

Dr. Edward N. Tihen (1924-1991) was an avid reader and researcher of Wichita newspapers. His notes from Wichita newspapers -- the "Tihen Notes," as we call them -- provide an excellent starting point for further research. They present brief synopses of newspaper articles, identify the newspaper -- Eagle, Beacon or Eagle-Beacon -- in which the stories first appeared, and give exact references to the pages on which the articles are found. Microfilmed copies of these newspapers are available at the Wichita State University Libraries, the Wichita Public Library, or by interlibrary loan from the Kansas State Historical Society.

Subject(s): 1157 North Topeka, Bitting family members

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, June 5, 1887

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4. Architects Terry and Thompson have completed plans for a residence for Mr. A. W. Bitting to be located on southwest corner of Topeka and 11th st. Details.

Wichita Beacon

Tuesday, October 4, 1887

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1. Mr. Al Bitting is just finishing a fine residence on North Topeka costing \$15,000. Mr. Terry is the architect.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, August 26, 1906

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5. Death notice of William H. Sternberg, contractor, who died yesterday at age 75. He was contractor for the county court house, government building, south wing of Mt. Carmel Academy, Royce block, Fletcher block, Levy mansion at 1st and Topeka, so long the home of the Commercial club, the fine home of C. R. Miller, the residence of Charles Smyth on Waco avenue, Geroge Pratt house on North Emporia, home of A. W. Bitting, etc., and the many additions to the Masonic home. Came to Wichita in 1877. Survived by two sons, William O. and Oscar E.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, October 17, 1920

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Article in Sunday paper about a number of prominent homes with photographs of 11 of them. ¶ Photographs:

W. E. Edwards	1505 Fairview	built 1870 by J. H. Aley (barn built first)
M. C. Campbell	1313 North Emporia	

A. W. Bitting	1157 North Topeka	built early 90s
C. W. Bitting	715 North Lawrence	built 1888
Walter Morris	11th and Riverside	built 1888
C. W. Brown	1104 North Lawrence	built 1892
Dr. Fabrique	503 North Lawrence	begun July 1870
Gilbert Tucker	1105 North Lawrence	built 1886
L. W. Clapp	Wellington Place	built 1887
H. W. Lewis	305 North Emporia	completed January 1884 by A. W. Oliver
A. A. Hyde	3723 East Second	built 1889

Wichita Eagle**Sunday, June 15, 1924****page**

Rotogravure

Photograph of A. W. Bitting residence, 1157 North Topeka.

Wichita Beacon**Wednesday, July 11, 1934****page**

1. Report of death yesterday of Wichita pioneer, A. W. Bitting, age 88. In Wichita since June 25, 1876, coming here from Pennsylvania, and soon followed by his brother, Charles. Obituary. They discontinued their business in 1898 and he moved to New York for a few years, but returned to Wichita in 1906 and then established the A. W. Bitting Wholesale Jewelry Company. Home at 11th and Topeka. Married Miss Mary Lucy Eldridge in 1881. She survives, as well as two daughters, Lucy E. and Florence Frances, and one son, Carl, all of Wichita. Was member of First Presbyterian Church for many years. Photograph (page 7).

Wichita Beacon**Thursday, May 23, 1940****page**

20. Report of death today of Mrs. A. W. Bitting, age 81, at her home, 1157 North Topeka. Born in Angelice, New York. Maiden name was Mary Lucy Eldridge. Came to Wichita with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Eldridge, in 1873. Lived in one of Wichita's early pretentious homes at 1st and Emporia, where the YMCA now stands. Husband died six years ago. Survived by one son, Carl Eldridge Bitting, and two daughters, Miss Lucy E. Bitting and Miss Florence Bitting, all at the home. Photo.

Wichita Eagle**Saturday, March 6, 1943****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Miss Florence Francis Bitting, 1157 North Topeka, member of a prominent pioneer Wichita family. Born here in 1887, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs A. W. Bitting. Survived by a brother, Carl E. Bitting, of 1157 North Topeka, and a sister, Lucy. Two cousins named.

Wichita Eagle**Monday, October 11, 1943****page**

3. An old landmark in the north part of the city, the A. W. Bitting residence at 1157 North Topeka, was sold this weekend by its owners, Carl and Lucy Bitting, to Charles and Tom Quick. The imposing three story brick residence was built in 1890. The Quicks plan to remodel it into a number of apartments.

Wichita Eagle**Thursday, August 24, 1950****page**

2. Building permit issued for \$100,000 store building at 1146 North Broadway, to be used by Safeway Stores, Inc.

Wichita Eagle**Friday, October 23, 1964****page**

- 9B. Report of death yesterday in Larned, Kansas, of Miss Lucy E. Bitting, 80, of Wichita. Born in Wichita. Survived by brother, Carl E. Bitting, 902 North Terrace Drive. Photo. Burial in Highland Cemetery.

Wichita Eagle-Beacon**Sunday, July 31, 1966****page**

- 1D. Construction is under way on a new enlarged Safeway store at 11th and Broadway. To cost \$300,000 and have 24,000 square feet. It will replace the 14 year old Safeway store at 1146 North Broadway, which has 14,000 square feet.

Wichita Eagle-Beacon**Thursday, July 23, 1970****page**

- 12D. Report of death yesterday in Kansas Masonic Home, of Carl E. Bitting, 88, son of Wichita pioneer businessman A. W. Bitting. Born in a cottage where Gill Mortuary is now located. Lived most of his life in Wichita and was in wholesale jewelry business with his father. No immediate survivors. First Presbyterian Church. Further biography. Photo.

Burial in Highland Cemetery.