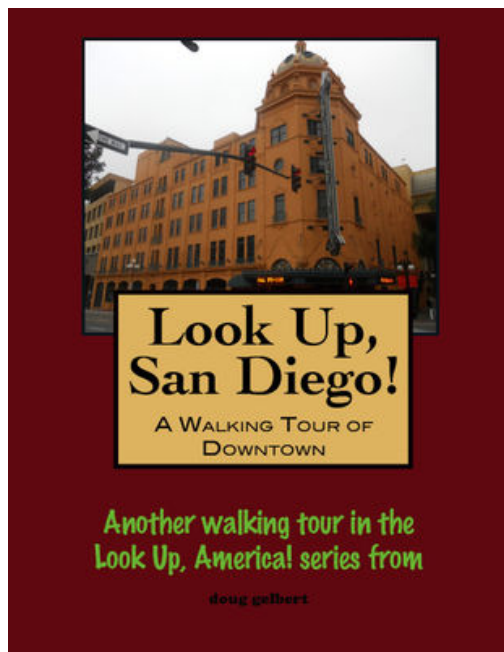


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San Diego but few stayed. In 1850, months before California would be admitted to the Union, William Heath Davis was one of the first to move out of the developed part of town and attempt to take advantage of that harbor. Despite spending an estimated \$60,000 on the project his wharf was crudely built and in 1853 the steamer Los Angeles barreled into it and the damage was never repaired. Davis was long gone by 1862 when the United States Army dismantled his wharf and used the timber for firewood. There would not be another settlement effort until 1867 when Alonzo Horton gobbled up 900 acres of what would one day be downtown San Diego for \$265. Horton energetically laid out streets, sold lots and encouraged development. Within twenty years "New Town" was THE town. Horton always had an eye on the bottom line so he created small town blocks that gave him more corners to sell. Today many of the Victorian buildings from these early boom years of the 1880s and 1890s remain in downtown's Gaslamp Quarter. There are 94 designated historic buildings in the Gaslamp Quarter and our walking tour will spend a good amount of time among the fanciful two- and three- and four-story buildings but we will also explore the towers around the fringes and thanks to Alonzo Horton's short blocks it will seem like we are covering quite a bit of ground...

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