In 1862, a "Commission of Boundaries" was established by Act (approved August 23, 1862) providing for the appointment by the Minister of the Interior, with approval of the King, of two persons in each Gubernatorial district for the term of five years.

The Commission would determine and certify boundaries for owners of ahupuaas and ills whose lands had not been awarded by the land Commissioners, patented or conveyed by deed from the King or described by boundaries resulting from an award, patent or deed. These land owners were required to file with the Boundary Commissioners within four years from the passage of the Act.

The Minister of the Interior could no longer issue any patent on awards made by the Commissioners to Quiet Land Titles, without the boundaries being officially decided by the Commissioners of Boundaries.

In July 1866 (by Act), the Commission membership changed and the 1st Associate Justice of the Supreme Court became the sole Commissioner of Boundaries.

The Act was revised (June 22, 1868) so that no more than one Commissioner for each Judicial Circuit (in no case shall any judge of the Supreme Court be appointed) would be appointed by the Minister of the Interior.

Subsequent acts extended the term of the Commission and the deadlines for land owners with no official boundaries, to have their boundaries certified by the Commission. In 1876, a clause was added requiring the Commissioners to deposit copies of all boundary certificates with the Minister of the Interior.

With the establishment of the Republic and Act 14 (approved October 27, 1894), the President of the Republic assumed the authority to appoint Commissioners and no limit was set on the term of the Commission. With annexation and the 1900 Organic Act, the authority to appoint Commissioners passed to the Governor, but the structure and duties of the Commission remained the same.

In 1915 (Act 79), the Commission was required to send copies of boundaries to the Commissioner of Public Lands instead of the Minister of the Interior.

Finally, in 1932 (Act 8), the composition of the Commissioners changed. The circuit judges of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th judicial circuits and the judge of the land court for the 1st judicial circuit, became the Commissioners of Boundaries. This makeup of Commissioners (excluding the 4th circuit) is in effect today. (HRS 1976, Sec. 664).

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**Record Books:**

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**Hawaii**

| INT1 vol 1 | Book A (certificates & proceedings) | 1864-1874 |
| INT1 vol 2 | Book B (proceedings)                | 1873-1882 |
| INT1 vol 3 | Book I (certificates)               | 1874-1881 |
| INT1 vol 4 | Book D (proceedings)                | 1882-1914 |
| INT1 vol 5 | Book C (certificates)               | 1881-1914 |

**Kauai**

| INT1 vol 6 | Book 1 (certificates & proceedings) | 1864-1905 |

**Maui (also Moloka'i, Lanai)**

| INT1 vol 7 | Book 1 (certificates and proceedings) | 1866-1883 |
| INT1 vol 8 | Book 2                                 | 1889-1924 |
| INT1 vol 9 | Book 3                                 | 1925-1935 |

**Oahu**

| INT1 vol 10 | Book 1 (certificates and proceedings) | 1864-1882, 1902. |
| INT1 vol 11 | Book 2                                 | 1883-1886 |
| INT1 vol 12 | Book 3                                 | 1890-1894 |
| INT1 vol 13 | Book 4                                 | 1920-1927 |

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Original case files:

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**Hilo**
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Puanui
Upolu
Waika

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