

Wilson
Box 46
Folder 32
Post Office: Santee
1955-1962

A collection of letters, news releases, a telegram & office notes. **Examples are:** a letter (7/4/55) from Santee constituent James W. "Bill" Pumphrey & Wilson's reply (8/2/55) re/ old friends converse about "delivering bread and milk to the mansions of Mission Hills," politics, religion and the possibility of Pumphrey being appointed postmaster; a letter (8/1/55) from constituent Cecil Morgan & Wilson Admin. Asst. E.R. Terrar, Jr.'s reply (8/8/55) re/ comments on the growth of Santee & Mr. Morgan, "a long time resident of the area, and a business man," recommends "a young, vigorous, understanding good Republican . . . John W. Song" as the new postmaster;" office note (n.d.) re/ "Chet Harritt recommended by Dr. Cornell & Bill Pumphrey;" a letter (8/16/55) from Ronald E. Cameron (Minister, Santee Community Methodist Church) – "To Whom It may concern" re/ a letter written in support "of Chester F. Harritt to the office of Postmaster of the Santee Post Office;" a letter (8/14/55) from C. F. Harritt & Wilson's reply (8/19/55) re/ "Thank you for your letter of application, outlining your background;" a letter (8/12/55) from Santee constituent Mrs. Hazel E. Wagenhoffer & Wilson's reply (8/19/55) re/ "Santee will soon need a new postmaster. Mrs. Gilbert is resigning . . . I would like to be considered for the position of acting postmaster;" a letter (8/29/55) from La Mesa constituent E. W. Wilson & Wilson's reply (9/7/55) re/ after mentioning potential support from Cecil Morgan, E. W. Wilson cites his veteran's experience, three theaters and seven battle stars, his age (36) & his support for a Republican Administration; a letter (9/20/55) from Chula Vista constituent G. F. Cornell re/ personal & political commentary; two letters (9/2 & 9/30/55) from Asst. Postmaster N. R. Abrams & Wilson's reply (10/6/55) re/ "A postmaster vacancy exists in the Second Class Post Office at Santee" & Abrams' follow up requesting "early action be taken to appoint an acting postmaster" – Wilson responded by recommending Chester F. Harritt be so appointed; office note (10/25/55) re/ "Mr. Minor called and left this message: Chester F. Harritt will be installed as Acting Postmaster of Santee October 31, 1955;" a letter (4/12/56) from Samuel Freedman (President and General Mgr., Chemalloy Electronics, Corp.) & Wilson's reply (5/3/56) re/ support for Acting Postmaster Chester Harritt be appointed permanent postmaster; letters (5/23 & 5/24/56) reaffirming that Mr. Harritt be appointed permanent postmaster for Santee; a telegram (7/20/56) from Wilson to Chester Harritt re/ "Happy to advise you that your appointment as postmaster at Santee was confirmed by the Senate yesterday; a letter (2/20/59) from Verne Scoggins (Regional Operations Dir., San Francisco) to Wilson re/ since Santee now qualified for city delivery service, "action will be taken to establish this service as soon as possible;" a letter (3/18/59) from Verne Scroggins to Wilson re/ "I am pleased to inform you that we plan to establish city delivery service at Santee, California, on May 2, 1959. It is estimated that approximately 3,500 people" reside in the area; a letter (8/3/60) from Regional Operations Dir. Verne Scroggins & two copies of "a news release announcing that a new post office has been authorized for Santee" – "The land under option is located on the north side of Mission George Road, approximately 600 feet west of Cottonwood Avenue;" a letter (8/15/61) from C. F. Harritt & Wilson's reply (8/23/61) re/ "we are finally breaking ground for the new Santee Post Office. . . . we have scheduled [it] for this Saturday,

August 19th at 3:00 p.m. You are of course invited. . . .” Wilson was in Washington and could not attend; a letter (1/30/62) from Kathleen Mettey (Chairman, Santee Chamber of Commerce) & Wilson’s reply (2/15/62) re/ an invite to the dedication of the new Santee Post Office (2/17/62), but Wilson was unable to attend. Wilson requested the Post Office Dept. send Santee a flag for the dedication ceremony.