

Private Collections of Davis History Materials

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A few private parties collect documents and artifacts of Davis history. This is a list of owners of these collections who have given me permission to list them here.

Haig Collection. In addition to her role as Curator of the Hattie Weber Museum of Davis, Phyllis Haig has kept documents from meetings on local history and historic preservation she has attended since the early 1960s. In addition, she made handwritten notes on events at these meetings and these notes are a part of these records.

Lofland Collection. In the mid-1990s, I began to study the history of Davis regarding: (1) the Old North area, (2) city council elections, (3) the number and survival rate of Davis "heritage" (pre-World War II) structures, (4) photographs from the 1910s-40s: (5) the history and context of the Terminal Building that was once at the northeast corner of Second and G streets, and (6) some other topics.

This has resulted in a miscellaneous collection. Most notably, I have extensive original copies of the Davis Enterprise. These date from the late 1960s to the present, with many gaps. I have also scanned photographs from a number of sources and have a thousand or more digital files of historic Davis images.

Richards Collection. Pete Richards of Davis Gold and Silver collects Davis UCD and high school yearbooks, and other kinds of objects. Some of them are for sale or trade. His shop is next to the Little Prague restaurant in the retail complex at the southeast corner of Fourth and G streets.

If you know of other private collections that might be listed here, please be in touch with me at jflofland@ucdavis.edu