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Interview with Susan and Jack Davis

Yellowstone devotees throughout the country, and indeed around the world, know the name Davis. The Davis Collection of Yellowstone National Park historic memorabilia has become legendary among the growing numbers of people who collect materials relating to the world's first national park. Susan and Jack Davis have devoted their lives to acquiring, organizing, researching, and upgrading the most complete privately held collection of park memorabilia known to exist.

Recently, the park acquired the majority of the Davis Collection with the help of the Yellowstone Park Foundation and through the generosity of the Davises, who donated thousands of additional items. The foundation's effort is just another excellent example of the work it is doing to further the goals of Yellowstone National Park. Board member Ron Lerner raised the necessary funds to bring this important part of the Yellowstone story home to the park.

With time, the Davis Collection will reside in the new Yellowstone Heritage and Research Center, proposed to be located near the park's North Entrance. This approximately 32,000 square foot facility will provide an adequate home for Yellowstone's museum, library, and archival collections and will easily accommodate the Davis Collection, ensuring it is well cared for and made accessible to those wishing to learn more about the park's history.

In October 2001, Yellowstone Science editor, Roger Anderson, and park archivist, Lee Whittlesey, sat down with Susan and Jack to discuss the significance of the park's recent acquisition of their collection and explore their love for all things Yellowstone.

