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### TERRACE TO HONOLULU - What rate what route?

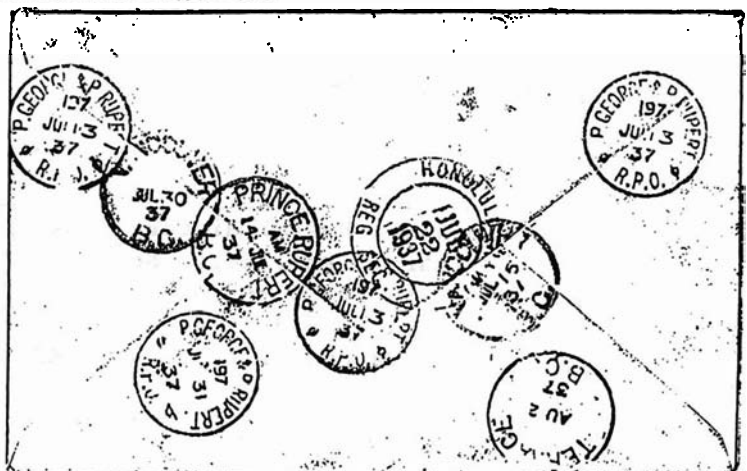
The study of postal rates and postal routes plays a major part in the display of the early postal history of any country. With modern covers it is rarely possible to provide such information because of a lack of significant postal markings.

Arlene Sullivan has provided a 1937 Registered Air Mail cover mailed on the CNR train at Terrace for delivery to Honolulu. Her question is simple "What was the postal rate and what was the route?".



Normal routing would be:

- Terrace to Prince Rupert  
CNR Train No. 197
  - Prince Rupert to Vancouver  
B.C. coastal ship
  - Vancouver to Seattle  
Canadian Airways air mail
  - Seattle to San Francisco  
Direct U.S. air mail
  - San Francisco to Honolulu  
Pan American Clipper
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**TERRACE TO HONOLULU - What rate what route?**

## Postal markings

P. GEORGE & P. RUPERT  
197 / JUL 13 / 37

(R) plus hand made  
Registration box  
"Terrace, B.C. 198"  
Clarkson ? Train 198

Prince Rupert B.C.  
AM / 14 Jul / 37  
+ Air Mail

Vancouver B.C.  
M / Jul 15 / 37

Honolulu Reg. Stn.  
Jul / 22 / 1937  
plus  
Jul 23 1937  
"Left for cont. 23"  
plus  
Forwarded  
Jul 24 1937

Vancouver, B.C.  
JUL 30 / 37

P. George & P. Rupert  
197 / Jul 31 / 37

Terrace, B.C.  
AU 2 / 37

## Possible routing:

The letter was short-paid for transmission on the Pan American Clipper Air Mail service from San Francisco to Hawaii (FAM 14) and as a result was sent by surface mail. It should have been marked as surface mail at the Vancouver Registration Branch.

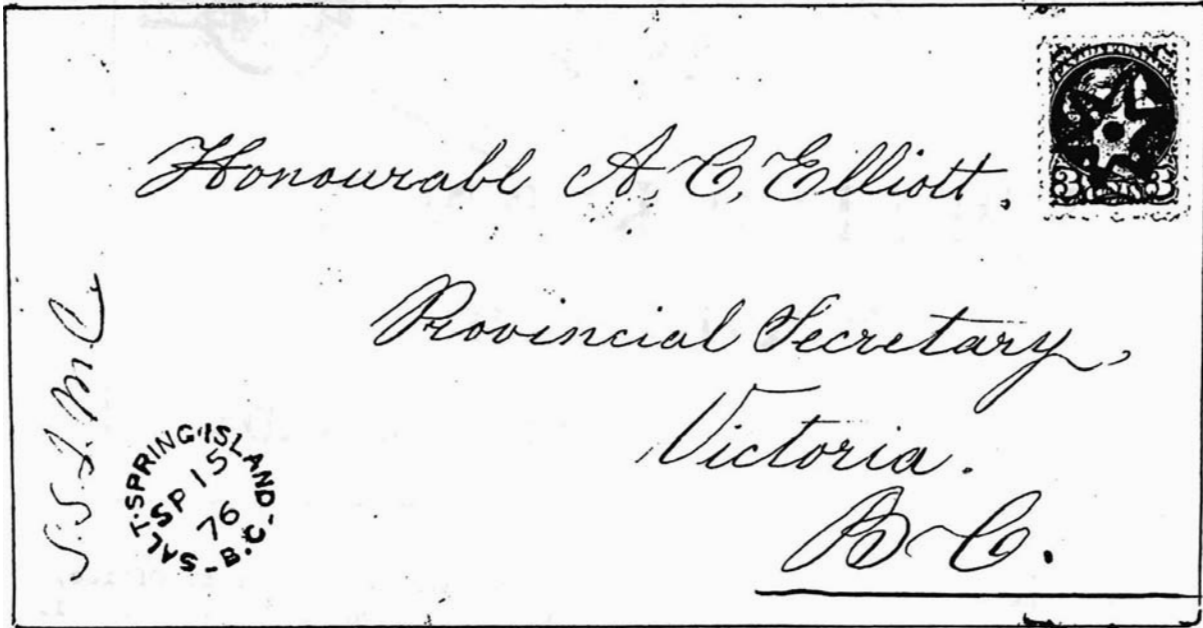
The sender, L. McKenney, delivered the letter to the Mail Clerk on CNR train 198 (west) at Terrace on Tuesday, July 13, 1937, with the request that it be sent by Registered Air Mail to Hawaii. The clerk stamped the envelope with the oval "R" registration hand stamp and not having a Train 198 hammer or a boxed registration stamp made one using the Train 197 hammer, marked the letter "Terrace", and signed it. The letter arrived in Prince Rupert that night and was postmarked the next morning, July 14. It was then transferred to one of the coastal ships for delivery to Vancouver, where it arrived the next evening and was delivered, in a sealed bag, to the Vancouver Registration Branch. At this point it was noted the letter was short-paid for Pan American Clipper service to Hawaii and as a result was dispatched by ship for Honolulu. It arrived in Hawaii seven days later, July 22, by which time Miss McKenney had returned to the "continent". The letter was date stamped July 22 and July 24, 1937 and marked "FORWARDED" before being returned to Vancouver by ship mail. It arrived at Vancouver on the evening of July 29 and on the morning of July 30 it was transferred to a coastal ship for delivery to CNR Train 197 at Prince Rupert. The letter arrived back at Terrace on August 2, 1937.

Postage Paid by sender	Registered Air to Hawaii	Surface rate to to Hawaii
3 cents X 8 = 24 cents	Registered 10 cents Air mail to US 6 cents Clipper air mail <u>25 cents</u> Total Postage 41 cents	3 cents

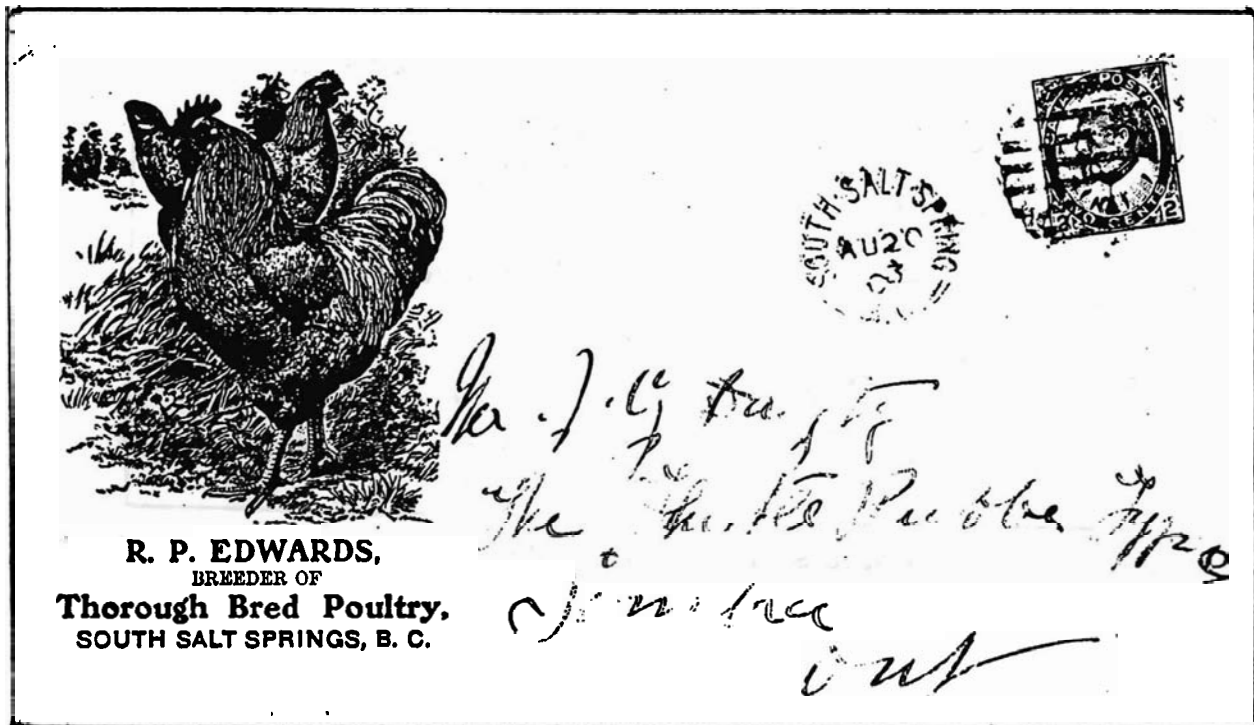
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SALT SPRING ISLAND - revisited - See Vol. 4.4 page 123-124  
Covers courtesy of Andrew Scott

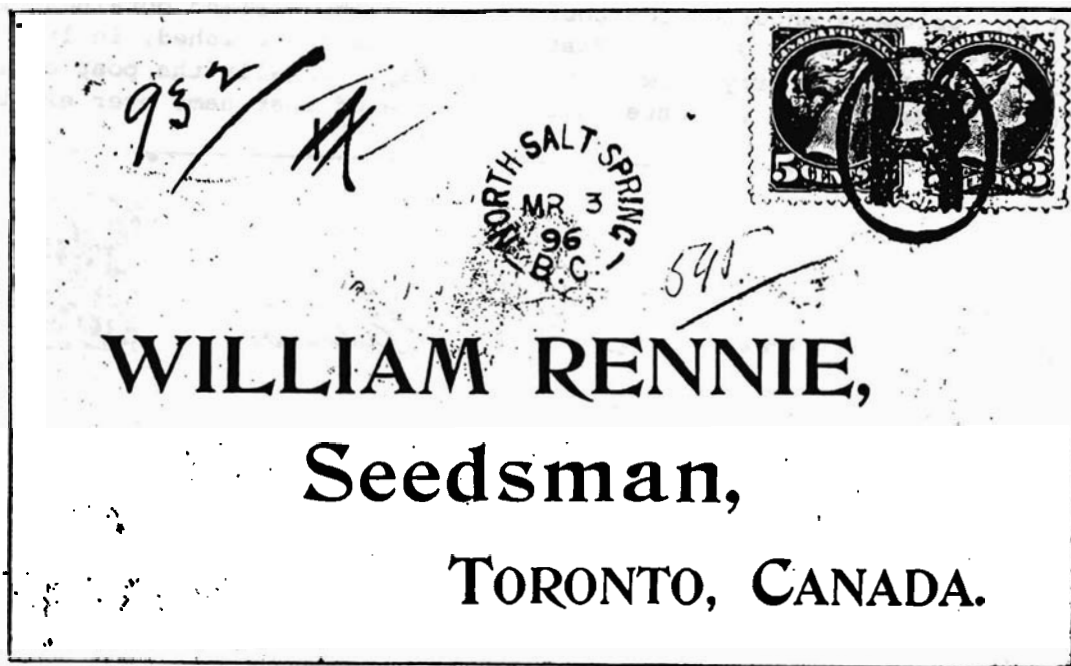
The settlement of Salt Spring Island began shortly after the founding of Fort Victoria in 1848 but no Colonial Post Offices were established on the Island. It was not until British Columbia entered Confederation that the Island obtained regular postal service. The SALT SPRING ISLAND Post Office was established, in 1874, near the present British Columbia Ferry dock at Vesuvius Bay. Locally the post office was called Vesuvius but there is no evidence that an office of that name ever existed.



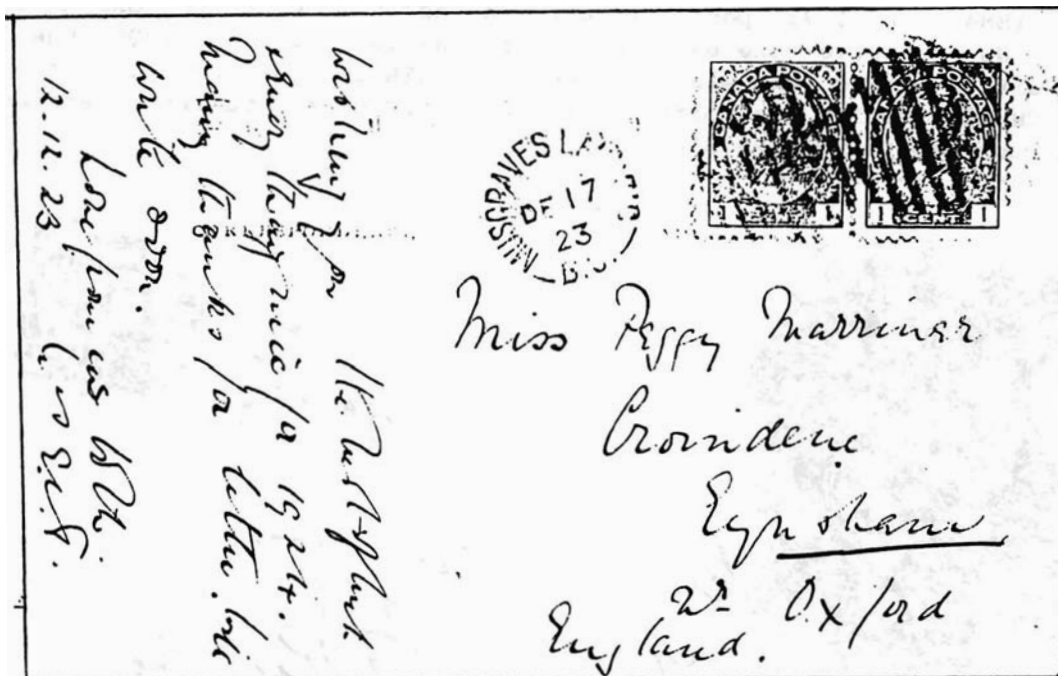
In the 1880's two additional post offices were established, BURGOYNE BAY (1880), and BEAVER POINT (1884). In 1893, post offices were established at FULFORD HARBOUR and NORTH SALT SPRING to serve the east coast of the island. In 1900, the FULFORD HARBOUR Post Office closed and was replaced by SOUTH SALT SPRING post office. In 1924, the SOUTH SALT SPRING post office was relocated closer to the Government Dock and the name reverted to FULFORD HARBOUR.



The NORTH SALT SPRING post office was established to serve the northern portion of the island and was locally referred to as North End. The office closed, in 1902, shortly after the opening of the new post office near the Ganges dock. The GANGES Post Office had opened in 1900 and was initially called GANGES HARBOUR.



From 1923 to 1957 the Smith family operated the MUSGRAVE LANDING Post Office, at their farm on the Musgrave Estate near a small dock at Musgrave Landing. In 1929, the name of the post office was changed to MUSGRAVE.



Today three post office serve Salt Spring Island: FULFORD HARBOUR, GANGES, and GANGES Retail Outlet.

# SALT SPRING ISLAND

1895

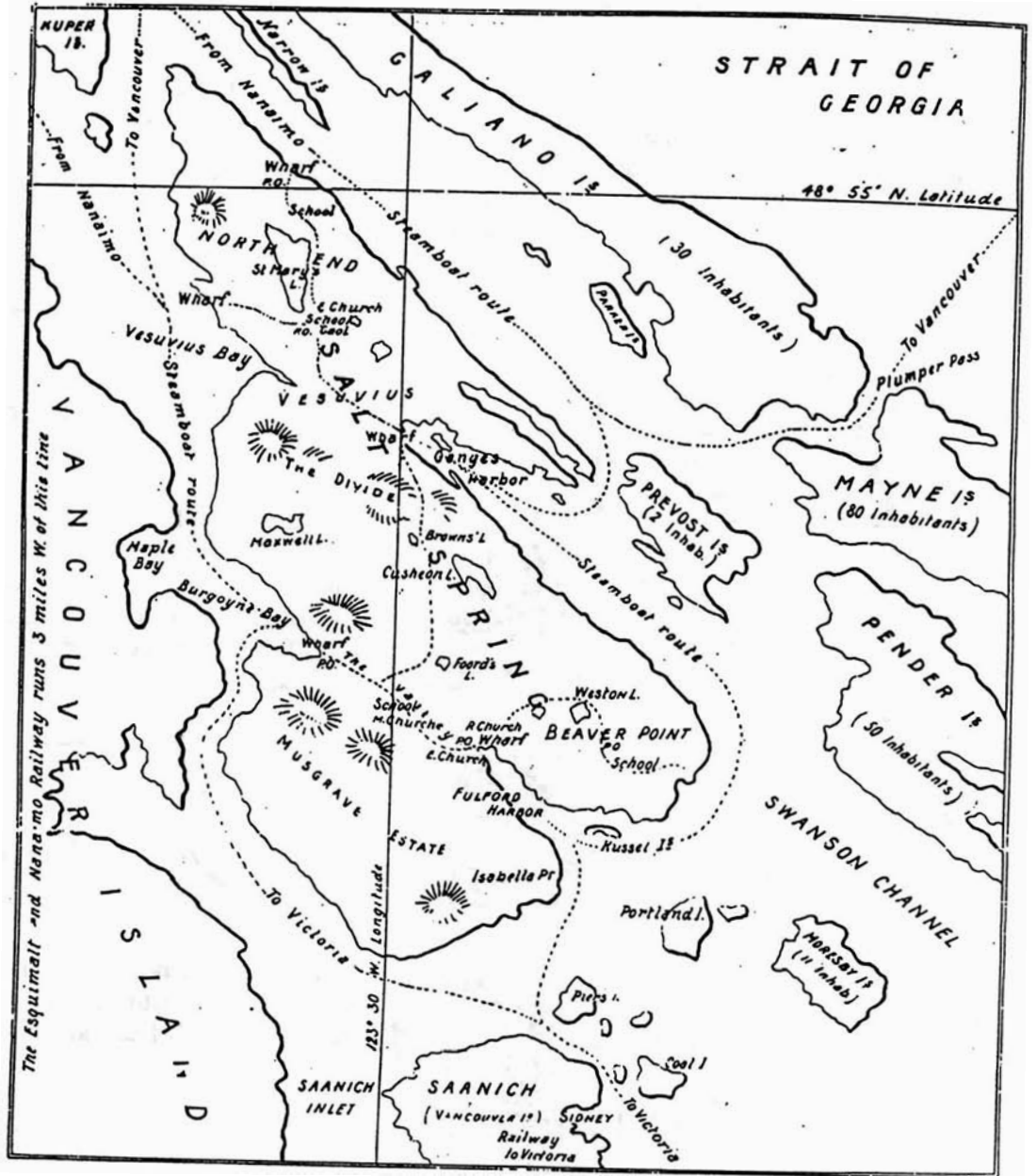
AN ILLUSTRATED PAMPHLET WITH MAP

PRICE 25 CENTS

Address: Rev. E. F. Wilson, Vesuvius P.O., B.C.

There is an Odd Fellows' lodge with a membership of 38. Noble Grand, P. Purvis; Secretary, Jos. Akerman, Jr. They meet once a month. There are five Post Offices on the Island, viz.: Vesuvius (Joel Broadwell); North End (Levi Lakin); Burgoyne Bay (S. Maxwell); Fulford Harbor (H. M. Rogers); Beaver Point (A. McLennan). Five steamboat wharves, viz.: Fernwood, Vesuvius Bay, Ganges Harbor, Burgoyne Bay, Fulford Harbor. Two boarding houses, (1) by Mrs. Stevens, at Vesuvius, roomy and home-like, with accommodation for 12 guests; charges by the day, \$1, by the week, \$5. (2) by J. Akerman, in the Valley, charges the same. One tavern, with barroom at Fulford harbor, by H. M. Rogers. One general store, Vesuvius Bay, by E. J. Bitancourt.

The present population of the island is estimated to be 450. A large number of different nationalities are represented: There are approximately, old and young, 160 English (or Canadians), 50 Scotch, 20 Irish, 22 Portuguese, 13 Swedes, 4 Germans, 2 Norwegians, 34 Americans, 90 Halfbreeds, 40 Colored, or partly colored people, 6 Sandwich Islanders, 10 Japanese, also 1 Egyptian, 2 Greeks, 1 Patagonian.



by Daniel Rosenblat & Cecil Coutts

WAY MAIL

The late Daniel Rosenblat was in the process of producing an article on WAY MAIL at the time of his death. A copy of his draft came into my possession and I have been able to enlarge upon Dan's findings.

Although catalogued by Proulx as a Vancouver Special Service Marking, Coutts has seen fit to eliminate all references to such SSM's in his catalogue. Nevertheless, slogan collectors will come across this marking and may wish to include it in their collections, so some reference to it is appropriate.

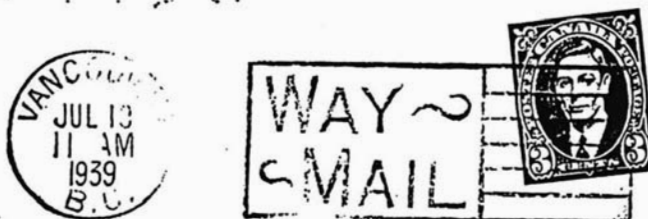
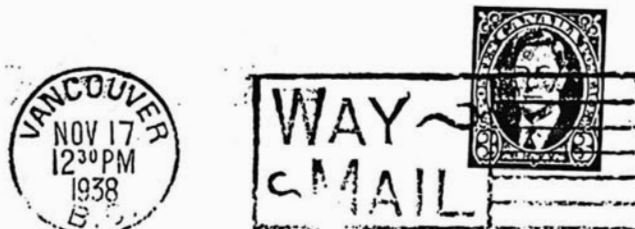
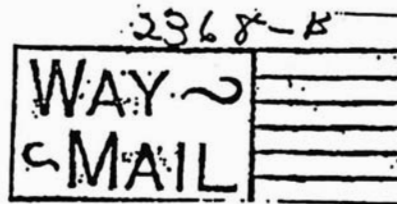
The Distribution List (DL) records the Way Mail Universal die issued to Vancouver 18 December 1931 and returned from the user to the POD 12 November 1934. The DL does not record Perfect use of this slogan.

A Pritchard and Andrews proof, showing a post office order number, exists that matches the 1932 seen usage. This is further confirmed as a Universal die since Vancouver did not convert to Perfect machines until about 20 November 1934. Usage of the U die has been seen from January 14, 1932, in 1933 and the last reported date of 18 October 1934.

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What Proulx was not aware of is that a replacement Perfect die was proofed and put into service in 1934. Earliest reported use of the P die is 3 December 1934. No further use is reported until 27 October 1938. LRD is 10 July 1939. To easily separate the dies, note the placement of the Y of WAY in relation to the A of MAIL.



But this is not the end of the story. Member Bill Topping reports a striking resurrection of the Universal die on 29 May 1984 at New Westminister of all places! Note that the word WAY has been burnished from the die. Topping thinks this die was used as a trial for about a week in a Pitney-Bowes machine.



Thanks are extended to Bill Topping for reporting dates and the New Westminister connection. Updates to what has been reported here are always welcome.

RESPONSE FORM - Gulf Islands Part 3

This is the third part of Andrew Scott's study of the post offices of the Gulf Islands. It is confined to the POCON date stamps. New information should be sent to Andrew

Andrew Scott  
Brooks Site C23  
RR 2, Half Moon Bay, BC  
V0N 1Y0

642592

FULFORD HBR  
B C

P1

642592

FULFORD

HARBOUR  
B C

P2

642592  
XII 1 1977  
FULFORD HARBOUR

P3

642592  
26 1981  
FULFORD HARBOUR  
V0S 1C0

P4

642592  
FULFORD HARBOUR  
V0S 1C0

P6

642592  
FULFORD HARBOUR  
B.C.  
V0S 1C0

P5

642592  
FULFORD HARBOUR  
SEP 12 1996  
V8K 1E0

P7

642606

GABRIOLA  
B C

P1

SI VIII 1988  
GABRIOLA, B.C.  
VOR 1X0

P2

642606  
SEP. 22 1998  
GABRIOLA, B.C.  
VOR 1X0

P3

642606  
NOV 23 2000  
GABRIOLA, B.C.  
VOR 1X0

P4

018783  
JAN 8 1992  
GALIANO ISLAND  
BC

P1

018783  
1986-09-13  
GALIANO ISLAND  
BC  
VON 1P0

P2

018783  
1997.0822  
GALIANO-ISLAND  
BC  
VON 1P0

P3

018783  
2003-02-18  
GALIANO ISLAND  
BC  
VON 1P0

P4

642630

2  
GANGES  
B C

P1

642630  
31 V 1986  
GANGES  
B.C. VOS 1E0

P2

642630  
27 X 1987  
GANGES, B.C.  
VOS 1E0

P3

642630  
DEC 9 1987  
GANGES P.O.  
Salt Spring Is., BC  
V8K 1A0

**642630**  
 JUN 20 1997  
 GANGES P.O.  
 Salt Spring Is., BC  
 V8K 1A0

P5

657  
 GANGES  
 BC

P1

**65710**  
 1997 10 26  
 SALT SPRINGS ISLAND  
 BC  
 V8K 2T0

P2

**644269**  
 MAYNE  
 B C

P1

644269  
 MAYNE  
 B.C.

P2

644269  
 VIII 22 1978  
 MAYNE, B. C.

P3

644269  
 III 12 1981  
 MAYNE, B. C.

P4

**645508**  
 PENDER ISLAND  
 B C

P1

645508  
 XI 3 1977  
 PENDER ISLAND  
 B. C.

P2

645508  
 6 I 1989  
 PENDER ISLAND  
 B. C.  
 VON 2M0

P3

**645508**  
 OCT 03 1995  
 PENDER ISLAND, B.C.  
 VON 2M0

P4

**646474**  
 SATURNA  
 B C

P1

646474  
 18 VI 1987  
 SATURNA, B.C.  
 VON 2Y0

P2

**646474**  
 24 IV 1997  
 SATURNA, B.C.  
 VON 2Y0

P3

**644412**  
 THETIS ISLAND  
 B C

P1

**644412**  
 I 24 1986  
 THETIS ISLAND  
 B.C.

P2

644412  
 II 15 1988  
 THETIS ISLAND, B.C.  
 VOR 2Y0

P3

**655457**  
 SEP 14 1992  
 THETIS ISLAND  
 BC

P1

**655457**  
 JAN 04 1993  
 THETIS ISLAND  
 BC

P2

**655457**  
 1998 11 19  
 THETIS ISLAND  
 BC  
 VON 2Y0

P3



RESPONSE FORM - Gulf Islands Part 3

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OFFICE	TYPE	PROOF	ERD	LRD	COMMENTS
Fulford Harbour (642592)	P1	MY/73			P&A style, FULFORD HBR 1 line
	P2	MY/73			P&A style, FULFORD/HARBOUR 2 lines
	P3	01/DE/77			square, no postal code
	P4	26/FE/81	31/OC/81		square, postal code V0S 1C0 but no BC
	P5		31/JY/86		square, B.C. and V0S 1C0 below date
	P6		16/DE/90	29/JA/93	square, BC above date, V0S 1C0 below
	P7		05/JU/96	12/SP/96	rectangular, postal code V8K 1B0
Gabriola (642606)	P1	MY/73	17/AU/84	05/AU/86	P&A style
	P2		31/AU/88		square
	P3		12/SP/96	07/JU/99	rectangular, V0R 1X0 is 18 mm
	P4		28/FE/99	23/NO/00	rectangular, V0R 1X0 is 24 mm
Galiano (642614)	P1	MY/73		06/AU/86	P&A style
Galiano Island (018783)	P1		15/FE/91	08/JA/92	square, no postal code
	P2		19/FE/94	03/AP/97	square, with postal code
	P3		22/AU/97	05/JA/98	rectangular, GALIANO-ISLAND with hyphen
	P4		31/DE/98	18/FE/00	rectangular, no hyphen, smaller letters
Ganges (642630)	P1	MY/73	23/NO/73	07/JY/86	P&A style, 26 mm tall (two identical daters issued)
	P1a	MY/73	28/MR/84	21/MR/87	P&A style, 27 mm tall (two identical daters issued)
	P2		25/MY/84	14/JY/93	square, large POCON #s
	P3		06/JY/87	28/SP/92	square, small POCON #s
	P4		04/OC/96	10/JU/00	rectangular, 10-mm pointed POCON #s
	P5		19/AP/96	29/JU/00	rectangular, 6-mm rounded POCON #s
Ganges (657107)	P1		17/OC/90	20/OC/96	square, GANGES/BC
	P2		26/OC/97		rectang'r, SALT SPRINGS ISLAND/BC/V8K 2TO
Mayne (644269)	P1	MY/73			P&A style
	P2	PBnd	16/JA/75	25/JU/77	square, MAYNE//B.C.
	P3	22/AU/78			square, MAYNE, B.C. is 22 mm
	P4	12/MR/81	27/MY/86		square, MAYNE, B.C. is 20.5 mm
Mayne Island	P1		04/JA/92	27/JY/94	RC 063304
	P2		28/NO/94	15/NO/96	RC 164565
	P3		23/JY/98	31/MY/00	RC 344141
Pender Island (645508)	P1	MY/73	07/AP/75		P&A style, blue ink
	P2	03/NO/77	24/JU/80	13/AU/88	square, no postal code, expanded with age
	P3		06/JA/89	15/JU/98	square, with code, small POCON #s
	P4		03/OC/96	29/JU/98	square, with code, larger POCON #s
Port Washington	P1	MY/73	23/AP/73	30/JA/78	P&A style, blue+ inks (POCON 645788)
Saturna (646474)	P1	MY/73	01/AP/75	06/MR/85	P&A style, purple+ inks
	P2		18/JU/87	06/FE/88	square, small POCON #s, purple ink
	P3		12/SP/96	08/JA/98	square, large POCON #s
Thetis Island (644412)	P1	MY/73	19/JU/75		P&A style
	P2		24/JA/86		square, no postal code
	P3		15/FE/88	03/OC/88	square, with code
Thetis Island (655457)	P1		08/JA/90	12/JY/93	square, no postal code, small #s, red+ inks
	P2		04/JA/94	01/MY/96	rectangular, no code
	P3		12/DE/95	10/AP/00	rectangular, with code, purple+ inks

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