

Obtaining Personal Copies of Volumes in the Davis History Traveling Library

Suggestions by John Lofland

I have been asked to suggest ways to acquire personal copies of the 15 volumes in the Davis History Traveling Library (DHTL) and I am happy to do so.

But before making those suggestions I want to point out that anyone can read all 15 volumes for free at the Davis Branch of the Yolo County Library on 14th St. in Davis. Although a few are “library use only,” many can be checked out.

My suggestions are organized into two parts: **I. Sources** in general and **II. Volume-specific** enumerations.

I. SOURCES. Based on my experience in acquiring these volumes, I suggest eleven main sources.

1. Directly from the Publisher. Many publishers sell books directly through the mail in response to mailed-in orders or online with credit cards.

2. Bookstore Order. Bookstores will order a book for you.

3. Three Davis Bookstores That Favor Davis History Books. Three Davis bookstores seek routinely to stock a number of the 15, although they sometimes run out of a title and it takes a while to get it back in. These three are the *Avid Reader*, *The UCD Bookstore*, and *Davis Borders*. Moreover, do not count on any particular title being in any of these bookstores at any specific time.

4. The Hattie Weber Museum of Davis. Many are available for purchase at the Hattie Weber Museum of Davis, 5th & C streets, Davis.

5. Amazon.com. The internet revolution upsetting the book-selling apple cart is most ominously symbolized by Amazon.com. In addition to carrying many of the 15 at large discounts, Amazon has gone into the used book business and shows where you can buy cheap copies from “time-tested” book sellers.

6. e-Bay. A search of e-Bay on “Davis California” regularly reveals at least a few of the 15 on auction (and they go for only a few dollars, for the most part).

7. Simple Google Search. Putting the last name of the author and the title key words into Google can often produce for-sale information on that book.

8. Used Book Consortium Websites. The real fun, though, is at the large websites to which used book dealers around the country subscribe in order to have online notice of their offerings. These include: <http://www@alibris.com/>
<http://www@abebooks.com>
<http://www@bookspot.com/antiquebooks.htm>
(A list of yet more such sites appears on the third listed, Book Spot.)

9. Internet Download. Increasingly, entire volumes are on the internet for complete download. In the DHTL, only number 6, Fitch, is download-available. (Portions of some of the others are on various websites, but not entire volumes.)

10. Ask Real Nicely. When last I checked, the City of Davis Department of Community Development had copies of volume number 5 (the 1996 cultural resources survey) and number 13 (the 2003 version of the same survey). My assessment is that relevant officials will sell copies to serious purchasers.

11. Photocopy. Two of the 15 are so rare or have been produced in such limited numbers that one is forced to photocopy them if one wants a copy. These are number 2 (Larkey columns) and number 3 (Historical Environment Consultants).

II. VOLUME-SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS. The numbers of the suggested sources (given just above) follow each title.

1. Larkey, *Davisville '68*: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.
2. Larkey, *Portraits of the Past*: 11.
3. Historic Environments Consultants, *Cultural Resource Inventory*: 11.
4. Davis Enterprise, *Those Who Make Memories*: 3, 5, 6, 7, 8.
5. Architectural Resources Group, *City of Davis Cultural Resources*: 8, 10, 11.
6. Fitch, *Growing Pains*: 9, 11.
7. Lofland, *Old North Davis*: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.
8. Jackman, *Down Home Tales of Davis*: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7.
9. Diemer, *Davis From the Inside Out*: 3, 5, 6, 7, 8.
10. Lofland & Haige, *Davis, 1910s-1940s*: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.
11. Scheuring, *Abundant Harvest*: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.
The UCD Bookstore is the official distributor of this book.
12. Lofland, *Demolishing A Historic Hotel*: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. The Avid Reader is the official distributor of this book.
13. Roland-Nawi Associates, *Central Davis Historic Conservation District*: 8, 10, 11.
14. Lofland, *Davis*: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.
15. Vaught, *After the Gold Rush*: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.