About the Archives

The Yolo County Archives is the official repository for Yolo County records, as well as donated materials relevant to the history of the county. The Archives was officially founded in 1985 thanks to the efforts of the Yolo County Historical Advisory Committee, former Yolo County Librarian Mary Stephens, and many community members.

The Friends of the Yolo County Archives was founded in 1986 as a non-profit organization whose purpose is to support the services and facilities of the Yolo County Archives.



Davis Bikeway on Sycamore Boulevard. 1968. Photo LK04-003. Acc. #2002-020.

Archives staff will perform up to one hour of free research. Additional time is available, upon request, for a fee.

Staff-approved, digital or physical copies of non-fragile materials is allowed. There are fees associated with this service.

Patrons receive assistance to identify potentially useful collections or records.



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Public research by appointment only

HOURS:

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Thursday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Yolo County Archives is the main source for the history of the people, places and culture of Yolo County. It houses thousands of unique reference and research resources.

Image on cover: Rambouillet sheep at the University Farm (UC Davis). 1923. Photo by McCurry. Photo A01-146. Acc. #1986-004.



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Collections

Subject & Research Collections: Davis Homes & Businesses Subject Collection, Davis Public Library Vertical Files, UC Davis Subject Collection, Occupy Davis Subject Collection, Joann Larkey Research Collection.

Government: Davis Planning Commission Minutes (1920-1940), Davis Migrant Childcare Program (1966-1976), Davis Committee for Early Childhood Needs (1978-1998), Davis Public Library Records, Cooperative Extension Records.

Property and Tax Records: Deeds, Official Records, tax assessor rolls and lists, tax assessor maps (ca. 1850s-1970s).

Schools and School Records: Teacher and Principal Reports (1865-1949), UC Davis Yearbooks (1950-1970), Davis High School Yearbooks (1962-2022). Collections have gaps.



Davisville Enterprise office. Photo YHM02460. Acc. #2022-005.



Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Davis. 1921-1941. Acc. #1997-023.

Clubs and Organizations: Davis League of Women Voters, Davis Musical Theater Company, Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis Life Odysseys Oral Histories, Paws & Taws Square Dance Club Scrapbook.

Dietrich Family Collection: Family photos, albums, correspondence, and diaries collected by Davis native Thelma Dietrich.

Board of Supervisors: Records from former Yolo County Supervisor Betsy Marchand and former Supervisor and Assemblywoman Helen Thompson.

Photograph Collection: Images of

people, places, and activities from numerous sources. Many photographs have been digitized and can be viewed online through our database.



Reading Room

Select Titles:

Historic Environment Consultants. Davis Cultural Resources Inventory. 1980.

Larkey, Joann. Davisville '68: The History and Heritage of the City of Davis. City of Davis, 1980.

Materials from the Reading Room Collection do not circulate and must be viewed onsite at the Archives.

Online Access



View Archives collections through our Axiell database, Online Archive of California. California Revealed, and the Yolo County Library Cataloa. The Archives also has access to ancestry.com 5,000 and over diaital through newspapers Newspapers.com.



G Street looking north from 2nd Street. 1970. Photo YHM02972. Acc. #2022-005.