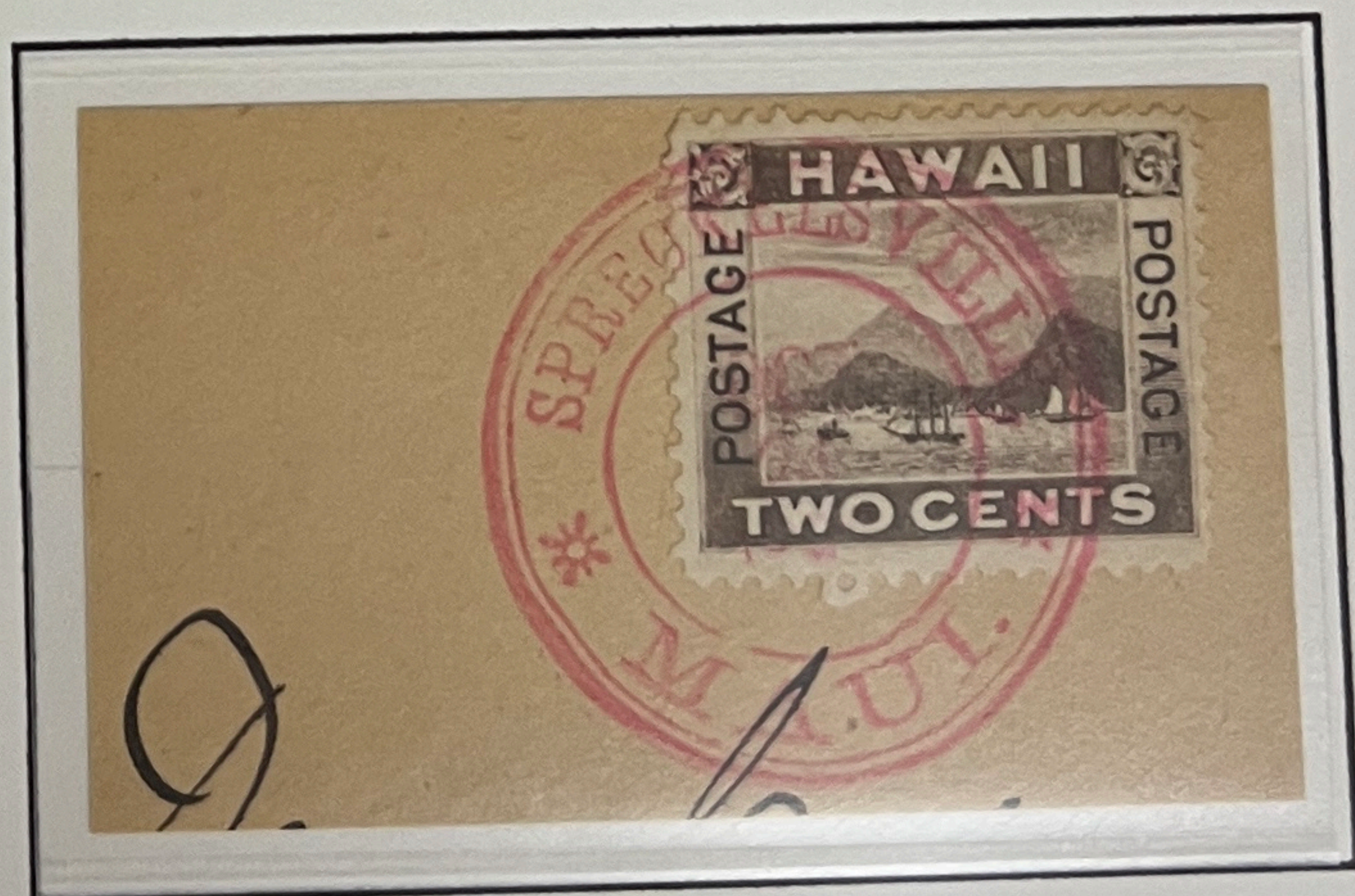
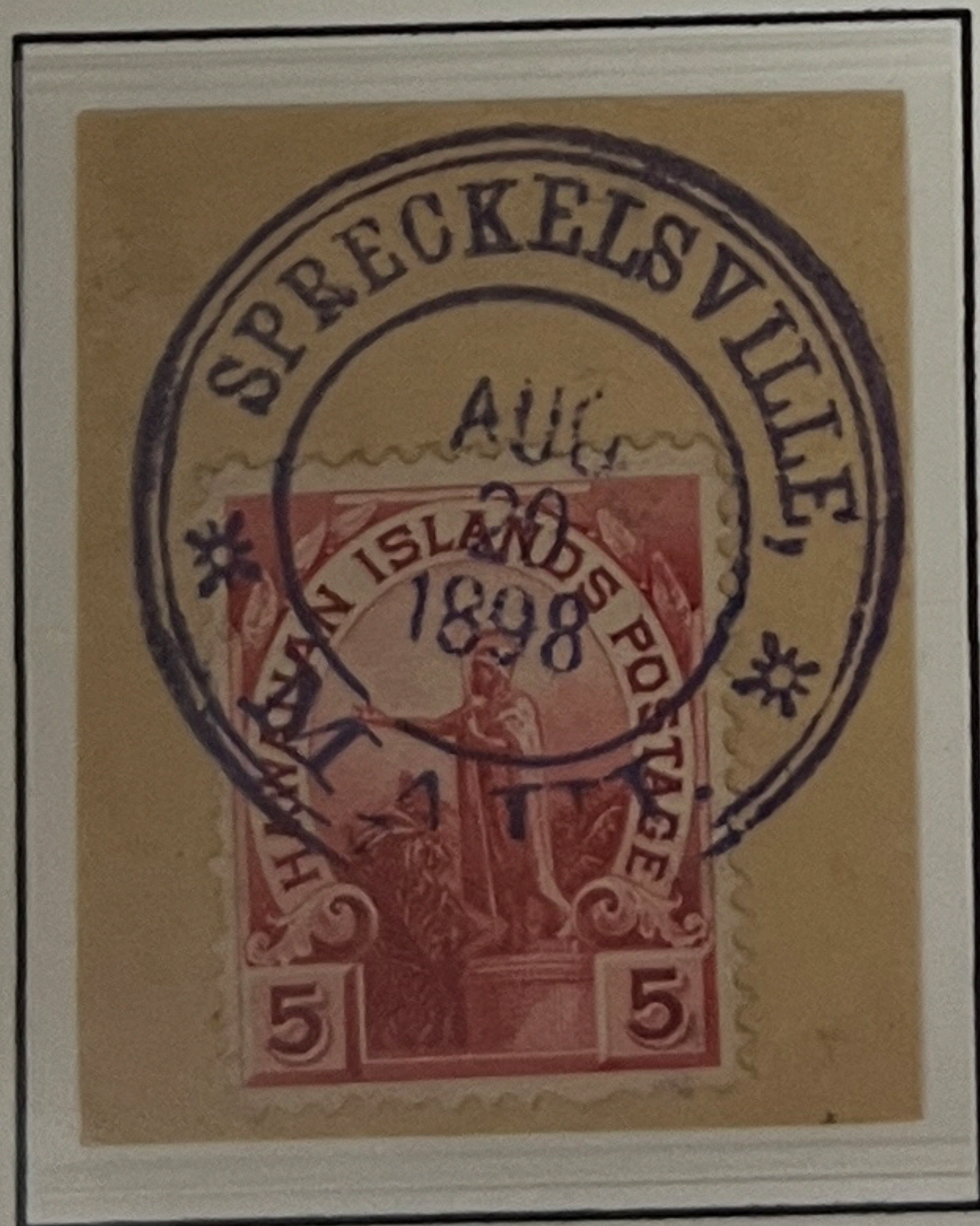
29 mm double/single circle with no side ornaments.
In use 1885 - 1894.



Device quickly broke down. Late strikes by 1893 - 94 show significant wear. The date is usually weak or absent.



33 mm double-lined
circle in use 1890 - 1894



33 mm double/single circle with large sunburst ornaments. In use 1894 - 1900.

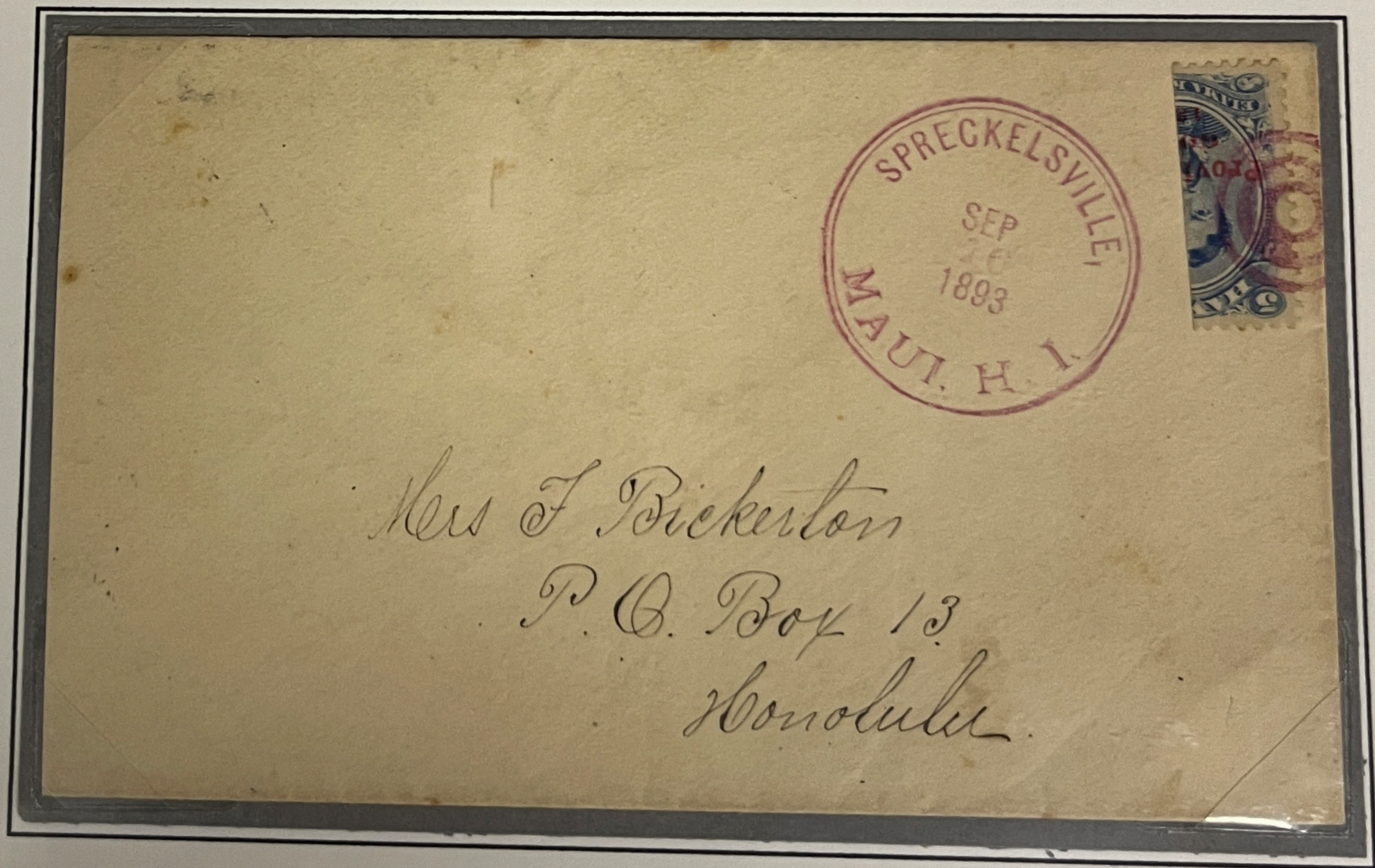


33 mm double
line circle

July 22, 1893

This postmark is
noted on both genuine
mail covers and as
favor cancels such as
unauthorized bisects

September 16, 1893

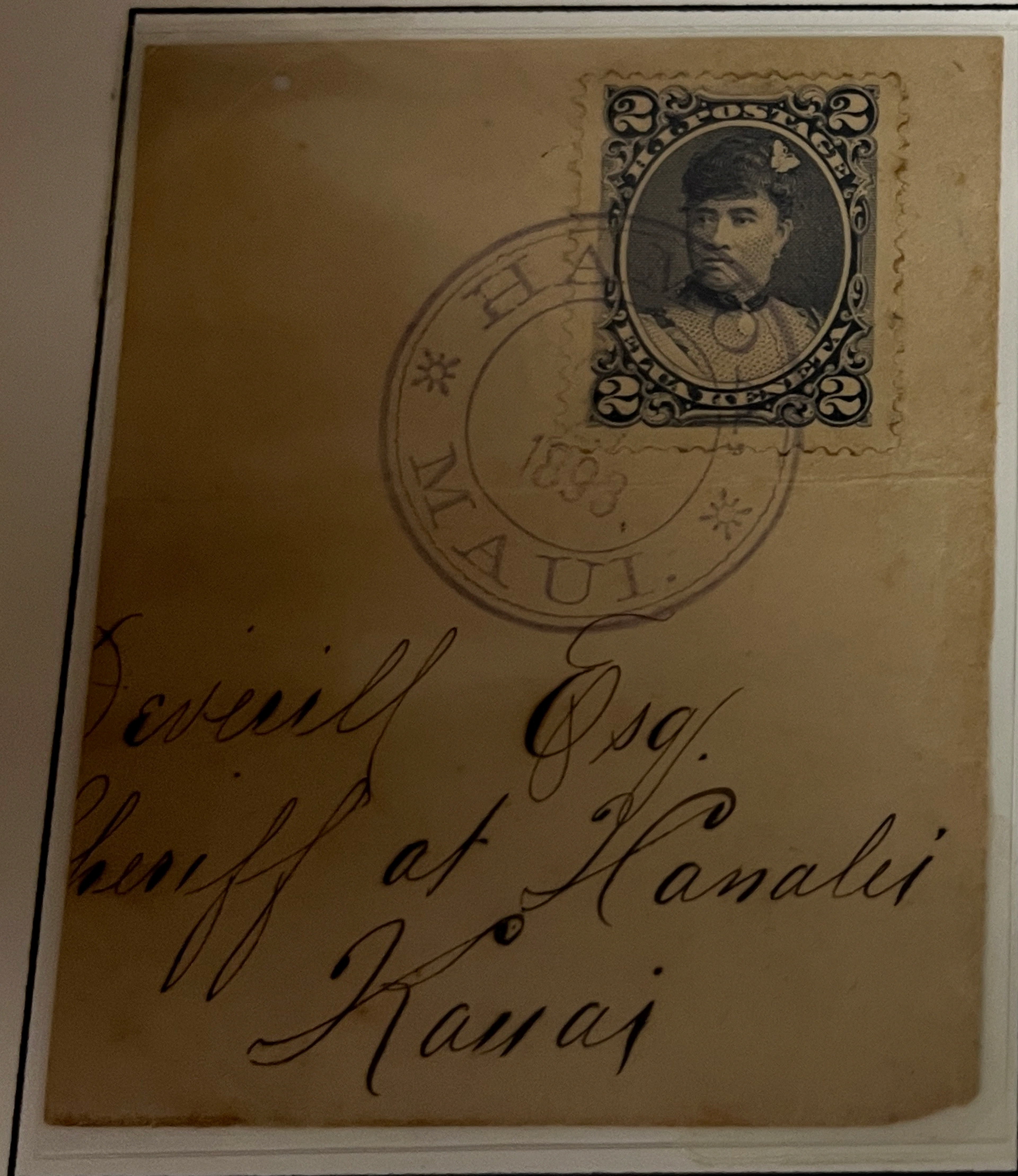


Favor cancel addressed to Mrs. Bickerton, wife of a Supreme Court Justice

30 mm double/single circle mark with large sunburst side ornaments. In use 1890-1899.

17 strikes are reported to date.

HAMOA: Hamoa was a village and sugar plantation town for easternmost Maui. A post office opened in 1885, closed in 1895, and re-opened in 1898. Two postmark styles with variations are known.



27 mm double line
circle in use 1896-1900

strikes frequently
illegible

30 mm double/single circle
with large sunburst side ornaments
In use 1889 - 1896

Town Postmarks
Island of Maui

Kihei – Nahiku

KIHEI: A post office for this village, a landing on Maalaea Bay, opened in 1893.

One postmark style, possibly two different devices, known

29 mm double line circle
In use only April 1897 - June, 1900



PEAHI: Another plantation town in east Maui, Peahi opened a post office in 1894. One postmark style is known.

27 mm double line circle used 1897 – 1899

Nine examples are reported to date

WAIAKOA: A post office in this upland village opened 1893. One postmark style is known.

29 mm double line circle used 1899-1900

Eleven copies are reported to date



NAHIKU: The latest post office to open during this period was at Nahiku in 1899. Only one postmark style is known.



27 mm double line circle
Used August 1899 – 1900

Sixteen examples reported to date

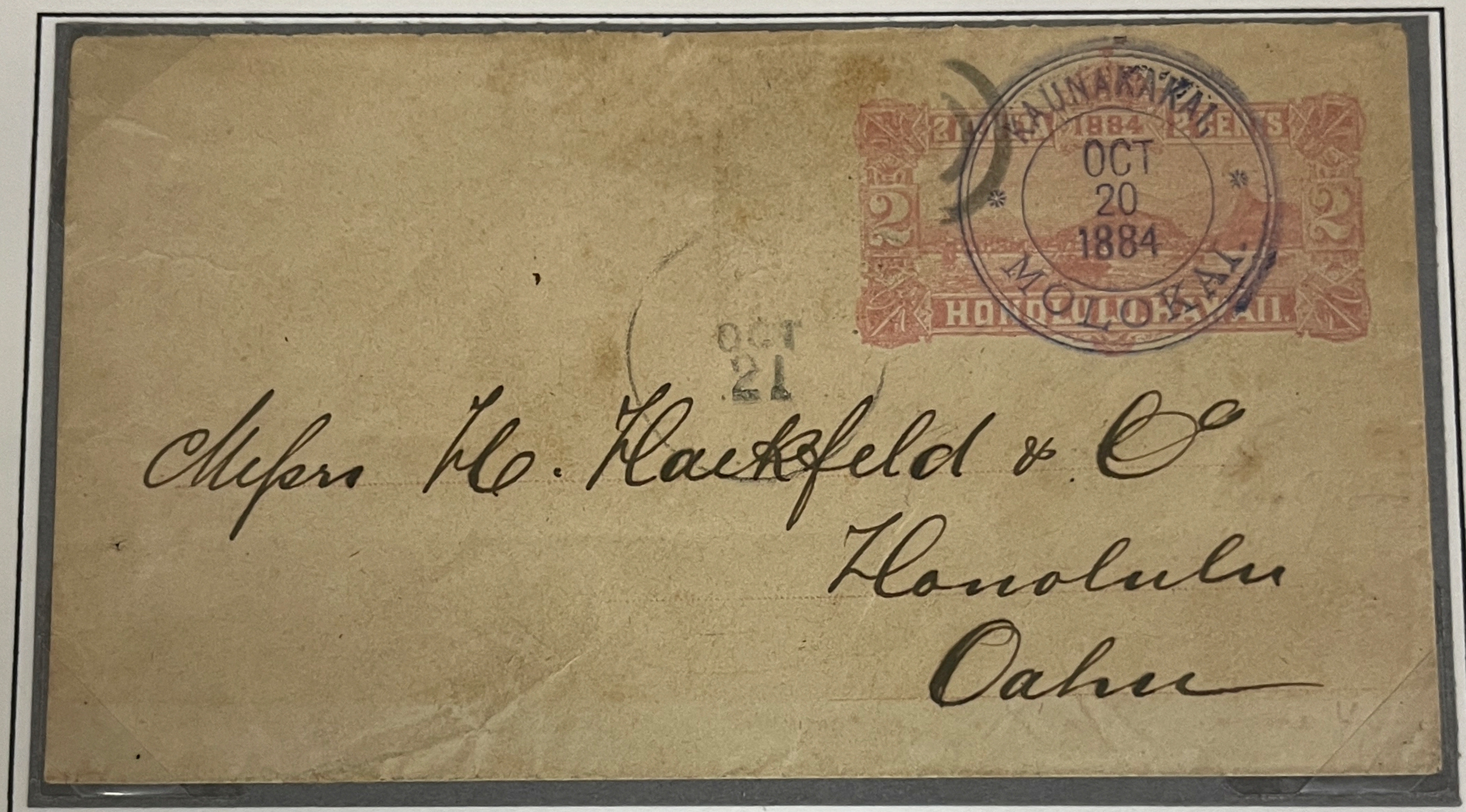
Only four post offices were operated on Molokai, the 5th largest of the Hawaiian Islands (260 sq. mi.) and the site of the well-known leper colony. During the Kingdom period, the royal family owned much of the island. Mail to and from Molokai moved primarily by boat to and from Lahaina, Maui.

Kaunakakai: Headquarters of Molokai Ranch, by 1880 the principle town on the island. Five postmark styles are known.

The first postmark used by Kaunakakai was the 'POST OFFICE' style. Its time in use is uncertain as few are known.



One of three reported.



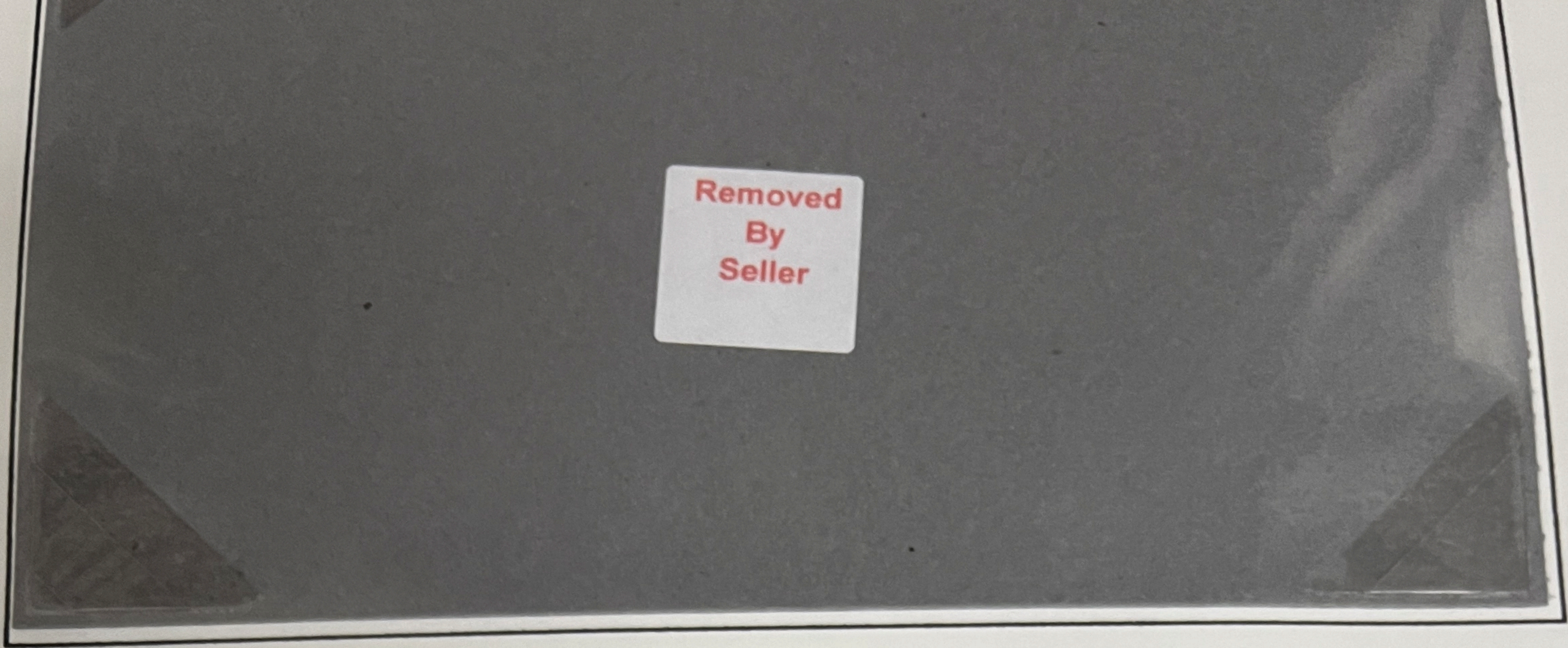
Early use of the 33 mm double/single circle with small sunburst side ornaments. In use 1882-1891.



30 mm style with no side ornaments in use 1892-1900



29 mm style used only 1899-1900



This card shows a 33mm double/single circle Kaunakakai receiving postmark with large sunburst side ornaments after a trip from Mahukona, Hawaii via Honolulu. The addressee, Brother Dominique, served at the leper colony at Kalaupana. With no post office, mail was directed to Kaunakakai and then carried by mule to the colony.

Three small village post offices operated in this era, all on the eastern end of Molokai.



Kaluaaha
One of nine reported



Kamalo
In use 1891-1900



Pukoo
In use 1895-1900

Island of Lanai

Lanai is the smallest of the Hawaiian Islands with even minimal postal service. The village of Keomuku, serving the sugar mill, was abandoned when the mill failed. One postmark style is known:

29 mm double line circle in use only 1899-1900.



Keomuku



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10/13/2015

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
31	1864	2¢	rose vermilion

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

SINGLE, TIED BY "HILO. P.O. HAWAIIAN-ISLANDS" PMK., GRID & TARGET CANCELS, ON COVER TO OAHU COLLEGE, HONOLULU MAR 1" PMK.

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS A GENUINE USAGE, THE COVER WITH A NARROW INK STAIN AT UPPER LEFT. *****



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For The Expert Committee
Chairman

Photocopies of this Certificate are not valid.

Submitted by

DANIEL F. KELLEHER AUCTIONS

Hawaii, as the largest island in the chain, had the most country post offices: 11 by 1860, 15 by 1880, and (following a surge in population and demand for mail service following the Reciprocity Act making sugar profitable), 34 by 1900. 109 postmarks (excluding plantation marks and some minor varieties from replacement or multiple devices) were used.

The first post office on the island opened at Hilo in 1854 in Benjamin Pitman's store. He became the first postmaster. As the largest town on the island, Hilo had the most postmark styles: two precursors, nine different styles plus minor variations.

Two postmarks were in use prior to the arrival of the 'standard' device from the Honolulu Postal office.



45x28 mm Collectors Office (a customs office device)
39 strikes recorded

Early steel device, a 34 mm single lined circle, made by Thomas Tannatt of Honolulu, in use 1866 – 1879.



July 27, 1882

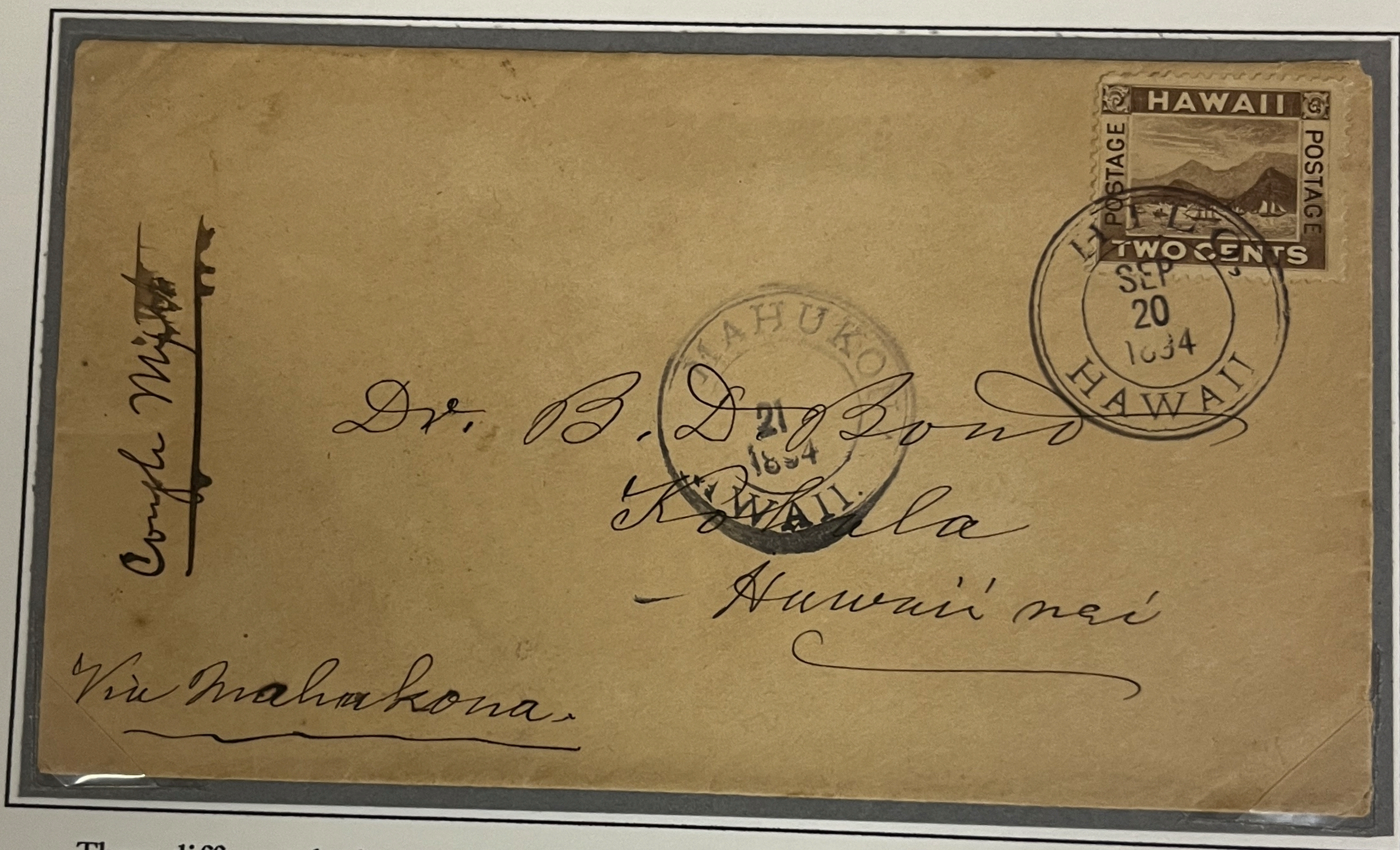
The standard 30 mm single line circle device arrived in Hilo in June, 1879. Used through 1888 and briefly again in 1894.

Town Postmarks
Island of Hawaii

Hilo



For reasons not yet established the POST OFFICE, HILO, H.I. device was also used as a fiscal cancel on 50 cent and one dollar revenue stamps in 1881 – 1882.



Three different devices produced similar 30 mm double outer circle single inner circle marks with no side ornaments. In use 1885 – 1896.



27 mm single lined circle with attached target duplex cancel. Used 1886 – 1890.



33 mm with large sunburst side ornaments. In use 1889 – 1900.

Town Postmarks
Island of Hawaii



27 mm double lined circle
in use 1894 – 1900.

Hilo

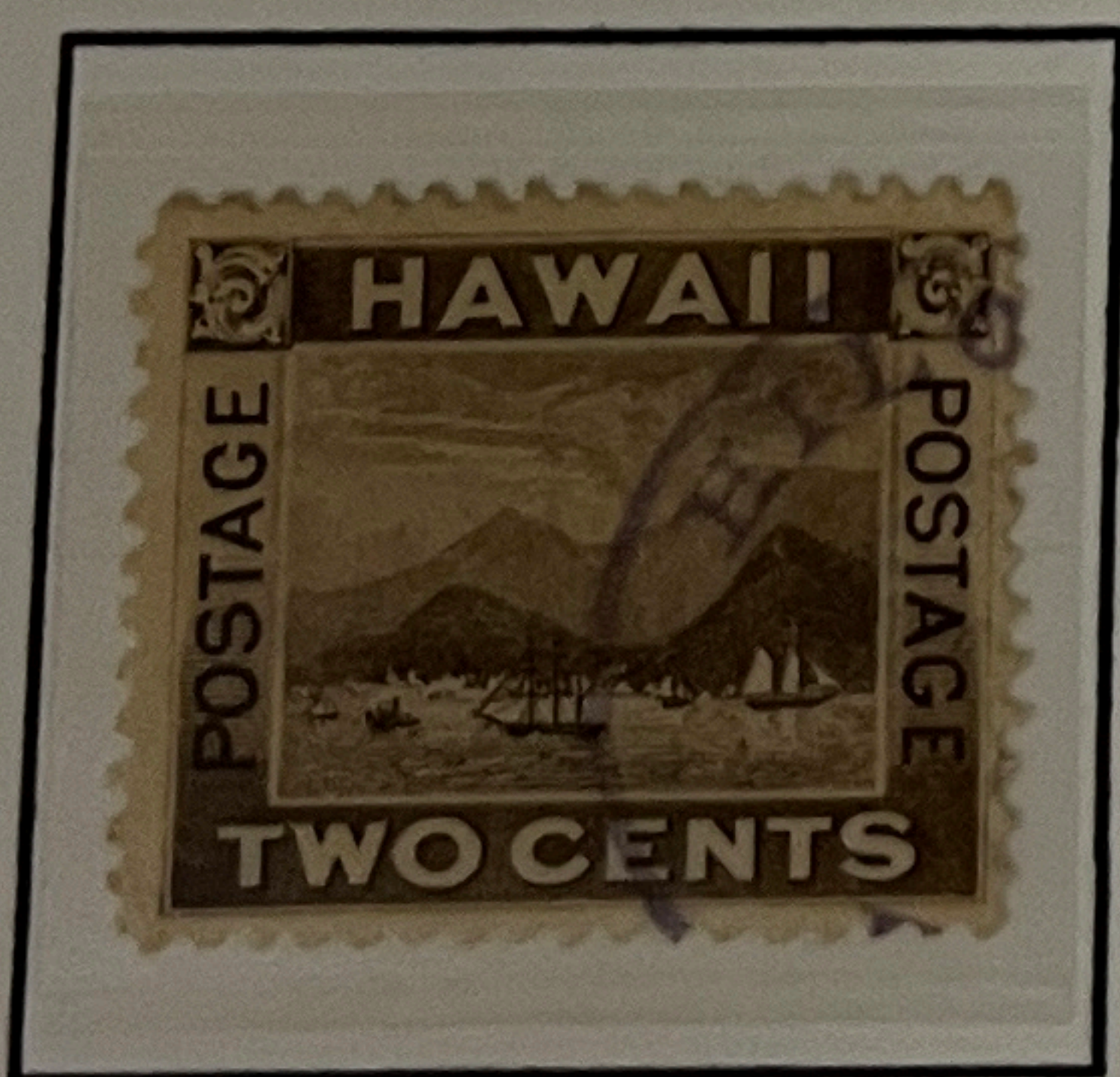


27 mm double lined circle with duplex target cancel
with wide spaced Hilo letters in use 1899 - 1900.

A new metal
device began
use in 1895



26 mm single outer and inner circles with 'fleur-de-lis' side ornaments in use 1895-1899



27 mm double line circle
with narrow spaced HILO.
Late strikes appear as single
circles. Used 1897-1900.



26 mm single lined outer and inner circles with dash side ornaments.
Used March – July 1900 (some use in early territorial days.)

Town Postmarks
Island of Hawaii

Kawaihae

Though only a tiny village, Kawaihae's location and port brought the early status as a customs office and the island's second post office in 1854. Postmasters were appointed as early as 1851, but the first office in 1854 was located in Captain Low's General Store. Few letters originated in the small village in spite of its role as a mail distribution point.

36 mm single line
circle Kawaihae, P.O.
with no island name.
In use 1868 - 78.

31 strikes recorded
to date.

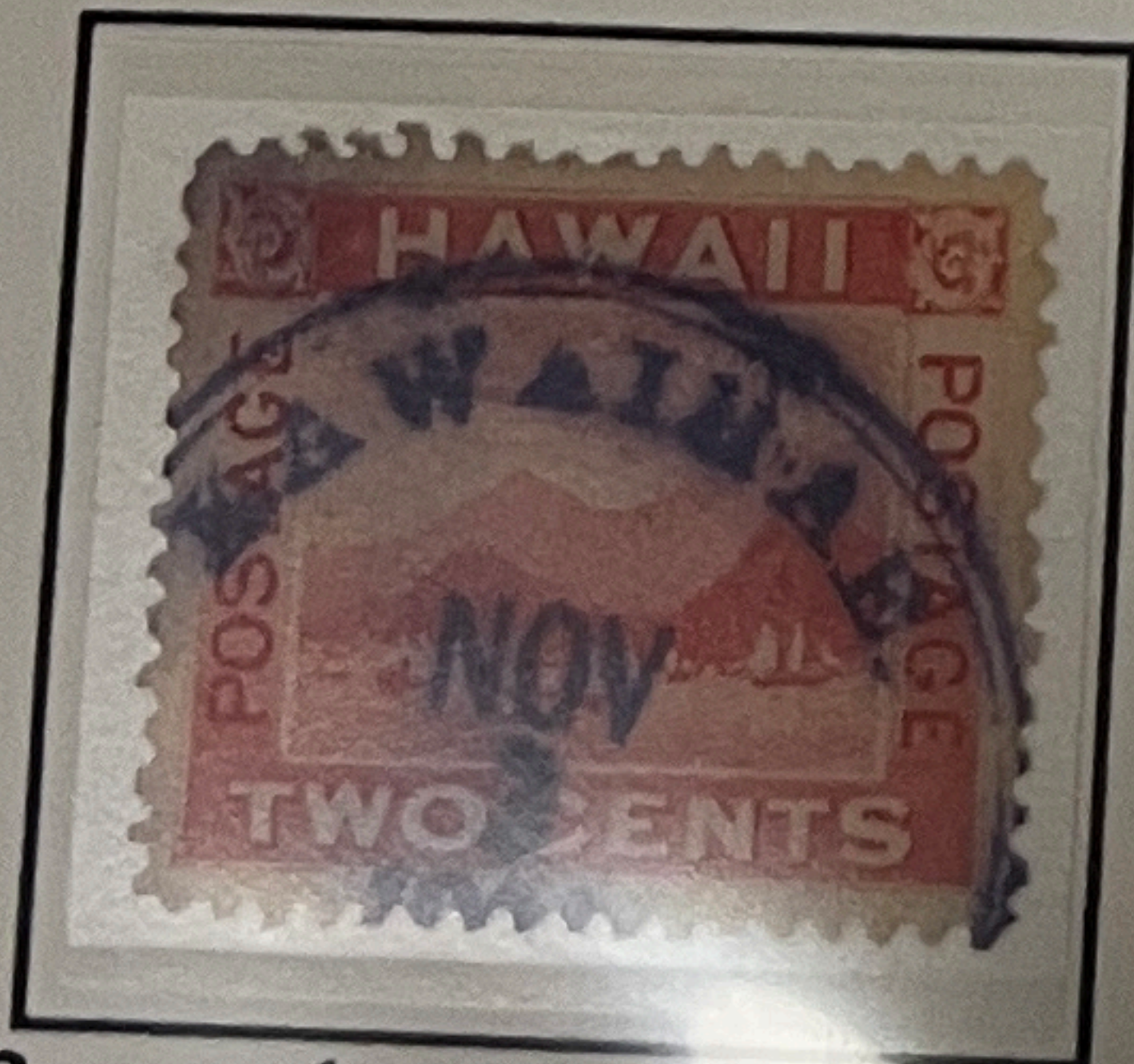
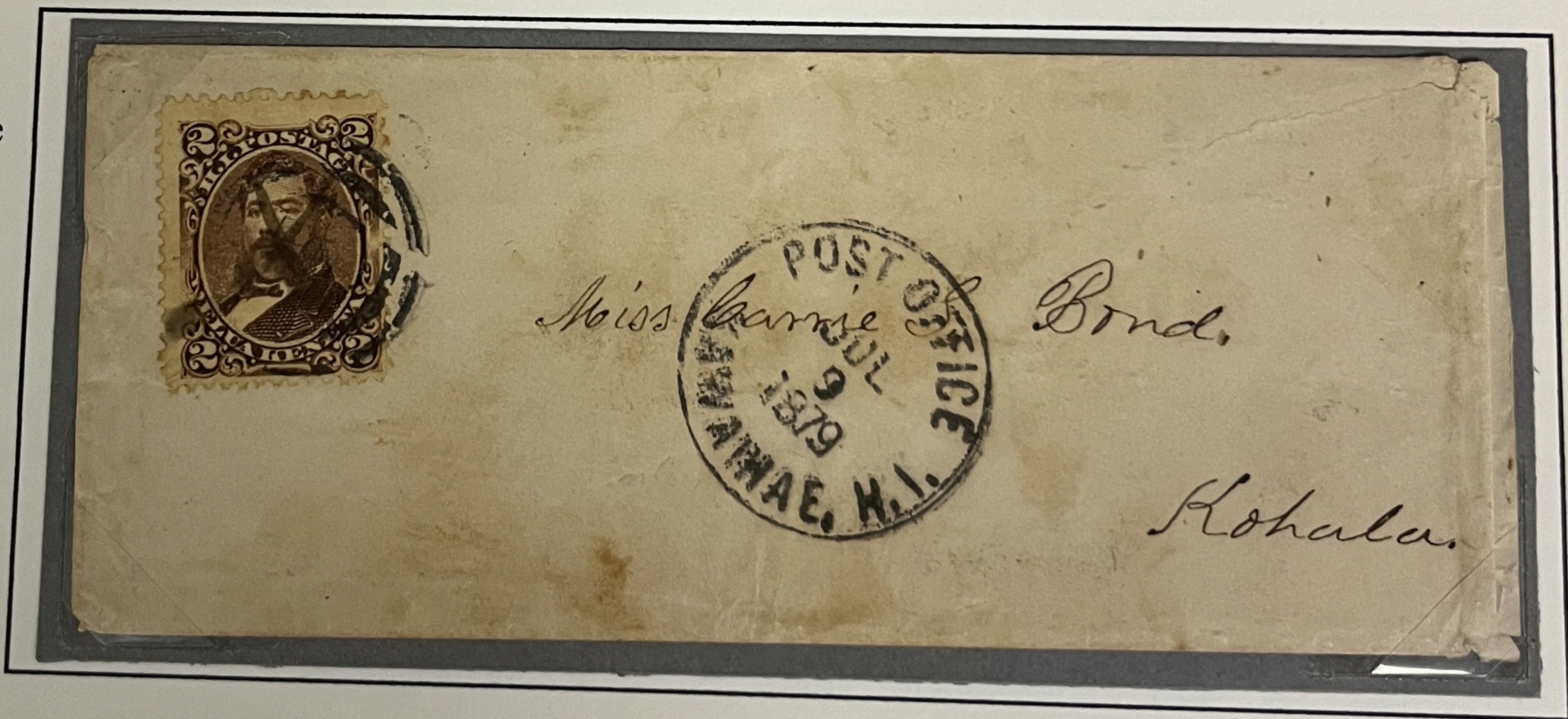


This metal device preceding most town postmark devices was made by Thomas Tannatt of Honolulu.

30 mm standard
POST OFFICE style

Letter from Dr. Bond
in Kohala via
Kawaihae to Hilo

July 9, 1879
Earliest known use



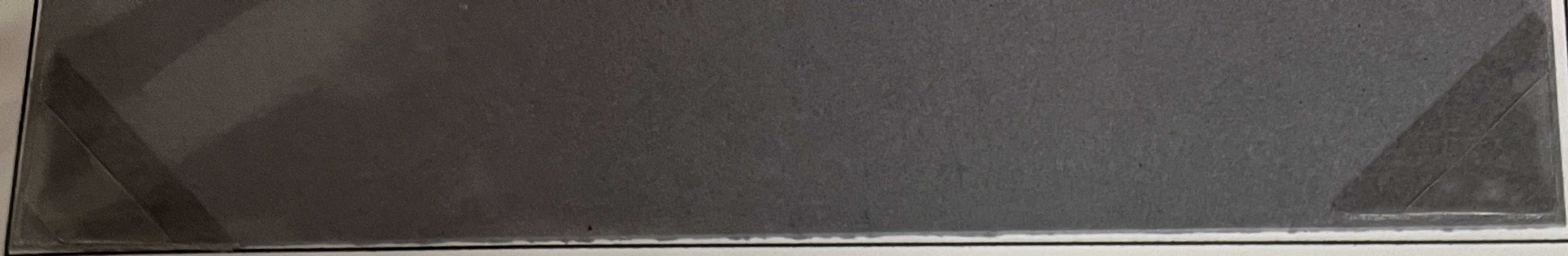
33 mm double line circle
16 strikes reported to date



30 mm circle mark, no side ornaments
in use 1895 - 1899



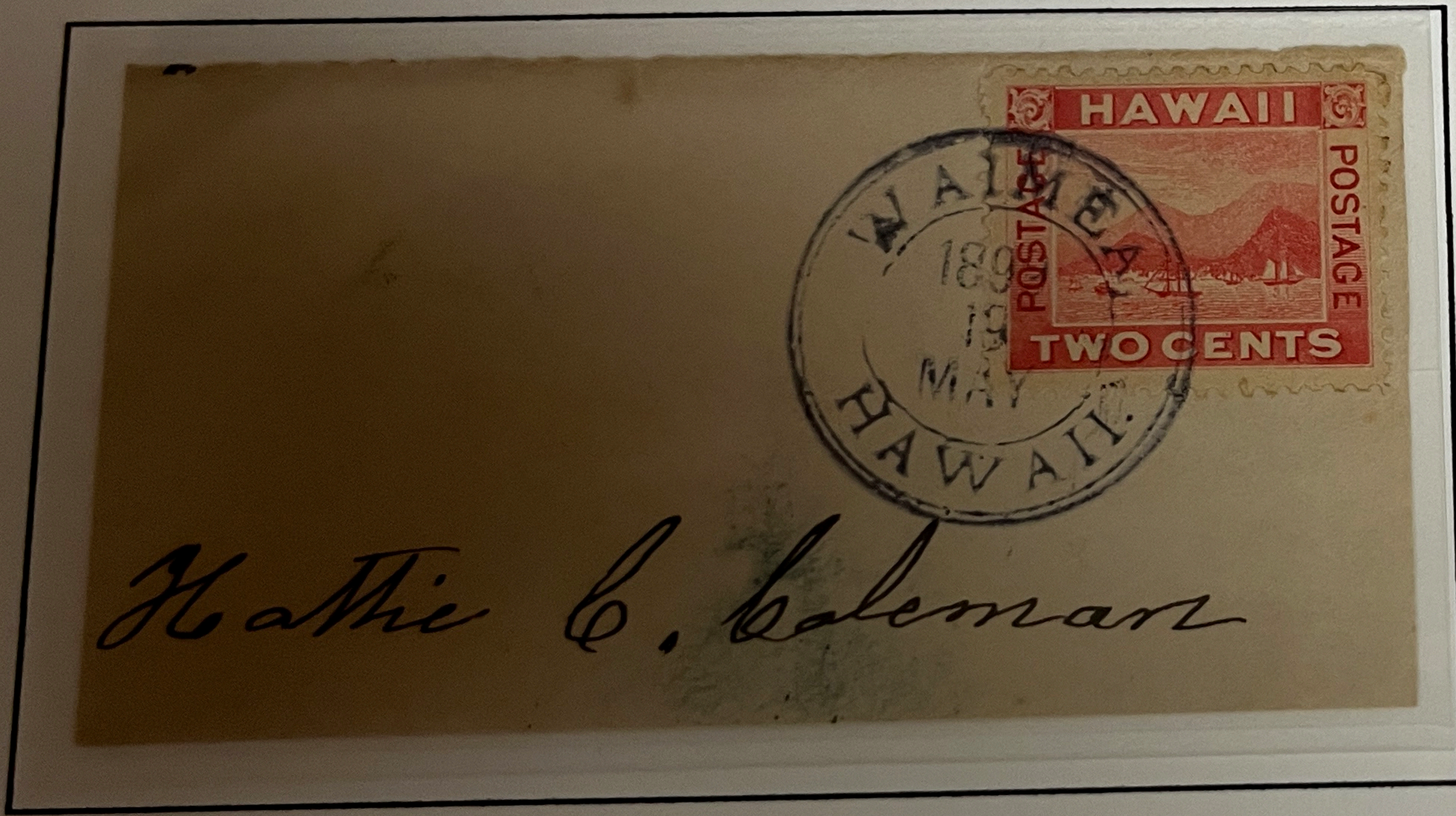
32 mm circle mark. Blue-green used only in 1885.



shows letter went overland to the port then by ship to Maui

Undated letter shows the two long straight pen strokes distinctly known as Lyons' mark and a manuscript 'Waimea, Oct. 1' used off stamp.

The first and only handstamp postmark style at Waimea began use in 1883 and was in use through 1900.



Late strikes show considerable wear and were sometimes corrected manually.

29 mm circle with no side ornaments. Year date is usually on top of the date slug.

Town Postmarks
Island of Hawaii

Kailua

KAILUA: Once the home of King Kamehameha I and Hawaiian royalty, Kailua's first post office, probably located in the Cleghorn Store, was approved in 1856. Two postmark styles are known.

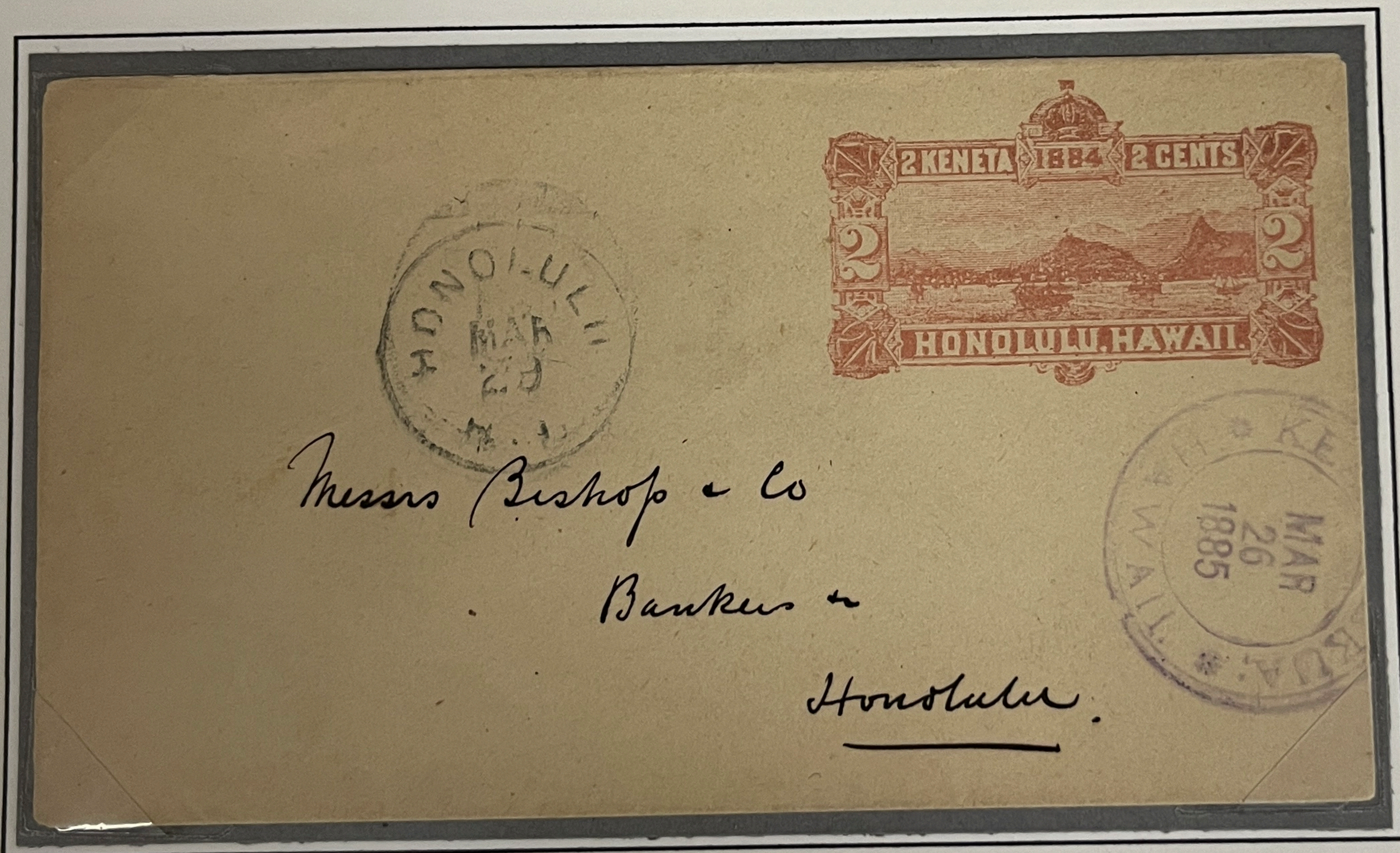


33 mm circle mark with ten-ray small sunburst side ornaments used 1883-1900

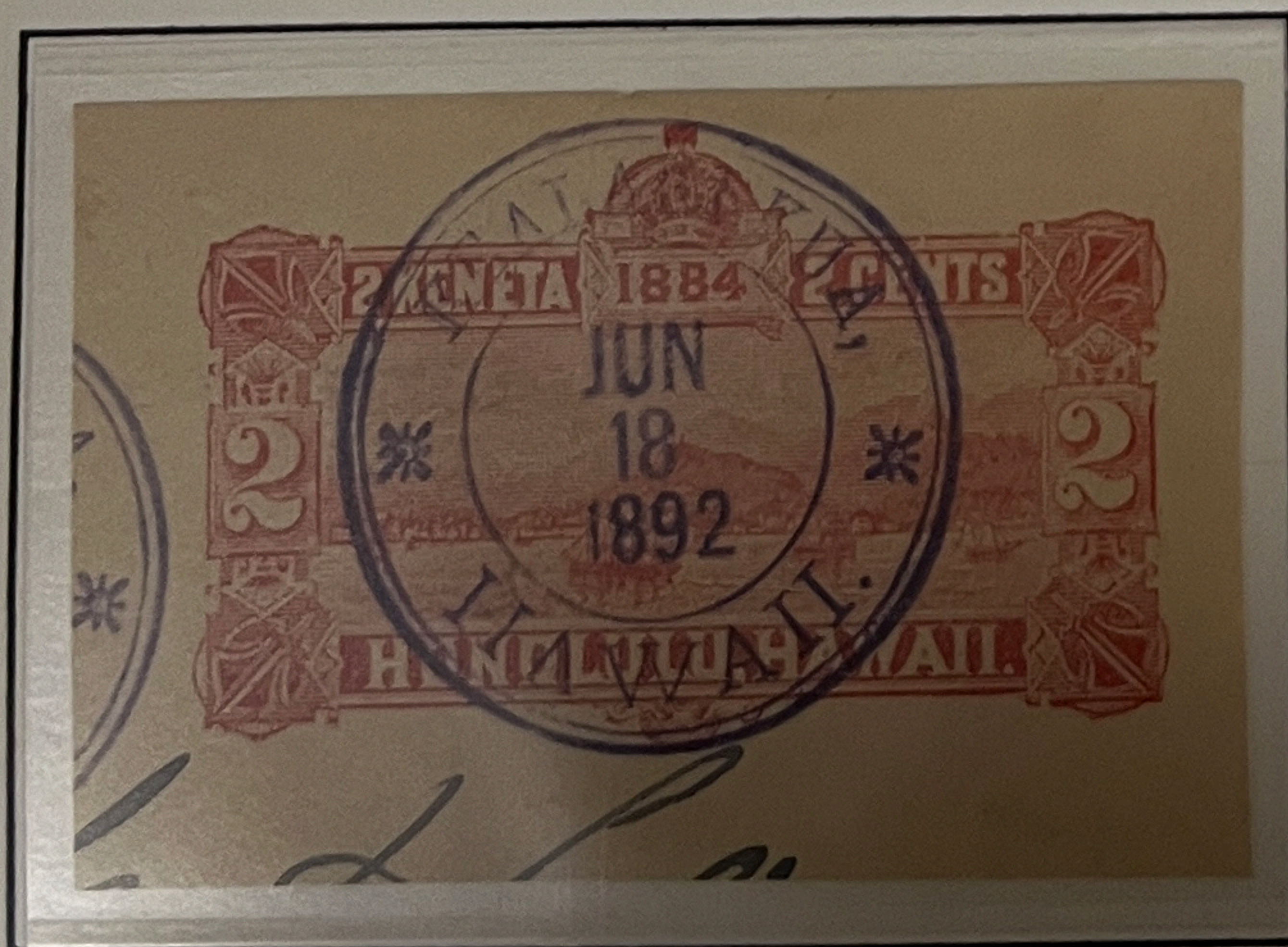


32 mm circle mark with large sunburst side ornaments used 1891-1900

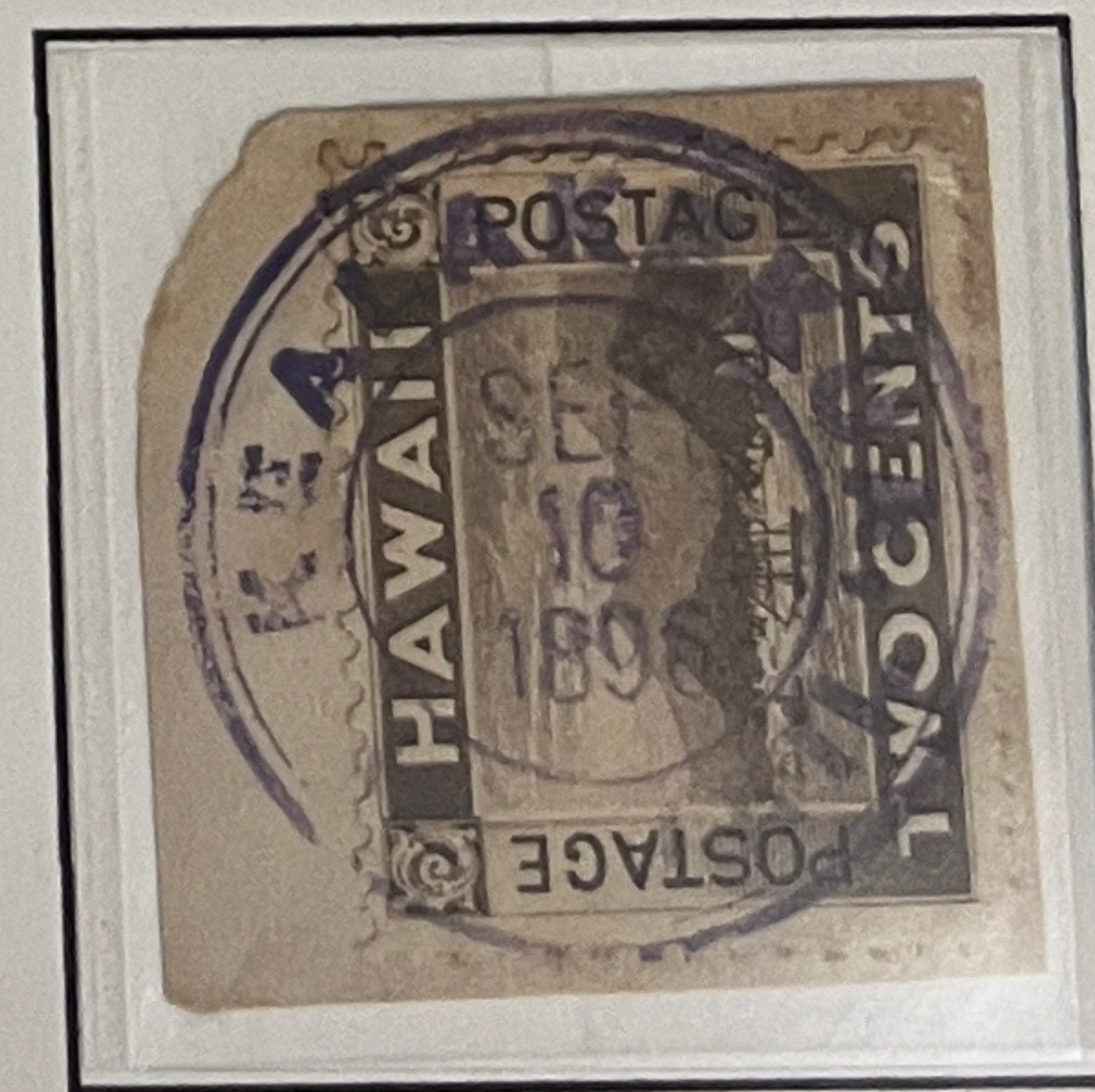
KEALAKEKUA: A post office opened in 1856 for Napoopoo landing, but was called Kealakekua. The office was located "uphill" from the landing at Captain Cumming's store.



33 mm double line outer/single line inner circle mark with ten-ray small sunburst side ornaments used 1883 - 1891



33 mm circle mark with large sunburst side ornaments used 1891 - 1897

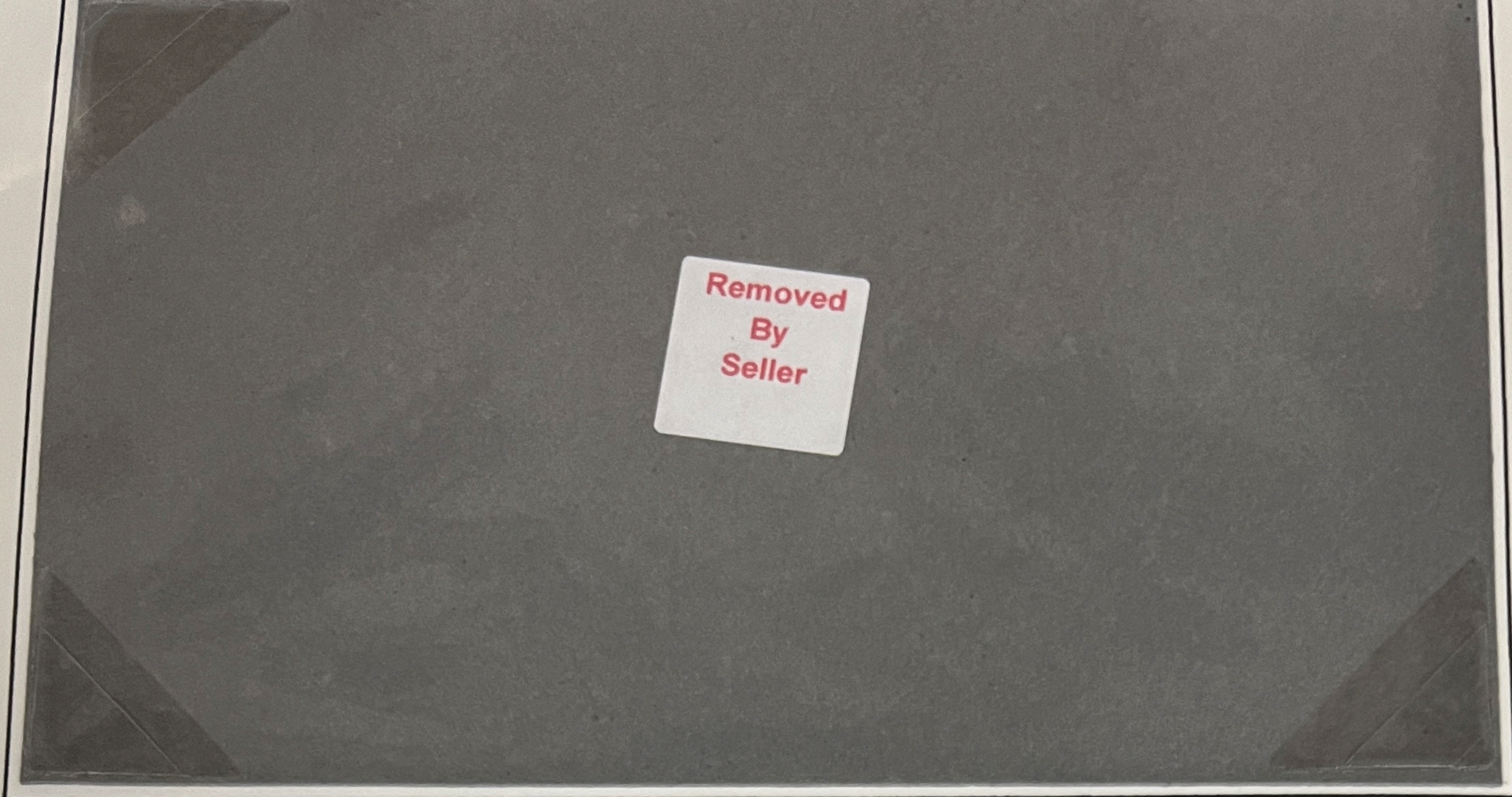


30 mm circle mark with block style letters used 1895 - 1900

ss than 75 strikes reported to date.



2nd version with smaller letters used 1895 – 1900.



30 mm circle mark with star side ornaments and thick date letters

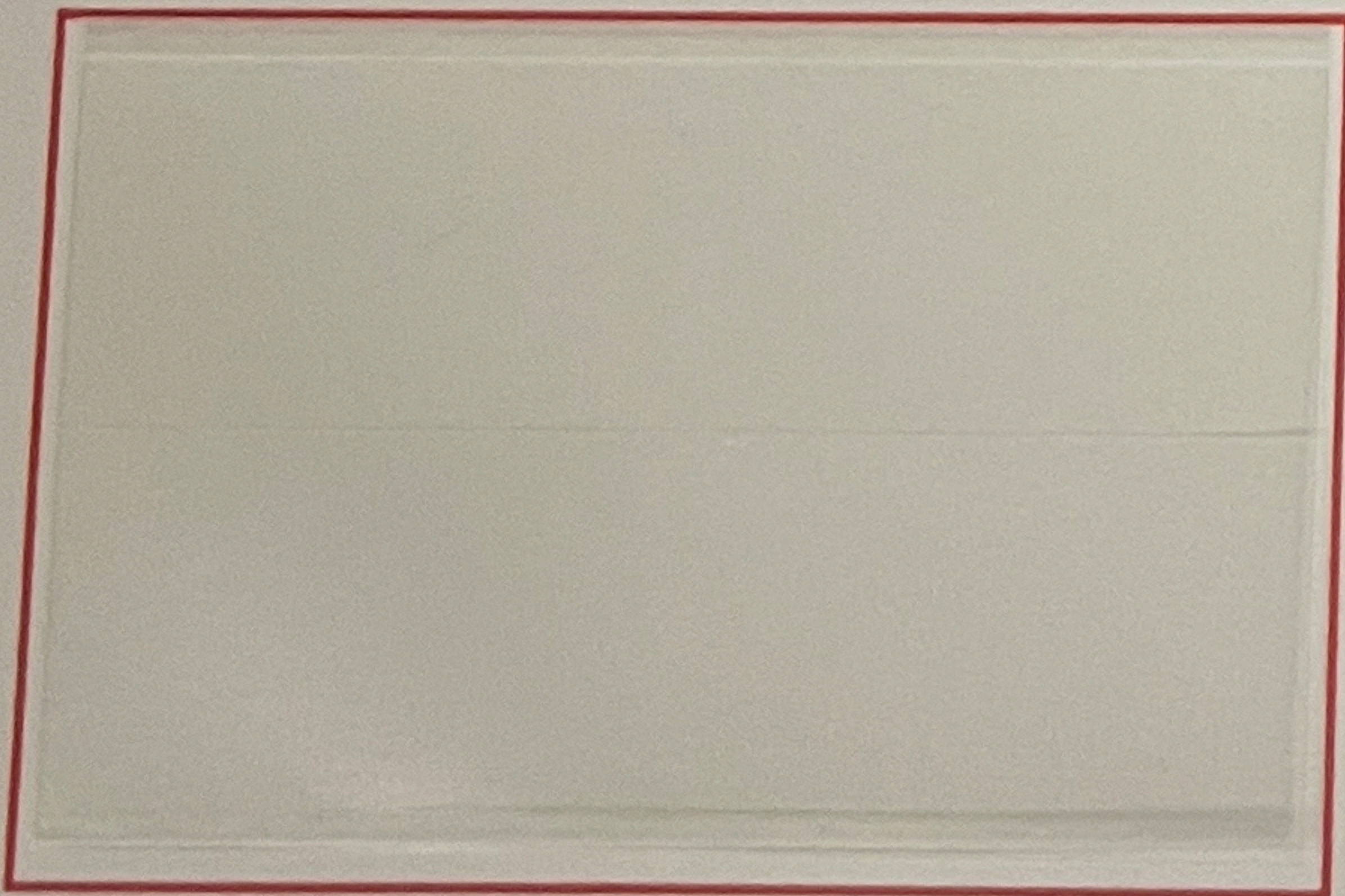


33 mm circle mark with large sunburst side ornaments used 1892 – 1900.

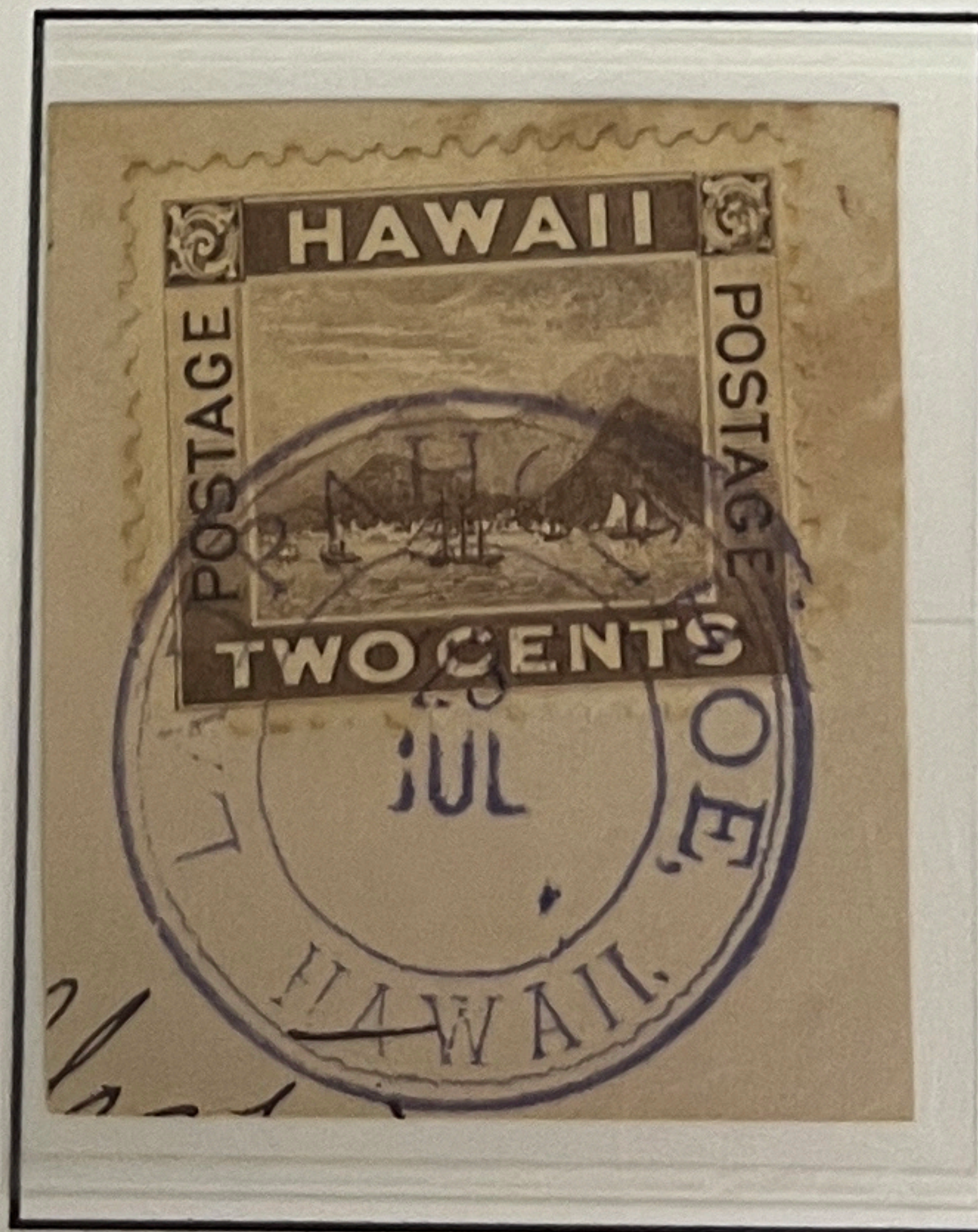


28 mm double line circle with target duplex cancel used 1897 – 1900.

LAUPAHOEHOE: Post office here opened in 1859 at the Abel Harris plantation. It closed in 1871 and re-opened in 1880. Five postmark styles are known.



29 mm double lined circle used 1899 – 1900. 13 strikes known.



30 mm circle with no side ornaments used 1896-1899

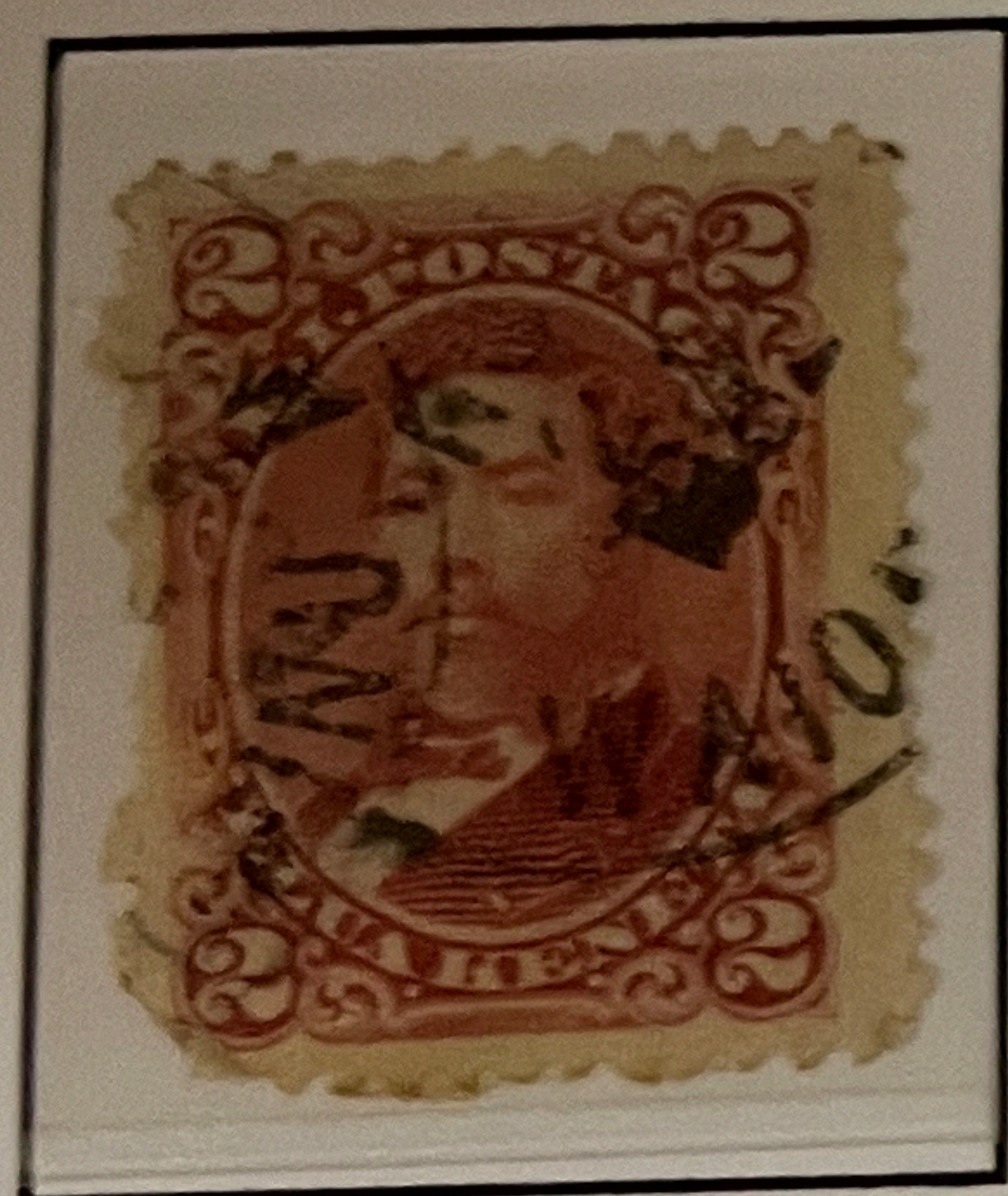


33 mm circle mark with large sunburst side ornaments. In use 1891 – 1899.

Town Postmarks
Island of Hawaii

Waiohinu – Keauhou

WAIOHINU: Originally named Ka'u, the village name was changed and a post office opened in 1865 under authority of the Hilo postmaster. The building burned in 1886 but was quickly restored.



30 mm single lined
circle standard
POST OFFICE used
1879 – 1883

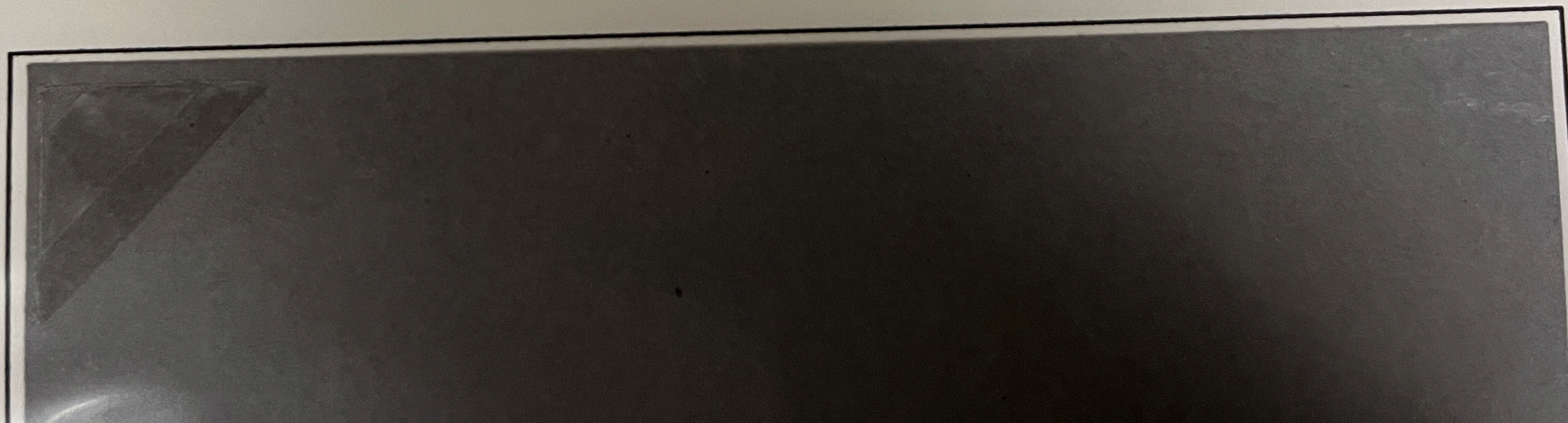
**19 strikes recorded
to date**



33 mm double lined
circle with Post Office
and straight line date

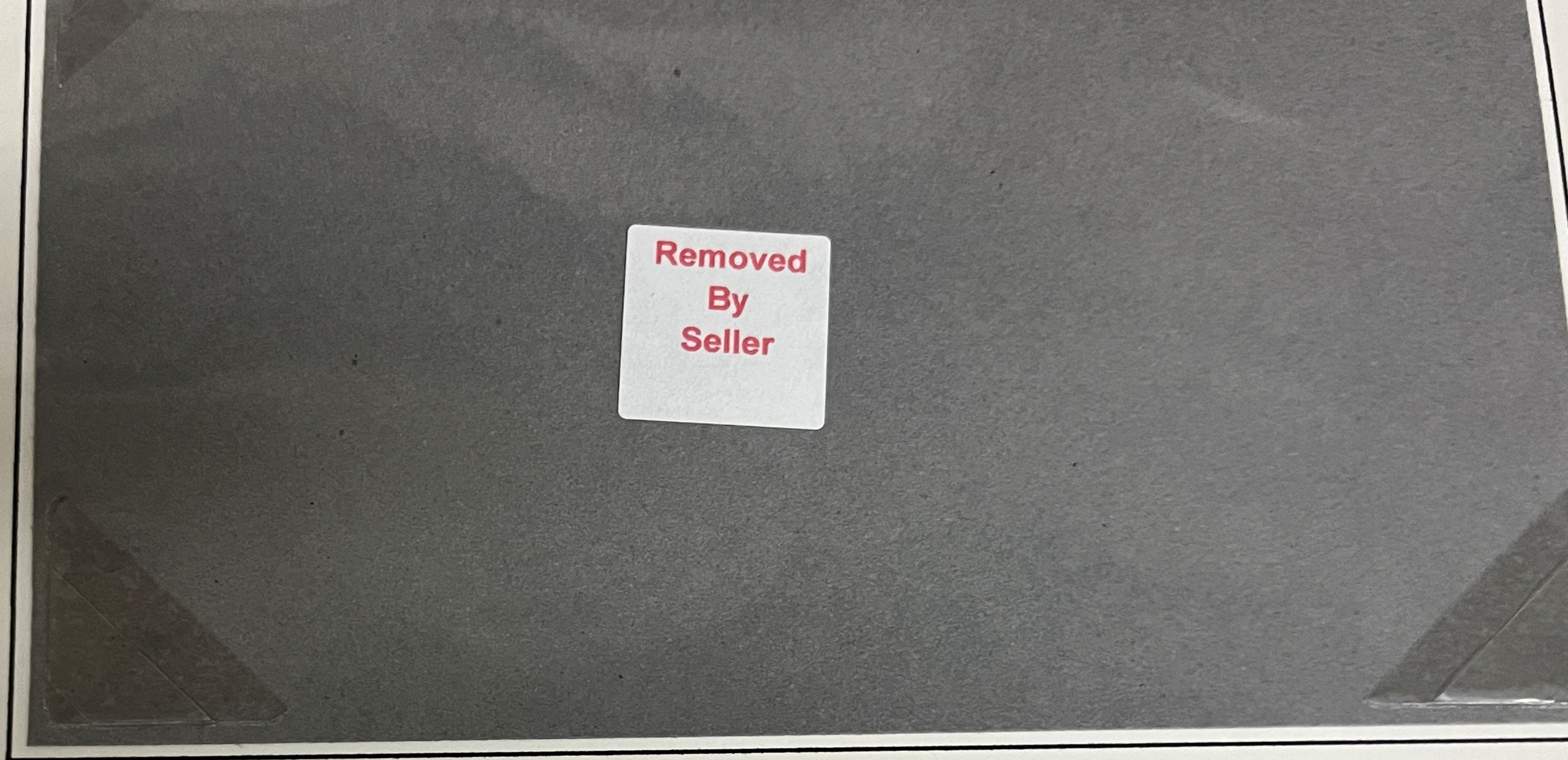
Used 1887 – 1900

KEAUHOU: Opened in 1866 this post office was originally located at a landing serving and operated by Volcano House. It was destroyed by a tidal wave in 1868 and the village relocated to south Kona on the west coast. Only one postmark style is known.



July 19, 1896

32 mm circle with
star side ornaments
in use 1883-1900.



Most strikes of this mark are blurred and show significant wear.

WAIPIO: Post office opened in 1869 as a 'postal agency' supervised by the Hilo postmaster. Waipio u
more manuscript marks than handstamp postmarks. One style is reported.

29 mm double lined circle
in use 1887 – 1889

14 strikes reported to date



typical Waipio
manuscript cancel



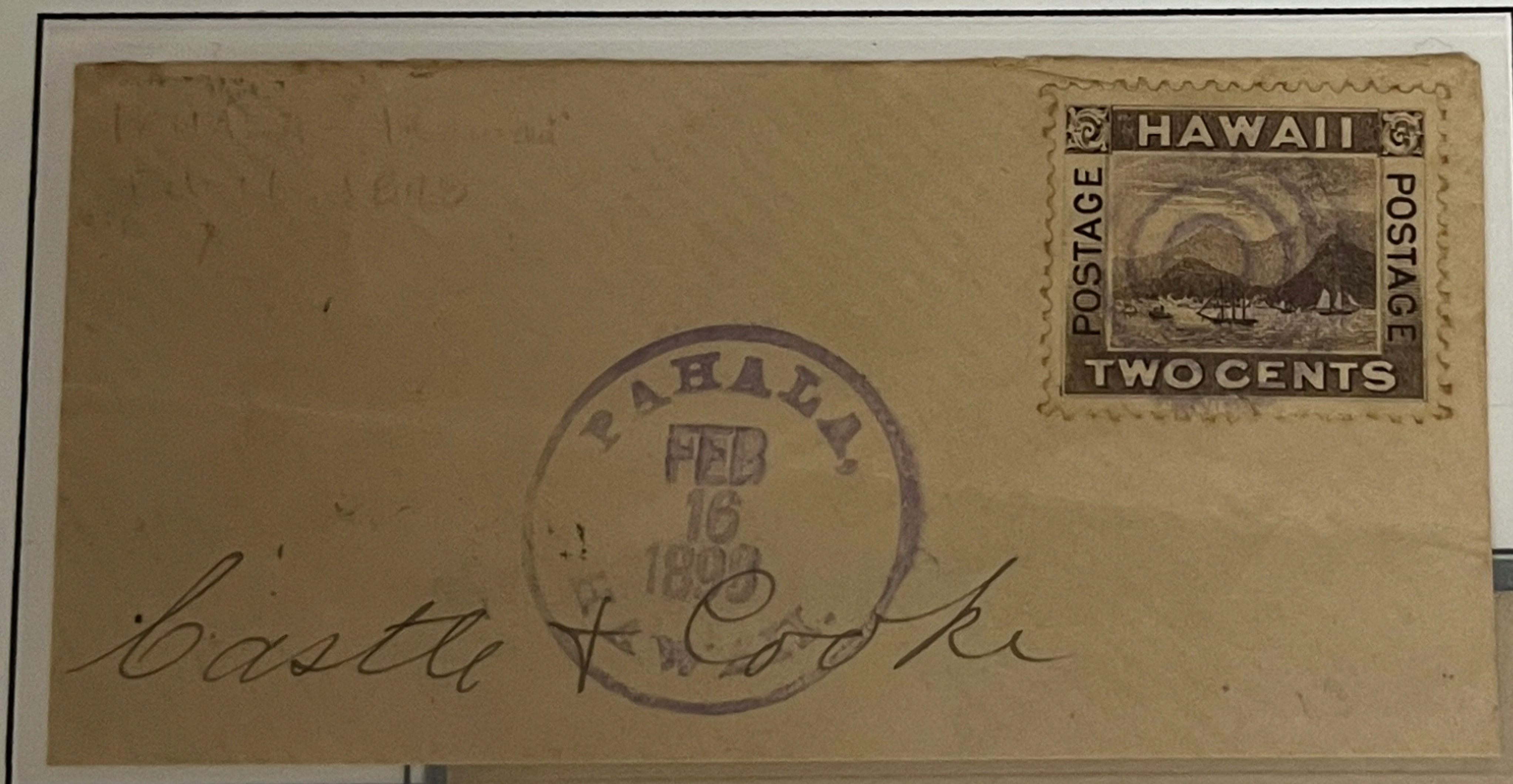
Town Postmarks
Island of Hawaii

Pahala

PAHALA: After a period of decline in population and mail service, growth began again after the 1876 Reciprocity Treaty made sugar profitable. Pahala opened the first post office in 1878 as growth began. Three styles known.

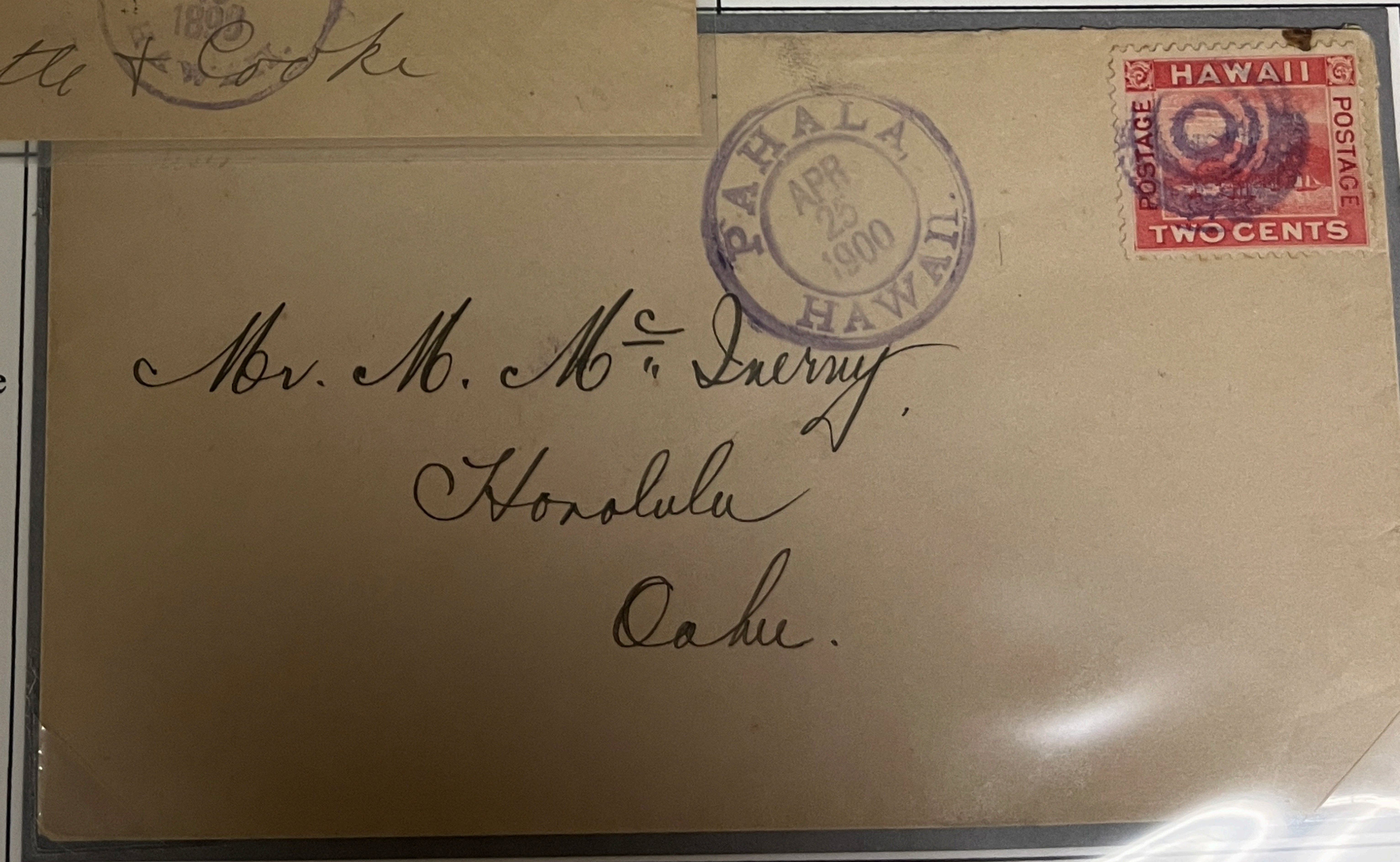


30 mm circle mark
with small letters
in use 1882 - 1896



27 mm double line circle
used 1882 - 1896

30 mm circle
mark with large
letters used
1898 - 1900



Town Postmarks
Island of Hawaii

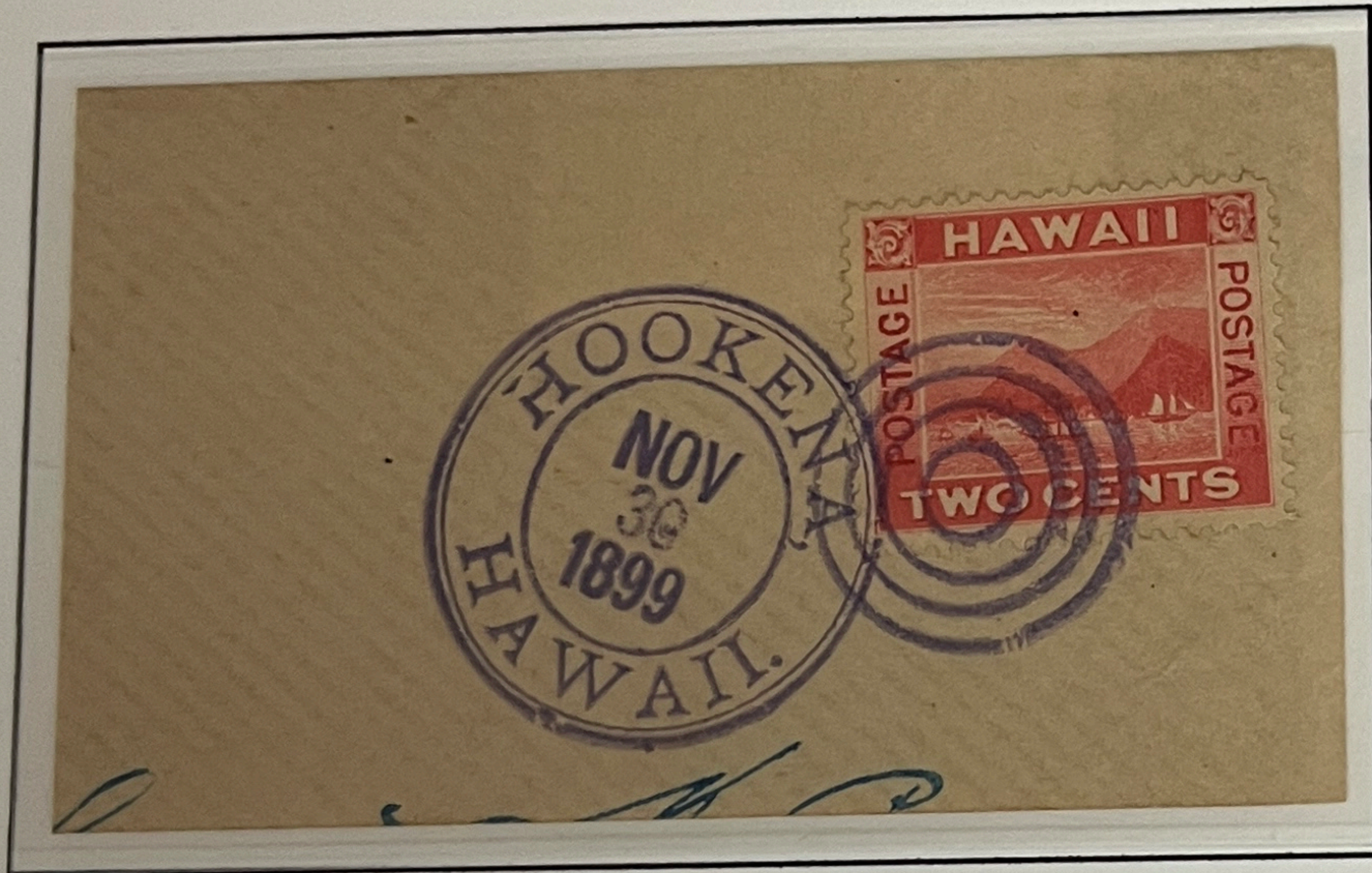
Honuapo-Hookena-Hoopuloa

HONUAPO: Initially a letter drop-box site, a post office opened in 1879 in a warehouse. A postmaster was shared with Hilea until 1891. Only one postmark style is known.



32 mm circle mark with
cross side ornaments used
1890 -1900

HOOKENA: A post office in this southwestern village also opened in 1879 in Henry Cooper's store.



31 mm circle mark with side ornaments used 1894-1900.



33 mm circle
mark with large
sunburst side
ornaments used
1890 - 1897

HOOPULOA: A post office opened in 1880 actually located in neighboring Mokolii to avoid rough terrain.



Blue strikes of this mark used only in 1900



33 mm circle mark with large
sunburst side ornaments used
1896-1900. Dates usually faint.



29 mm double lined
outer circle used
1899 - 1900.

**Nine strikes reported
to date**

Town Postmarks
Island of Hawaii

The 1880s brought an increase in population and demand for mail service in part from sugar industry growth. On the island of Hawaii thirteen towns opened post offices in this decade. Three styles are known.

Kukuihaele – Honokaa

KUKUIHAELE: In 1880, this northern coastal village opened a post office run by the Pacific Mill Co.

Misspelled as
'Kukuihaeli'

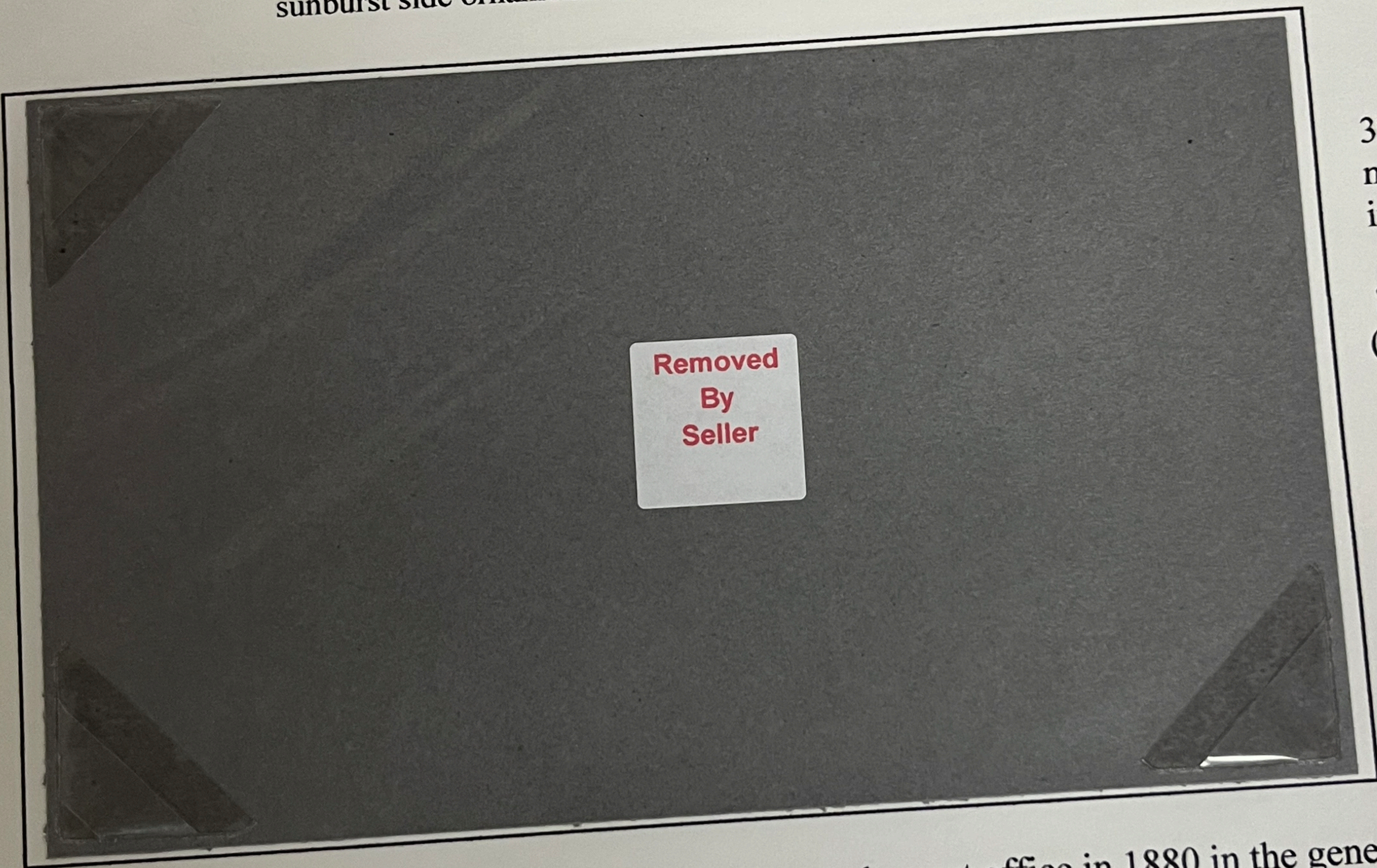
**13 strikes recorded
to date**



32 mm circle mark with large
sunburst side ornaments used 1891-93



30 mm circle, no
side ornaments
used 1892-1900



Removed
By
Seller

32 mm circle
no side ornaments
in use 1883-1891

Sept. 2, 1886
(date slug inverted)

**21 strikes known
to date**

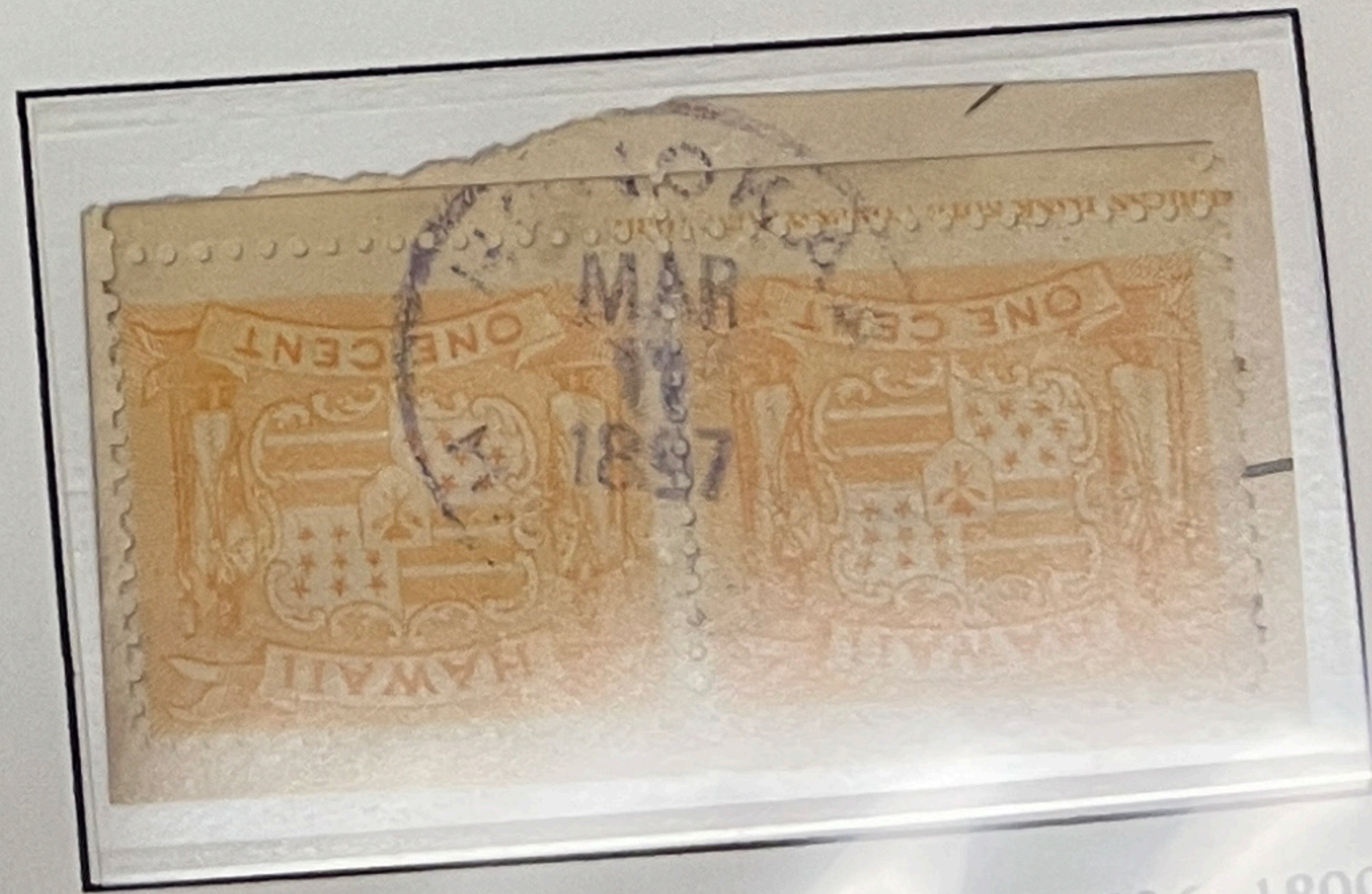
HONOKAA: Another northern town, Honokaa, opened a post office in 1880 in the general store owned by Theo Davies & Co. Store managers were also postmasters.



32 mm circle mark, small
sunburst side ornaments
used 1883-1889 (on dull red
1st printing two cent 1883)



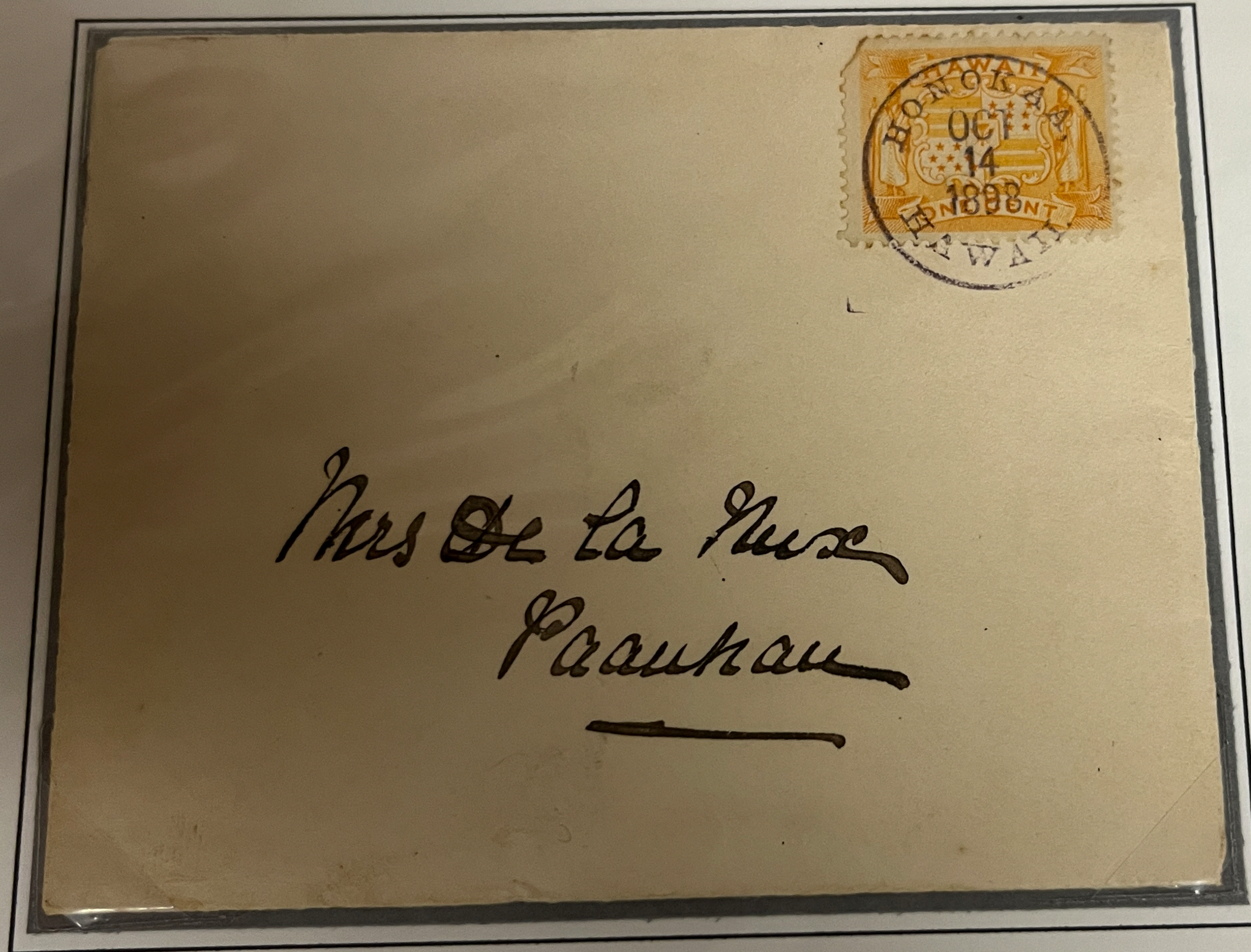
29 mm double line with target duplex
in use 1897 – 1900



27 mm double lined circle used 1896- 1899

Town Postmarks
Island of Hawaii

Honokaa



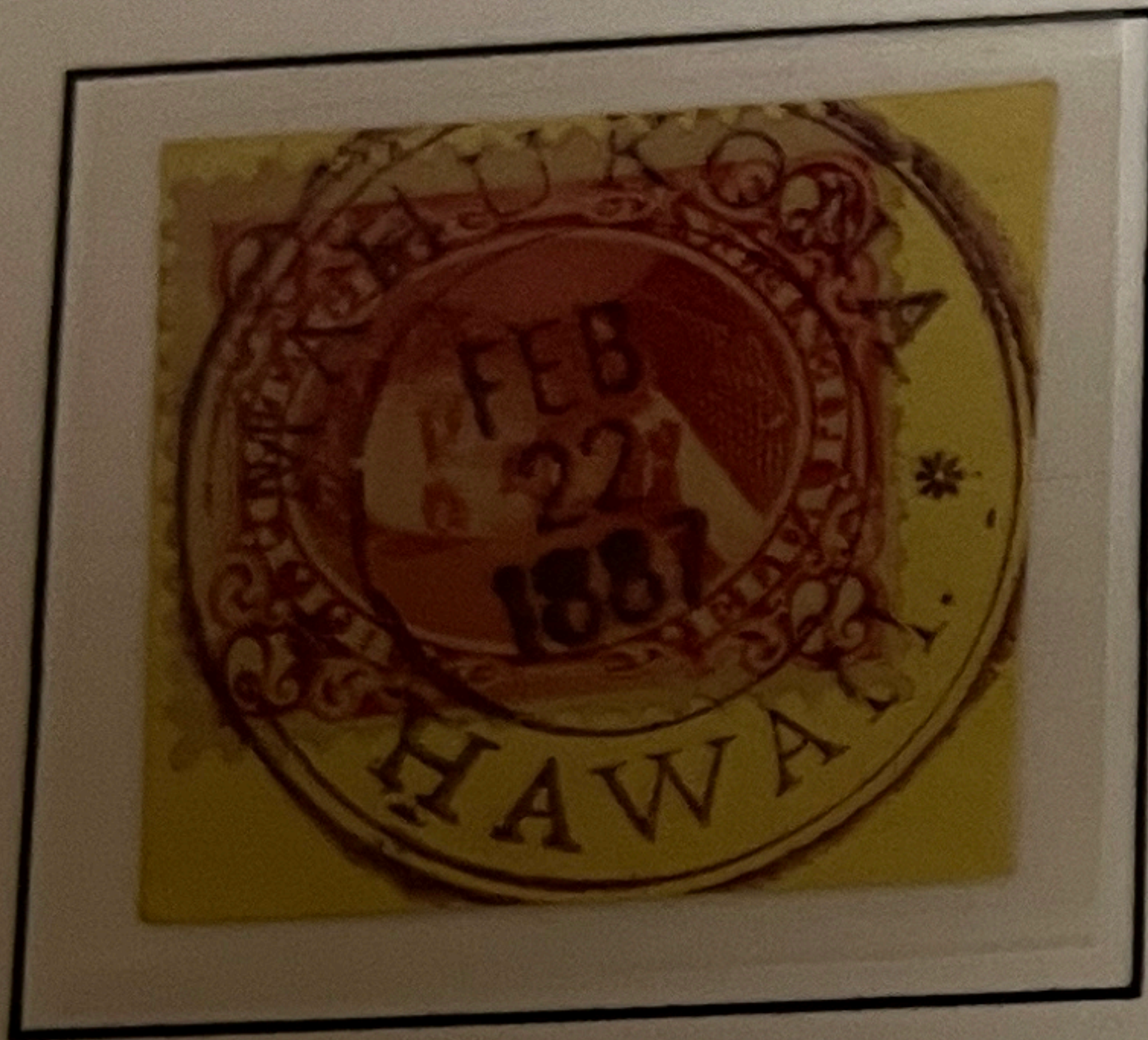
27 mm double lined circle
used 1896 – 1900.

Later strikes appear to be
single lined from wear and
ink clogging.

30 mm circle mark with
star side ornaments and
thick date letters. In use
1887 – 1894.



MAKUHONA: A post office opened here in 1881. This site, previously uninhabited, was chosen as the terminus of the new Hawaiian Railroad built to serve the area's sugar plantations. Most Makuhona postmarks were transit marks as little mail originated here.



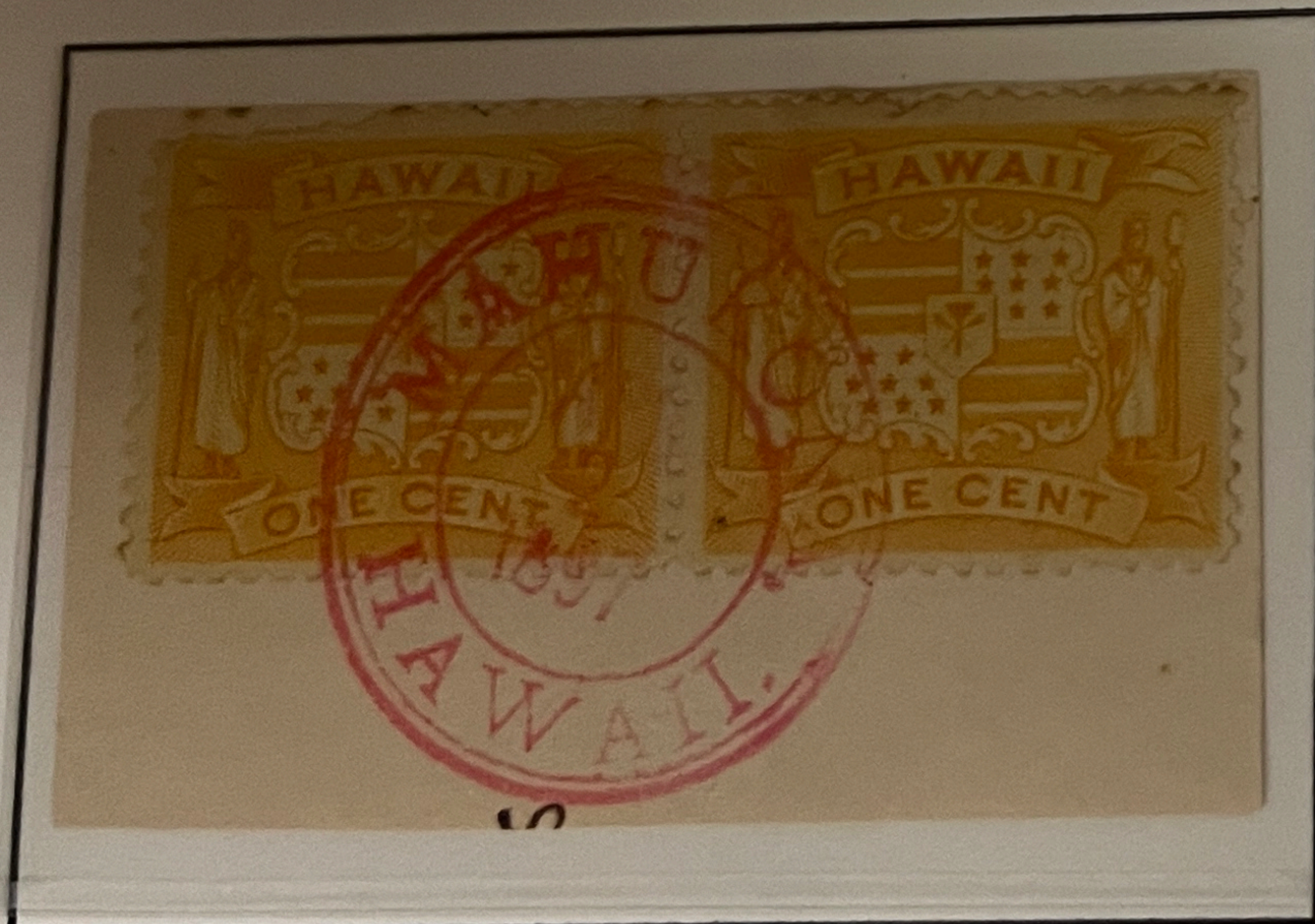
33 mm circle mark with small sunburst side ornaments used 1882-1896



33 mm circle mark with large sunburst side ornaments used 1889 – 1894.



29 mm double lined circle used 1899-1900. Less than 75 strikes reported to date.



30 mm circle no ornaments used 1894-1899

27 mm double line circle used late 1897 -1900



Town Postmarks
Island of Hawaii

HILEA: The Hilea post office also opened in 1881 after years of mail delivery through Wilfong's Store. Mail service was overland or from the Honuapo landing.



33 mm circle mark with
large sunburst side ornaments
used 1888 – 1898



27 mm double lined circle
used 1898 – 1899.

9 strikes recorded to date

NAPOOPOO: The original post office opened in 1882, but under the name of Kealakekua. When that office moved "uphill" to the town, a postal agency office opened near the landing at Napoopoo,

33 mm circle mark
no side ornaments
used 1883 – 1896

**14 strikes reported
to date**



33 mm circle mark with
large sunburst side
ornaments used 1894-1896

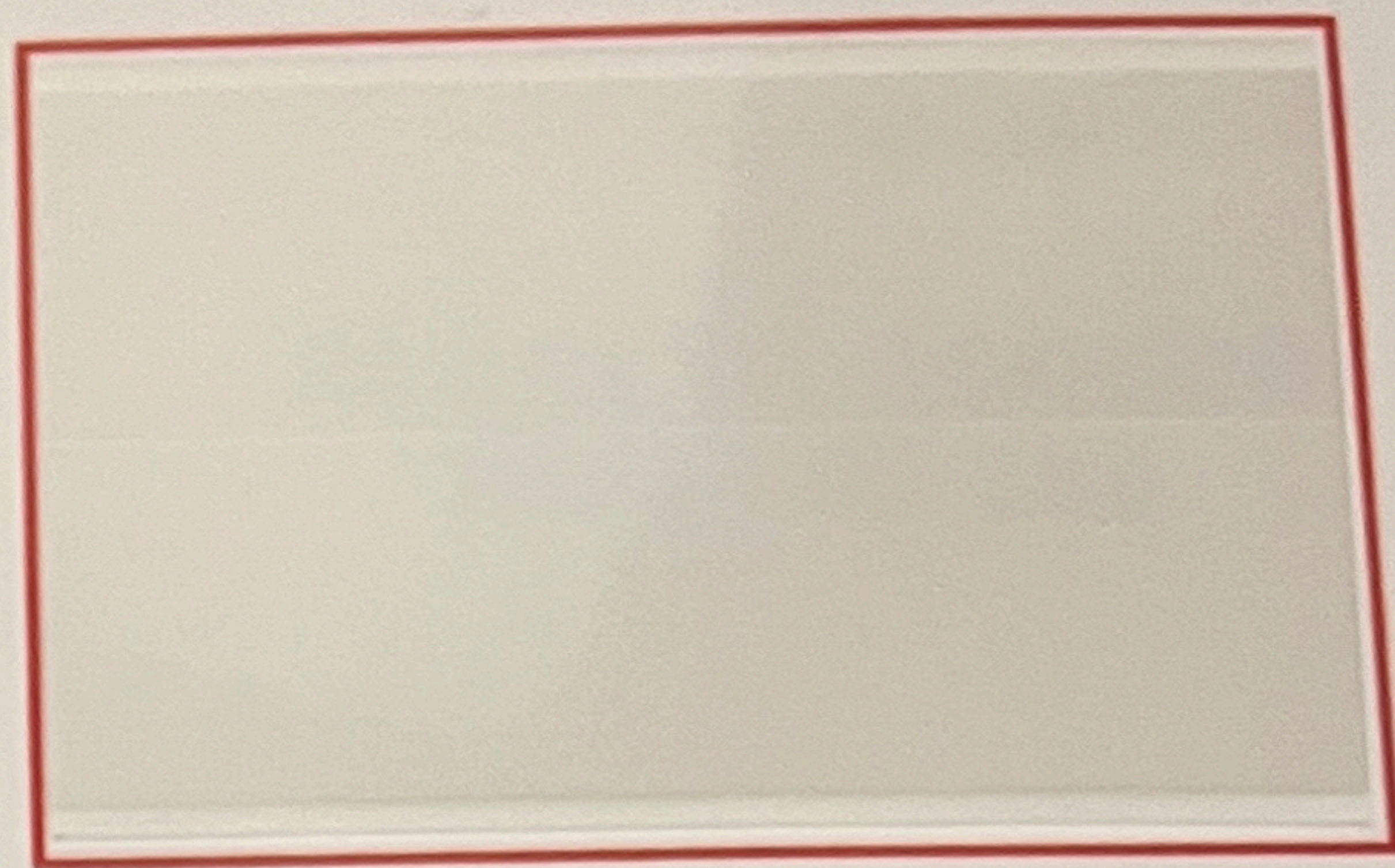
Town Postmarks
Island of Hawaii

PAAUHAU: One of four post offices opened in 1883. Located at the original Hamakua post office site, overseen by members of the Lyman family. Closed in 1887 as being too close to the Honokaa office. One postmark style is known.

27 mm double lined circle, 1885-1987.

10 strikes known to date

Paauhau-Ookala-Hakalau



OOKALA: Located at the headquarters of the Ookala Sugar Co. Postmasters were employees of the company.



27 mm double lined circle used 1883 – 1895.



30 mm double lined circle used 1895-1900

33 mm double lined circle used 1895 – 1900.



HAKALAU: 1883 -Post office located at the Hakalau Plantation. Letter volume was low. Two postmark styles are known.



29 mm single lined circle used 1892 – 1894. Strikes seen on both philatelic and commercial mail.

Town Postmarks
Island of Hawaii

Paaulo

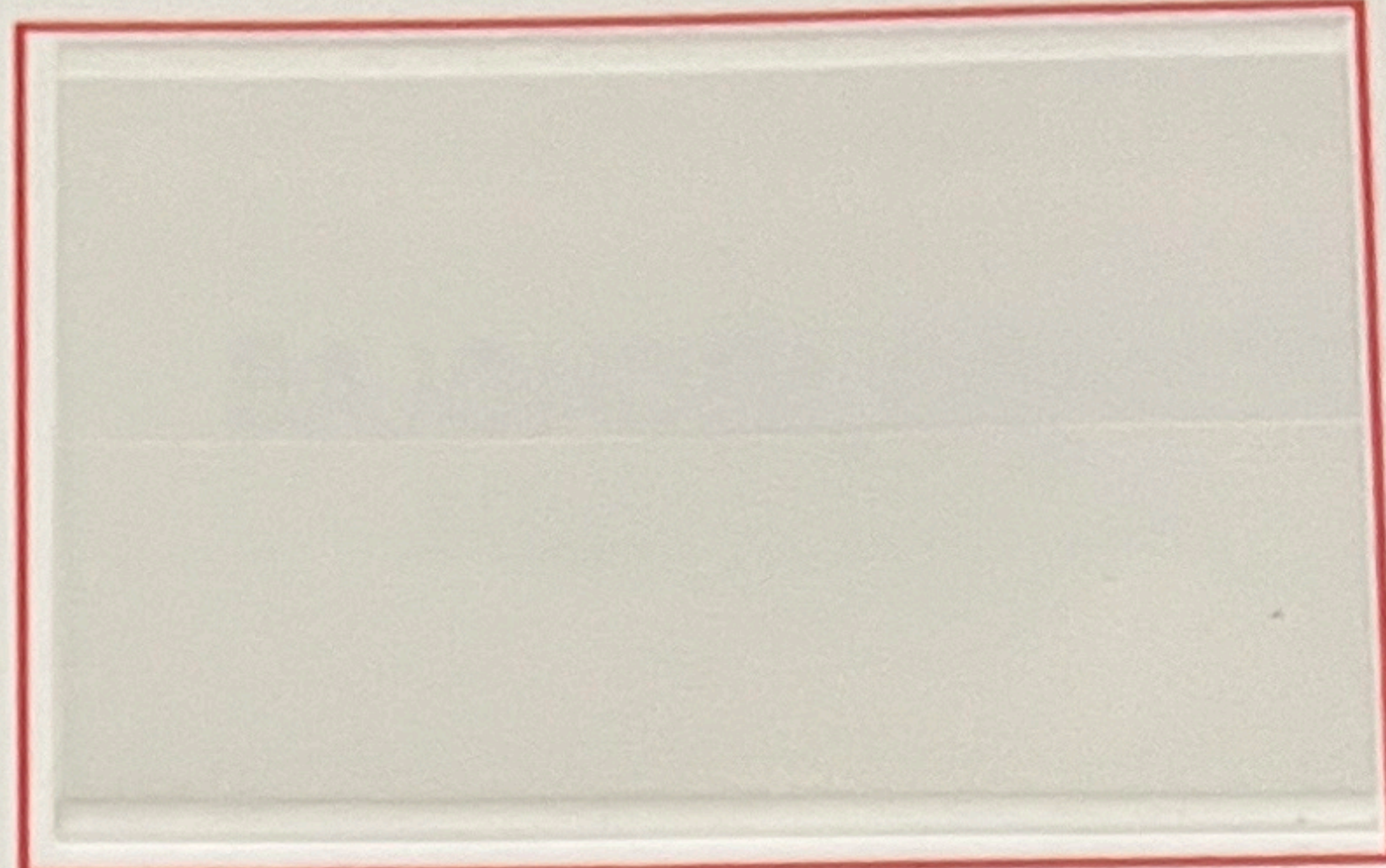
PAAUILO: Opened in 1883 at the Hamakua Mill Co. with company managers as postmasters. It was located at Paaulo Store.

29 strikes reported to date



Straight line Paaulo, Hawaii known only in November 1898

11 strikes reported to date



2nd style of straight line Paaulo. usually poor impressions, also used only in November 1898



9 strikes reported to date

33 mm double lined circle – used only April – June 1900



30 mm circle with star ornaments used 1883 - 1898



33 mm circle sunburst ornaments used 1890 - 1898



27 mm double line circle used 1899 - 1900

no side ornaments used
November 1898 - 1900

House with...
some six weeks without date.



January 30, 1900

Town Postmarks
Island of Hawaii

Naalehu-Punaluu

NAALEHU: This far southern town opened a post office in 1886 located at the Hutchison Plantation. Plantation employees served as postmasters.



33 mm circle mark with large sunburst side ornaments used 1891-97



27 mm double lined circle with duplex target cancel, used 1897 - 1900.

PUNALUU: This village on the southern coast opened a post office in 1890, located near the landing used by tourists visiting Kilauea volcano. Only one postmark style is known.

Town Postmarks
Island of Hawaii

Olaa – Kalapana

Apparently the Olaa post office opened without a cancellation device in spring 1894. Although town postmarks were in full use in most villages, Olaa used many manuscript cancels until the first handstamp marks appeared in July, 1894.

Typical Olaa
manuscript cancel

'Olaa June 23/94'

Less than 30 reported



27 mm double lined
circle used 1898-1900.

Later strikes appear as
single line circles.

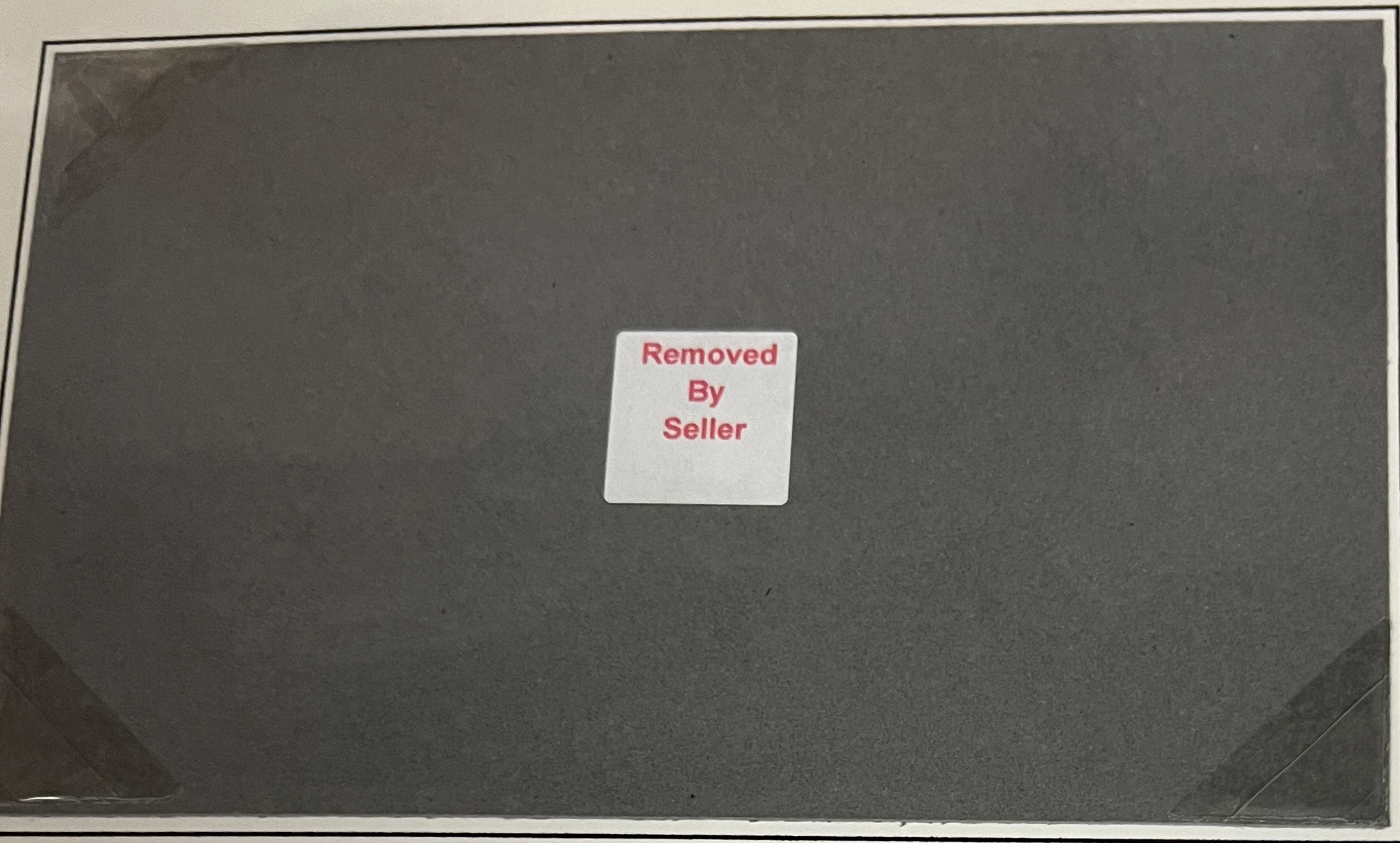
KALAPANA: This small village post office opened in 1895. Very little mail originated there. One postmark style was used.

27 mm double lined circle. The 'Hawaii' at the bottom is in lower case letters. Less than 75 strikes known.



Two Kalapana strikes on a dark blue shade five cent overprinted stamped envelope. Shows the journey by overland courier to Hilo, on to Honolulu by steamship before heading to Winchester Arms in San Francisco.

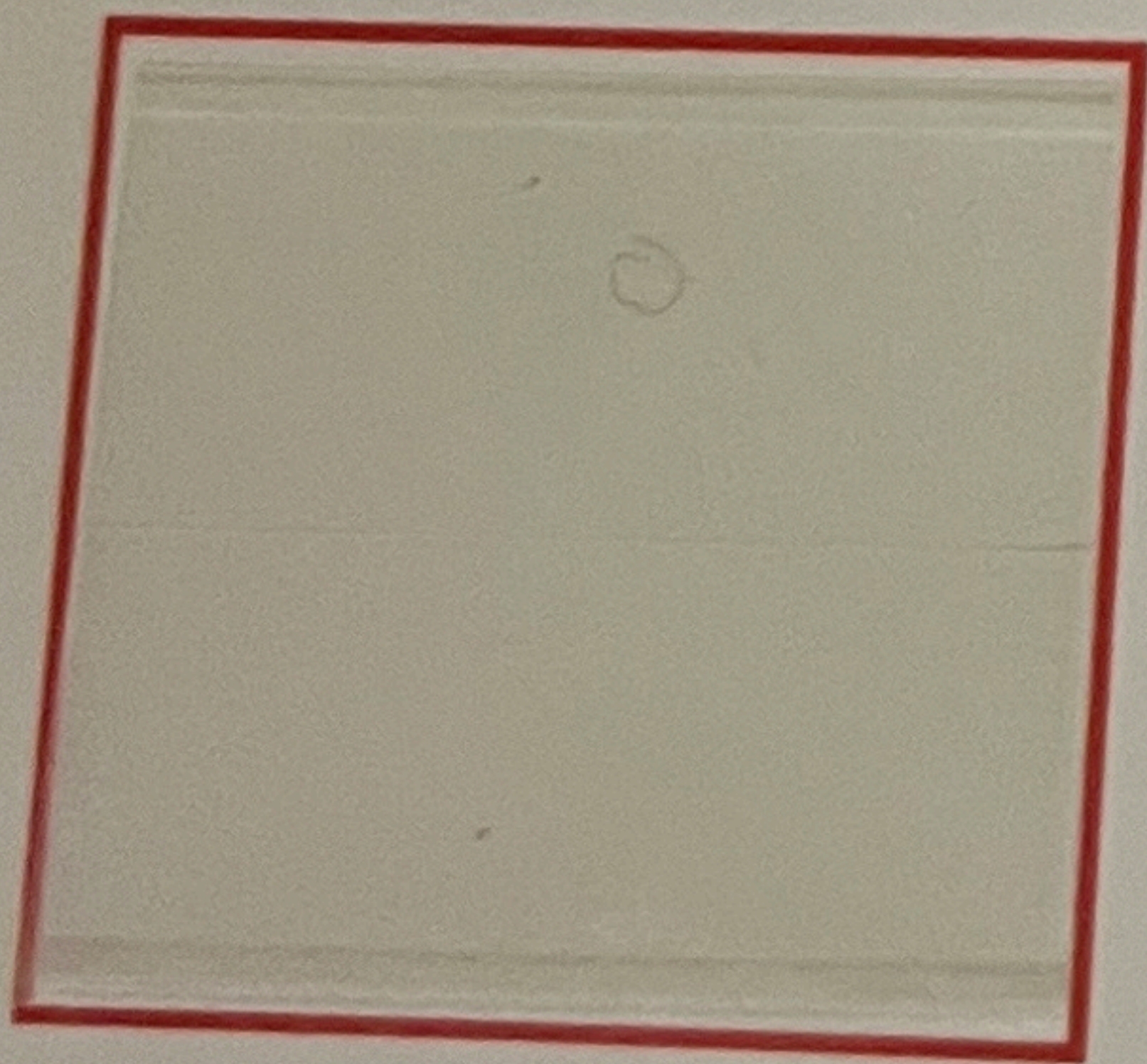
PAPAIKOU: Post office here opened in 1896 at the Onomea Plantation office with postmasters employed by the plantation. Mail was carried by courier to nearby Hilo. Only one postmark style was used.



29 strikes reported to date

29 mm double lined circle used 1896 - 1900

HONOMU: Another post office near Hilo opened in Honomu in 1896 in the Honomu Plantation store. Mail moved by way of Hilo. Two postmark styles are known.



33 mm double lined circle
The 'O's rarely printed.
In use only April – May, 1900

10 strikes reported to date



27 mm double lined circle used 1896 - 1900