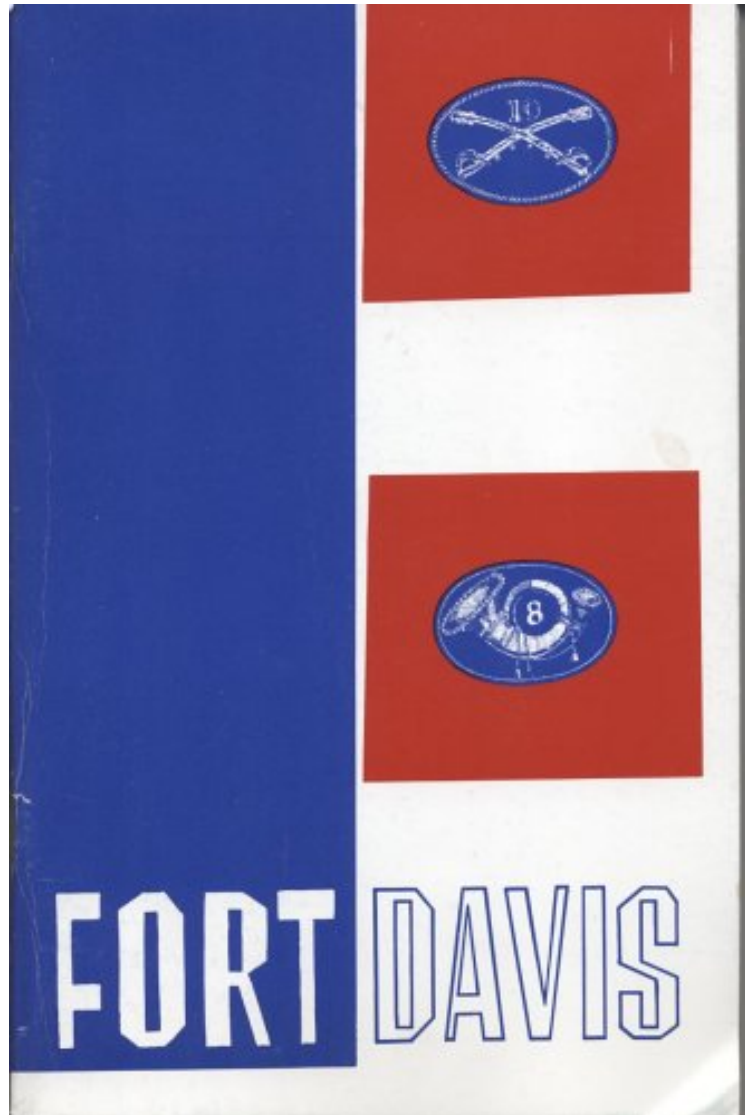


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Tells the story of Fort Davis from the events leading to its founding in 1854 to its establishment as a National Historic Site in 1933.