

Many residents of Davis think of their university city as a warm and friendly place that has a "lovely small town character." This image rests importantly on the fact that pre-World War II buildings are a conspicuous feature of Davis' central area. Without the heritage of these buildings, Davis would look much like other freeway strip cities, to the detriment of its "small town character." Given this importance,

- Just how many of these heritage buildings are there?
- How many were there to start with?
- What is the rate of their demolition?
- What is the future of these structures?

In this booklet, local author John Lofland tries to answer these questions. A Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of California, Davis, he is the author of *Davis, California, 1910s-1940s* (with Phyllis Haig, Arcadia, 2000) and of *Old North Davis: Guide to Walking a Traditional Neighborhood* (Yolo County Historical Society, 1999).

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Davis Heritage Buildings

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- How many Left?

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