

Appendix 10: United States Civil Service Commission

Dave Davini served as Postmaster in the community of Fort Seward from 1938 to 1944. As Postmaster in Fort Seward he received and sorted mail. In addition he became an advisor to many rural families who needed help with any number of problems related to the federal government and transportation of goods through the mail and by railroad. The mail arrived almost daily on the train; and people would come from farms, ranches and surrounding communities to get their mail. The Post Office was a real asset to the general store. Hugo, Dave's dad, often helped in the Post Office and kept records as required by the government and postal customers.

- A. Post Office Department Letter – September 22, 1944. The United States Post Office Department acknowledged Dave Davini's service as Postmaster and informed him he would be eligible for a small annuity when he became 62 years of age.
- B. Letter to U. S. Civil Service Commission – July 18, 1955. In 1955, R. R. Carey, Accountant for Dave Davini, inquired as to the Civil Service retirement for which Davini would be eligible
- C. U. S. Civil Service Commission Reply Letter – August 3, 1955. The United States Civil Service Commission informed Dave Davini that he would be eligible for about \$15.00 per month when he retired, or he could receive a lump sum benefit. To the author's knowledge he never collected anything for his Civil Service duties.

DIVISION OF POSTMASTERS

IN REPLYING
REFER TO INITIALS AND DATE

Post Office Department
FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL
Washington 25, D. C.

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September 22, 1944.

Mr. David A. Davini,
Fort Seward, California.

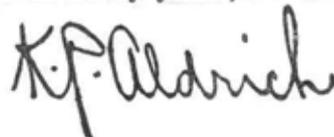
My dear Mr. Davini:

Reference is made to your resignation from the post-
mastership.

Under the provisions of a recent amendment to the Re-
tirement Act, all persons separated from the service before
becoming eligible for retirement are entitled to draw an
annuity payable in monthly installments at the age of 62
years if they have rendered five or more years service.

This is for your information.

Sincerely yours,



K. P. ALDRICH
First Assistant Postmaster General.

July 18, 1955

United States Civil Service Commission
Washington, D.C.

In re: David A. Davini formerly of
Fort Seward, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Mr. David A. Davini, a very good friend and client of mine, asked me to write to you relative to his present Civil Service status arising from the fact that he was at one time Postmaster at Fort Seward, California. I believe his term of office starting in 1938 or 1939 extended to 1943 or 1944 - at least, he informs me that it was in excess of 5 years.

Mr. Davini has received several communications from you relative to the desirability of leaving his deductions during that period intact in the Civil Service Retirement Fund. This he has done. At this time he would like to know just what balance there is to his credit in the Civil Service Retirement Fund and whether or not it would be a good idea to cash it in. Mr. Davini's address at this time is:

David A. Davini
Cloverdale, California

I know he would appreciate it if you would address a communication to him answering the above question.

Very truly yours,

RRC:ep

R. R. CAREY

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
BUREAU OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
AND REFER TO
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AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

August 3, 1955

Mr. David A. Davini
Cleverdale, California

Dear Mr. Davini:

At the request of Mr. Richard R. Carey, I am furnishing information relative to your status under the Civil Service Retirement Act.

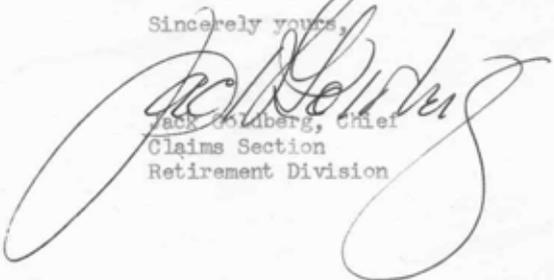
Your past Federal service entitles you to a lifetime annuity starting the first of the month after you reach age 62, provided you do not withdraw the money you have to your credit in the retirement fund. Or, if you prefer, you may forfeit your right to an annuity and elect to receive a refund, with interest, of the total amount in your retirement account.

We estimate that your annuity at 62 will be about \$15.00 per month. If you elect to take the refund you will receive the \$37.78 now in your account, plus accumulated interest which has not yet been computed.

Any amount left in the retirement fund after 5 or more years' service, earns interest at the rate of 3% compounded annually from date of separation until annuity begins, or until date of death. In case of death before annuity begins, the total amount in the account, plus accumulated interest, becomes payable in the form of a lump sum death benefit.

If you decide to take the refund, let us know and we will furnish you with a refund application blank. If your decision is to leave your money in the fund and take the annuity, call your case to our attention about 30 days before the starting date of annuity and we will send form and instructions for filing proper claim.

Sincerely yours,


Jack Goldberg, Chief
Claims Section
Retirement Division