

Commission on Boundaries

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 ilis 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).

Holdings include: Misc. Correspondence. n.d., December 1863 - February 1903.

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Box
INT1-

BOUNDARY COMMISSION

Record Books:

(use microfilm)

Land Office

MFL 86

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
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Maui (also Molokai, 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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HAWAII 3rd & 4th Circuits

Original case files:

Hamakua

Kukaiiau
Lapahoehoe Nui (Lapahoehoe 2)

Hilo

Kahua 2
Kalaoa
Kukuau 1 (2)
Makahalanaloa
Maulua Nui
Onomea
Pahoehoe
Papaikou
Paukaa
Puueo

Kohala

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Honokane
Kahualiilii (Kahua 1)
Kahua Nui (Kahua 2)
Kawaihae 2
Ili of Pau in Pololu
Puanui
Upolu
Waika

Kona

Hienaloli 1
Holualoa
Kahului 2
Kau
Kawamui -iki
Boundary between Keokea and Kiilae

Puna

Kahaualea
Kauea
Kaueleau
Keahialaka
Waikahekahe-iki
Waikahekahe-nui

Fragile Documents