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OCTOBER 4 (1851) COVER WITH HAWAII SCOTT #1 AND #2



FIRST THREE HAWAIIAN STAMPS – ISSUED OCTOBER 1, 1851

One hundred sixty (160) years ago this month, on October 1, 1851 the first Hawaiian stamps, the so-called "Missionaries," were placed on sale at the Honolulu and Lahaina post offices. The stamps took on the name "Missionaries" because they were nearly always found on correspondence from American missionaries in Hawaii to their families back in California, New York, Connecticut, or Massachusetts. The new stamps were crudely made from type-set material obtained from "THE POLYNESIAN" newspaper and printed on very thin paper. There are only 16 examples of the 2-cent value that have survived, making the 2-cent "Missionary" one of the most valuable stamps in the world today.

By early April, 1852, the fourth stamp was printed to correct confusion and state clearly the 13¢ value was to pay both Hawaiian and United States postage through to any East Coast United States destination.

SEE PAGE 4 OF THIS NEWSLETTER TO SEE AN IMAGE OF THE "REDESIGNED" 1851 STAMP TO AVOID THE CONFUSION.

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**Henry M.  
Whitney**

First  
Postmaster of  
Honolulu  
1850-1856  
issued  
"Missionaries"

### FIRST STAMPS ANNOUNCED

The postal treaty of 1849 established a more systematic postal arrangement between the United States and Hawaii. And on December 28, 1850, Honolulu Postmaster General Henry M. Whitney published a decree in "THE POLYNESIAN" newspaper announcing the new postal union treaty and postage rates. Three new stamps would be printed in Honolulu (2 cent, 5 cent, and 13 cent). Newspapers and printed circulars would cost 2 cents postage. Postage for letters to any west coast city would be 8 cents (5 cents for Hawaii, 3 cents for the U.S.) Postage for letters to east coast cities would be 13 cents (5 cents for Hawaii, 8 cents for the U.S.).

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**THE EDITOR WRITES...**

As Pittsburgh is a "SPORTS CRAZY" city we should all be excited that the USPS will be issuing a stamp honoring the late, great Willie Stargell of the Pittsburgh Pirates. The stamp currently is to be issued in July, 2012.

We are already making plans to hopefully have Willie Stargell as our 2013 WILKPEX cachet and cancel and use this stamp.

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**CLUB NEWS**

**MEMBERSHIP CARDS:** Ray Damico, our Club Treasurer wants to know if any of our new members did NOT receive membership card to please let him know by calling him at 724-478-2107. THANKS!

**ANNUAL LUNCHEON REMINDER:** This year the Club is having our annual luncheon at Drew's Family Restaurant in Forest Hills at 1:00 PM on October 15, 2011. We will be ordering from the menu. Attendance is limited to a maximum of 25 people. To date we have 12 people attending. Deadline for reservations is October 6, 2011. For reservations, please call Ray Damico at 724-478-2107 or Andy Novotny at 412-351-4954. Drew's is located at 2060 Ardmore Blvd. (Route 30) across the street from the Borough Building. If you are traveling east on Route 30, it is on the right side.

**ANNUAL DUES:** We still have 14 members that have not paid their dues for fiscal year 2012. If your dues are not paid by October 31, 2011 you will regretfully be dropped from the membership.

**2012 WILKPEX:** On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Marty Cooper, Bourse Chairman has mailed contract along with a cover letter to dealers for our annual show to be held on April 14 and 15, 2012.

Looking for a new stamp topic to collect? Why not Halloween? While not to many stamps are currently available, there are other areas like covers, postal history, First Day covers and other interesting related material out there ready to be discovered. Some foreign countries that issued Halloween stamps, souvenir sheets, etc. are Belgium, France, Grenadines (SS Sheet of 6 – Scott #2521a) and Guineu-Bissau.

Halloween (also spelled Hallowe'en) is an annual holiday observed on October 31.

It has roots in the Celtic festival of Samhain and the Christian holiday All Saints' Day, but is today largely a secular celebration.

It is, primarily observed in regions of the Western world, and among those that do the traditions and importance of the celebration vary significantly. A much celebrated holiday in Ireland and Scotland, mass transatlantic Irish and Scottish immigration in the 19th century popularized Halloween in North America. The holiday is celebrated to a lesser extent in other parts of the world.



**BELGIUM - SCOTT #2043**  
( ISSUED ON OCT 18, 2004 IN A 10-STAMP BOOKLET)



**BELGIUM – SCOTT #2044**



**FRANCE SOUVENIR SHEET – SCOTT #2839a**  
(ISSUED ON OCT 20, 2001)



**FRANCE MAXIMUM CARD – SCOTT #3048**  
(ISSUED ON OCT 9, 2004)



**GUINEA-BISSAU 6 STAMP SHEET– GIBBONS #3809**  
(ISSUED IN 2003)

**HAVE FUN & COLLECT WHAT YOU LIKE .. TOM**

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Upcoming  
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows

**POSTCARDS, STAMPS, ETC.** - Oct 8, 2011. Columbus, OH. 36th Annual HEART OF OHIO POSTCARD SHOW and EPHEMERA SHOW. Haimert Center, 1421 Morse Road (0.9 miles east of I-71, exit 116), Columbus. Presented by the HEART OF OHIO POSTCARD CLUB, this popular event offers a spacious facility with good food, FREE parking, and lots of great postcards, stamps, comics, books, magazines, covers and much, much more! 20+ dealers. Saturday 9 AM-4 PM. ADMISSION \$3.50.

**STAMP SHOW** - October 9 - Fall CAPEX - Capital City Philatelic Society, Linglestown American Legion, 505 N. Mountain Road, I-81 Exit 72, Harrisburg, PA.

**STAMP SHOW** - October 15 - GETTYPEX '11 - Gettysburg Fire Company, 35 N. Stratton St. - Blue & Gray Stamp Club, SAT 10AM - 5PM

**STAMP SHOW** - October 29, 2011. Chambersburg, PA. Cumberland Valley Philatelic Society Fall Stamp Expo. Chambersburg Recreation Center: Route 30 at I-81 Exit 16; go west to 3rd Street - turn left at Post Office; go 2 1/2 blocks, on right. Sat: 10 AM-5 PM. Dealer Bourse. Exhibits. U.S. Post Office. Snack Bar. FREE admission. Cumberland Valley Philatelic Society.

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## THE "REDESIGNED" 1852 13-CENT HAWAII STAMP

## MURDERED FOR THE 2-CENT 1851 HAWAIIAN

The valuable 2-cent "Missionary" created a tale with a Sherlock Holmesian twist to it back in 1892. Gaston Leroux, a man of means living in Paris, was found murdered in his home. The police were baffled; they could find no motive, for jewelry, gold and a large sum of money were left untouched. But one detective on the case was by chance a philatelist and he found that the victim had a very valuable collection of stamps. He also observed that the 2-cent blue Hawaiian in the collection was missing. Contacting every stamp shop in Paris to see if the stamp had shown up produced no results. He then sought out Leroux's friends, and - *voila* - he found one who was also a stamp collector. One step led to another, with the result that after gaining the acquaintance of one Hector Giroux, he found that Giroux too had a collection including Hawaiian stamps, one of which was a 2-cent blue. Under questioning, Giroux confessed, and he was hanged for his crime, all due to his uncontrolled desire to have a 2-cent Missionary stamp at any cost.

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COLLINS HAND PAINTED OCT 18, 2001 FDC WITH SCOTT #3546

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states.

In 1817, New York became the first of several states to officially adopt an annual Thanksgiving holiday; each celebrated it on a different day, however, and the American South remained largely unfamiliar with the tradition. In 1827, the noted magazine editor and prolific writer Sarah Josepha Hale—author, among countless other things, of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb"—launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. For 36 years, she published numerous editorials and sent scores of letters to governors, senators, presidents and other politicians. Abraham Lincoln finally heeded her request in 1863, at the height of the Civil War, in a proclamation entreating all Americans to ask God to "commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife" and to "heal the wounds of the nation." He scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November, and it was celebrated on that day every year until 1939, when Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to spur retail sales during the Great Depression. Roosevelt's plan, known derisively as Franksgiving, was met with passionate opposition, and on December 26, 1941 the president reluctantly signed a bill making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November.

Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation has presented the President of the United States with one live turkey and two dressed turkeys, in a ceremony known as the National Thanksgiving Turkey Presentation. In a tradition that began as a one-off joke by Ronald Reagan in 1987 and made permanent by George H. W. Bush in 1989, the live turkey is "pardoned" and lives out the rest of its days on a nearby peaceful farm. There are legends that state that the "pardoning" tradition dates to the Harry Truman administration or even to an anecdote of Abraham Lincoln pardoning his son's pet turkey; both stories have been quoted in more recent presidential speeches, but neither has any evidence in the Presidential record. In more recent years, two turkeys have been pardoned, in case the original turkey becomes unavailable for presidential pardoning.

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SARAH JOSEPHA HALE  
IN 1831



Sarah Josepha Buell Hale (October 24, 1788 - April 30, 1879) was an American writer and an influential editor. She is the author of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb". She famously campaigned for the creation of the American holiday known as Thanksgiving, and for the completion of the Bunker Hill Monument. (On your left is the Bunker Hill Monument stamp issued on September 9, 1959 (Scott #1056)

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**THE EDITOR WRITES...**

I was pleased to see that the USPS issued its fourth semi-postal stamp on September 20<sup>th</sup>. This 44c + 11c stamp features an Amur tiger cub with the 11 cent surtax helping to SAVE VANISHING SPECIES.

Locally, the stamp was introduced at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium a few days after the stamp was issued. Our zoo has a trio of the rare Amur tiger cubs, now over 1-year old and weighing 140 pounds.

Please help by buying some the next time you are at you post office.

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**FRED LEWIS CELEBRATION:** During the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, member Fred Lewis, our Club Librarian, wishes to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "start" of his United States Telegraph stamps and related "go with" postal history collection. According to Fred, he bought his first telegraph stamp on November 15, 1961.

To celebrate this event, FREE food "goodies" will be provided compliments of Fred. THANK YOU!

Fred will bring a few "treasures" from his collection.

**SOUVENIR SHEET ALERT!** Per Gene Bujdos the Club has only 18 of the 1965 WILKPEX souvenir sheets left. If you want one, please order through our Post Office Box (see above left.)

**LUNCHEON HELD:** Our annual luncheon was held at Drew's Family Restaurant in Forest Hills on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Eleven members and six guests attended. It was reported that the food was excellent and that everyone had a good time. The Club will consider going back there for our 2012 luncheon.

**2012 WILKPEX:** It's time to starting thinking about your participation in exhibiting at the show. It can be one frame or multiple frames.

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COVER TO GOV. LEW WALLACE, FORT STANTON, NEW MEXICO

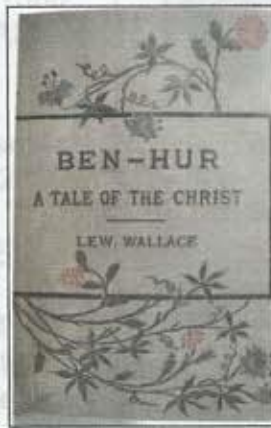
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(SCOTT #O116) BUT NOT POSTMARKED



LEW WALLACE



BILLY THE KID



BEN - HUR

### LEARNING HISTORY BY RESEARCHING A COVER

Lewis (Lew) Wallace was born in Brookville, Indiana, on April 10, 1827. When his father was elected governor of Indiana in 1837 Wallace's interest in reading was stimulated by his new proximity to the state library. He became a reporter for the *Indianapolis Daily Journal* for one year, but when the Mexican War broke out he left to raise a company of soldiers. After the war Wallace served as a member of the Indiana state Senate from 1856 to 1860.

A general during the Civil War, he was distinguished as a leader and fighter, and he was credited with saving Cincinnati from the Confederate Army on July 9, 1864. He also served on the court-martial tribunal that tried the accomplices of John Wilkes Booth, President Lincoln's assassin. Wallace served as governor of New Mexico Territory from 1878 to 1881 and as the minister to The Ottoman Empire (Turkey) from 1881 to 1885.

During his term as governor, he was asked by Billy the Kid (William H. Bonney, born Henry McCarty, Jr.) a participant in the Lincoln County War for an amnesty "deal". Wallace agreed but due to political forces then ruling New Mexico, was unable to come through on his end of the bargain.

Also while serving as governor, Wallace completed the novel that made him famous: *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ* (1880). It grew to be the best-selling American novel of the 19th century. The book has never been out of print and has been filmed four times.

During the last years of his life Wallace lectured extensively. He died on February 15, 1905, at Crawfordsville, Indiana.

You never know when you find a stamp or cover what interesting things can be found out by researching the item. In this case the cover image was "captured" from the eBay auction website. The additional research was accomplished via various Internet websites and the Scott Stamp Catalogue. Stamp and postal history collecting can be a very rewarding experience. (NOTE: the cover sold on eBay for \$109.40)

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**POSTCARD SHOW** – November 18-19 – York, PA York County Fairgrounds. Fri 9AM – 5PM Sat 9AM – 5PM Admission charged.

**POSTCARD SHOW** – November 25-26 – Lancaster, PA. The Morlatton Postcard Club, Inc., Fall Show, Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Fri. 10AM -6PM, Sat. 10AM - 4PM Admission charged.

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**PHILATELIC TRIVIA**

Did you know that captains of ships were the first mail handlers in America? They picked up the mail from mail bags that were hung at various taverns in different towns.



**BET THERE WAS NO MAIL ON THIS ONE**



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**MADONNA OF THE CANDELABRA BY RAPHAEL - BOOKLET**



**HANUKKAH**



**KWANZAA**



**HOLIDAY BAUBLES BOOKLET**



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### MADONNA OF THE CANDELABRA

Issued on October 13, this 2011, at Mega Stamp Show, in New York, NY, this Christmas stamp features a detail work by the Italian master Raphael. It dates to around 1513 and is now in the collection of Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, Maryland

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### HANUKKAH

Issued on October 14, this 2011, at Mega Stamp Show, in New York, NY, this stamp commemorates Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights. In 2011 Hanukkah begins on December 20 and lasts for eight days & nights.

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### KWANZAA

Issued on October 14, this 2011, at Mega Stamp Show, in New York, NY, this stamp celebrates the seven day holiday that begins on December 26<sup>th</sup> and ends on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

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### HOLIDAY BAUBLES

Issued on October 13, this 2011, at Mega Stamp Show, in New York, NY, these cheery Holiday stamps feature four festive baubles that were inspired by styles from the 1950s.

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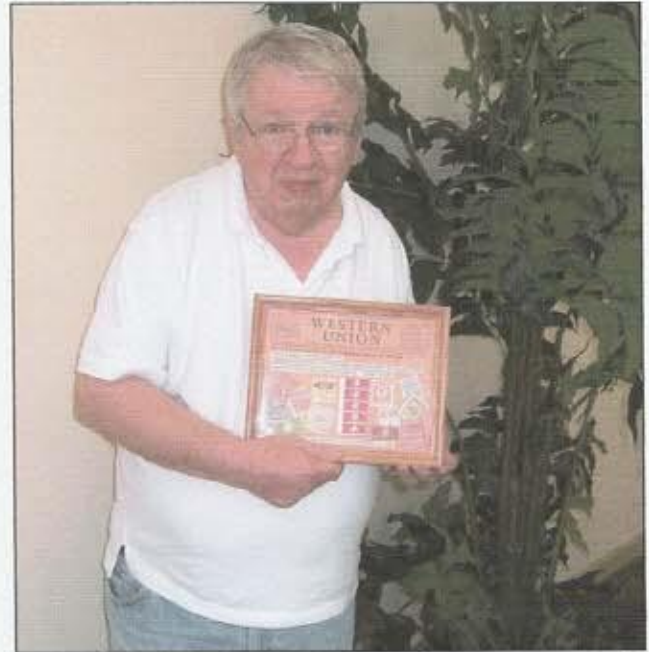
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Wishing everyone a happy Holiday Season. I hope 2011 was good to you personally and in your "collecting world" and that 2012 will be the same or better.

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**ANNUAL HOLIDAY SEASON PARTY:**

Our annual holiday season "party" will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting, just friends, food and fun. The Club will cover the expense of the chicken. Members at the meetings in November have designated other "goodies" that they have volunteered to bring. Tom Reiff will have his annual philatelic trivia contest with the winner getting "bragging rights only." Also, members may bring in a SHOW AND TELL item (or items), philatelic or not.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You are welcome to bring guests, however any non-member guest will be charged a \$5.00 guest fee.

**APS ROAD TRIP:** Jim Senkewitz is planning a "road trip" to the APS in Bellefonte. **It is scheduled for Friday, December 9, 2011.** If interested, please contact Jim by phone at 412-371-2129 or via email at: senkewitz2012@verizon.net

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**POSTAL CARD – 1935 CHRISTMAS DAY POSTMARKS  
LINCOLN CITY AND SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA**



**SANTA CLAUS PARK ADV. LABEL AND 1935 CHRISTMAS SEAL**



**1942 GREETINGS FROM SANTA CLAUS INDIANA POSTCARD**

**SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA**

Santa Claus was established in 1854. In 1856, when the town (then known as Santa Fe, mispronounced "fee") was working to establish a Post Office, the US Postal Service refused their first application as there was already another Santa Fe in the state. Several town meetings were held, during which the name Santa Claus was selected.

The Santa Claus Post Office is the only post office in the world with the Santa Claus name!

The town's name did not peak interest however, until 1914 when Santa Claus' 14th postmaster, James Martin, took it upon himself to answer the children's letters.

In 1929, Ripley featured the town's post office in his nationally-syndicated "Believe It or Not" newspaper cartoon. The feature thrust Santa Claus, Indiana into the national spotlight and the following Christmas its little post office was flooded with over a million pieces of mail. The town would never be the same again.

Soon after, people flocked to the Santa Claus Post Office to get the special postmark; so much that in the early 1930s the US Postal Department suggested changing the name of the town to avoid the Christmas season frenzy. Fortunately, for everyone, that did not happen!

On Christmas Day 1935 (SEE CARD AT THE LEFT), Carl Barrett dedicated a 22 foot tall statue of Santa Claus on the highest hill in town. The statue was the centerpiece attraction of Santa Claus Park, the town's second themed attraction. The statue which was funded through children's penny donations is situated on the highest hill in town and rests on a star-shaped platform whose principal point faces east, symbolic of the Christmas Star. A time capsule rests below the statues base.

James Martin continued answering letters and eventually enlisted Jim Yellig to aid in helping him write back to children across the world. Today, the non-profit organization, Santa's Elves Inc, and the Santa Claus Museum, organize volunteers to answer all the children's letters that flood this tiny post office during the holidays. Approximately 12,000 letters are answered each year.

Santa Claus Post Office  
45 North Kringle Place  
Santa Claus, IN 47579  
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**STAMP SHOW** - January 20-21, 2012 YORK, PA - York County Stamp Show White Rose Philatelic Society of York, York Fairgrounds, Horticulture Hall, 334 Carlisle Avenue.

**STAMP SHOW** - February 12, 2012 HUDSON, OHIO - Hudson Stamp Bourse Lincolnway Stamps, Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway,

**STAMP SHOW** - March 3-4, 2012 NORTH CANTON, OHIO - McKinley Stamp Show McKinley Stamp Club, St. George Serbian Orthodox Social Hall, 4667 Applegrove St., NW

**ATTEND A SHOW - FIND A TREASURE**



**1974 USA CHRISTMAS STAMP (Scott #1552)  
FIRST U.S. SELF-ADHESIVE STAMP  
INSCRIBED "PRECANCELED"**

**INTERNET CONNECTIONS (WEB SITES)**

Here are some interesting Internet Web Sites. Once you access this URL, you may be able to navigate to other parts of the web site.

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY**  
<http://personal.wpa.net/~jvaughn/WCPS/Wcps.htm>

**PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH**  
<http://www.presidentdrive.com>

**U.S. POST OFFICES**  
[http://www.postalhistory.com/Post\\_Offices/index.htm](http://www.postalhistory.com/Post_Offices/index.htm)

**U.S. POSTAGE STAMPS 1847-1970 and MORE**  
<http://www.1847usa.com/>

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**CHRISTMAS SEALS THEN & NOW**

**100 YEARS AGO  
1911 SEAL**



**THIS YEAR  
2011 SEAL**



The United States Christmas Seals were issued by the American National Red Cross from 1907-1819, the National Tuberculosis Association from 1920-1967, the National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association from 1968-1972 and the American Lung Association from 1973-present.

Issued 100 years ago, the 1911 seal is titled "The Old Home Among the Cedars." The designer was Anton Rudert under direction of F. D. Milliet. and generated \$320,000 in sales.

Beginning in 1979 there is no longer one national issue.