



Hawaii Revisited

The January 1974 issue of the Bulletin contained an announcement that Vice President Dorothy Savage was working on a list of the issues of U.S. stamps on which the T.H. Perfin of Hawaii (T-47) was used. The assistance of members was requested in compiling this list and, thanks to your prompt cooperation, a list of 110 issues on which the T.H. Perfin is known, was published within three months (April 1974 Bulletin.)

In view of the interest shown in this subject, the editor offers below (1) a reprint of an article by E. M. Pickop which was published in the May 1961 Bulletin, and (2) an updated listing of the issues on which the T.H. Perfin has been reported:

THE PERFIN OF HAWAII by E. M. Pickop

On July 6th, 1931, the Government of the Territory of Hawaii processed the necessary paper work to authorize the purchase and use of a Cummins Perforating Machine. This was during the tenure of office of Governor Judd, and the machine was to be used by the Department of the Bureau of the Budget. The machine, designed to perforate the initials "T.H.," was for the purpose of perforating all adhesive postage used in the various departments of the Government, to help discourage the private use of those stamps.

The use of the perforated initials in stamps continued through the next 23 years until the year 1954, when the then Governor King rescinded the order covering the use of the perforating machine, to allow the use of Postage Meter machines.

At the time of recapping the information herein contained (1954) the following conditions existed in various departments of the government:

1. Many departments of the Government were using Postage Meters.
2. Three (3) departments still used the perforated initials "T.H."
3. Some departments of the Government were using regularly issued postage stamps, not marked in any way.

Following an almost standard pattern, no records were kept to indicate the issues which were perforated and used throughout the years. Therefore, the number of issues involved, or put into use with the perforated initials from 1931 through 1954, can only be estimated by reasoning that:

1. Positive proof of issues perforated, can be substantiated by copies of each issue bearing the initials and as collected or seen by collectors.
2. The use of postage issues circulated throughout the 23-year use of the perforating machine, that were possibly used but have not been round up to this date.

To estimate the number of varieties of United States stamps perforated 'T.H.' in the 23-year period, it is necessary, then, to consider the issues on the basis of the "Likely" and the "Unlikely."

"Likely" (a) The issues still in stock in the Post Offices, or on hand in the various departments of the Government, when the perforating machine was ordered.

- (b) Regular definitive issues of stamps from 1931.
- (c) All types and sizes of the commemorative issues.
- (d) Airmail issues. Inter-Island air service was inaugurated October 8th, 1934, and Trans-Pacific service on November 25th, 1935.

(e) Special Delivery issues, although only one has been found.

"Unlikely" (a) Postal issues never placed on sale in the Territory, such as: Souvenir sheets, Farley Follies, Coil wastes, Mis. Imperfs and Postage Dues.

(b) Odd values such as the Presidential 21 and 22 cent values.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF VALUES INVOLVED:

KNOWN:	Regular issues and Commemoratives.....	110	
	Airmails.....	7	
	Coils (pair).....	1	
			118
POSSIBLE:	Regular issues and Commemoratives		
POSSIBLE:	Regular issues and Commemoratives.....	206	
	Airmails.....	20	
	Special Delivery issues.....	6	
			232

In the period from 1954 up to the present, relatively few issues have been seen perforated with the initials 'T.H.'. As only a few of the departments of the Government have continued their use, it is easy to understand the scarcity of many values. Previously, with all departments using them and buying their supplies of postage stamps at different

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times, the variety of values and kinds was greater.

Since 1954 very few values have been seen. Namely, they are: 12 definitives, 3 commemoratives, 2 airmails. This does not mean that others may not have been used.

Perforated initials have been found as late as December 12th, 1960, indicating their use after Hawaii became a State in March of 1959.

UPDATED CHECKLIST OF HAWAII

Following is text of a letter from Vice President Savage, dated January 30, 1975:

"Dear Members,

"Here is the up-to-date listing of 154 T.H. (Territory of Hawaii) on U.S. Issues. These are listed by Scott number. This list includes those published in the April '74 Perfins Bulletin. If you have any T.H. Perfins on U.S. Issues not listed, please write and send the Scott number. Thank you, Dorothy L. Savage Thank you, Dorothy

"632, 634-637, 639-642, 653, 684, 692, 696, 705, 707-708, 710, 720-721, 732, 734, 743, 747, 777, 793, 799-815, 817, 820, 825, 828-833, 855, 857, 861, 870, 879, 886-887, 889, 899-901, 903, 905-908, 911, 915, 921, 925, 927-929, 933, 937, 940, 942, 945, 949, 953, 955, 958, 961, 963, 965-968, 971, 973, 976, 984-985, 988, 995, 997-1002, 1004-1005, 1008, 1010-1012, 1015, 1017-1019, 1021, 1023, 1025, 1028-1031, 1033, 1035-1036, 1038-1039, 1041, 1044, 1047-1049, 1051-1052, 1062, 1068, 1097, C9, C19, C21, C23, C25-C26, C28-C29, C32-C33, C39-C40, C45-C46, C49, C51, C60-C61, C64, E17."