

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): J. O. Davidson, Riverside, Riverside Land Company

Wichita Beacon

Thursday, July 30, 1885

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1. J. O. **Davidson** is now in the east negotiating mortgage loans. He is doing well in disposing of his negotiable paper there.

Thursday, January 6, 1887

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1. Article describes in detail the new residence soon to be built in Riverside for J. O. **Davidson**. Mr. Alfred Gould is the architect. It is of Romanesque design and will cost \$25,000. To be heated by steam and have gas lighting.

Thursday, January 13, 1887

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1. The Riverside addition is attracting large numbers of our citizens who are looking for good residential property. Mr. J. O. **Davidson** reports the sale of \$70,000 worth of lots there in the past ten days, all to Wichita men.

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4. Long article describing Riverside addition and houses being constructed there. Says J. O. **Davidson** residence is to be constructed of variegated Dunreath sandstone.

Friday, March 9, 1888

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4. Mr. J. O. **Davidson** says the contract for the construction of the Riverside Electric Motor line has been signed in New York.

Friday, July 27, 1888

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1. Mr. C. C. Allen, superintendent of the Telephone Company, is now extending the wires to Riverside. All told there will be about 1½ mile of new line built giving connection to the new residences of Messrs. J. O. **Davidson**, B. H. Campbell, Stanley, Derst, and Dr.

Johnson. The poles will probably be painted.

Tuesday, October 22, 1889

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1. Discussion in city council last night of contest between Riverside and Suburban and the Wichita Street Railway companies over right-of-way in the first block on South Market. W. E. Stanley was attorney for Riverside and Suburban and Kos Harris for the City Street Railway company. Latter said the request for franchise authority was but an effort by the Riverside line to wreck the City railway line. Mr. Stanley replied that J. O. **Davidson** had no disposition to injure the City railway line, as he owned five times as much stock in the latter line as he did in the Riverside line. No decision made.

Saturday, July 9, 1892

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4. J. O. **Davidson** is sick in bed at his home in Riverside.

A mortgage of the Burton car works for \$1,500,000 was filed in the register of deeds' office yesterday. It is dated July 1, 1892 and signed by J. C. Moore, president, J. D. Fowler, secretary, and Clarence Hale Clark of the Burton Car Works Company. The mortgagee is the Atlantic Trust Company of New York. J. O. **Davidson**, the resident director and manager of the company, which is organized under the laws of Maine, said the intention is to complete and enlarge the plant facilities to build new cars, etc. The mortgaged property consists of the cars now owned and operated or leased by the company, and real estate in Wichita and Chicago.

Tuesday, May 30, 1893

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4. The handsome home of J. O. **Davidson** in Riverside has been turned over to its new owner, E. H. Witherell, who took possession on Saturday. ¶ The following is from the Kansas City *Star* of last evening: "E. H. Witherell of Emporia, owner of the Woodland hotel at corner of 8th and Woodland avenue, this afternoon sold the hotel property to J. O. **Davidson**. The consideration was \$50,000. Mr. **Davidson**'s purchase was made as an investment."

Thursday, March 15, 1900

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5. The big pile driver driving piles for the new street car bridge in Riverside was moved over to the west bank this morning. The last of the piles are being driven. The bridge will be curved instead of flat, to correspond with the wagon bridge.

The old Watch Factory building on the West Side was sold yesterday to the trustees of the Catholic church at St. Marks for \$4,200. It will be torn down and the material taken to St. Marks, where a cathedral (sic) will be erected. The front section is 40 by 50 feet, four stories, and the rear section 30 by 146 feet, three stories. The stock of the

company was divided into 390 shares, J. O. **Davidson** holding 150, Holmer and Haymaker 60, H. W. Lewis 74, and Irving Stratton 53. The building cost the owners about \$35,000.

Saturday, June 16, 1906**page**

13. Real estate sale: January 6, J. O. **Davidson** to Jennie S. Martling, odd lots 59 to 67, Carter avenue, Riverside addition for \$550.

Thursday, June 25, 1908**page**

10. Real estate transfer: J. O. **Davidson** to Tipton Cox, June 24, 1908, Reserve B, Riverside addition, for \$25,000.

Friday, May 28, 1915**page**

1. Report says the Knights of Columbus are considering purchase of the old J. O. **Davidson** home in Riverside for use as a club house. Details.

Monday, January 17, 1916**page**

1. Report of sudden death early yesterday morning of J. O. (James Oakley) **Davidson**, at his residence on North Lawrence Avenue, at age 65. Apparently died during the night and death not discovered until 9:00 a.m. Born in Cuba (?) Allegany County, New York on March 4, 1850. Obituary. Photograph. Details. ¶ Married in 1876 to Miss Ida Fitch, of Eldorado, Kansas. She died in 1883, leaving a son, Frank, now in business in Texas. Remarried in 1887 to Miss Bessie Carver, of Jacksonville, Illinois, who survives him. They had two children, Bessie Oakley, now Mrs. Given Hagny, and James Ogden, both in Wichita. ("J. O. **Davidson** Passes Away") -- page 1 and page 4. Interview with Thomas G. Fitch on page 4.

Sunday, January 21, 1923**page**

7. Article about abstract on property at 854 Faulkner, which was sold Thursday to W. A. Faulkerson. Shows a patent on the land was issued by President U. S. Grant in 1866 (sic). William Smith sold the track in 1876 to one Henry B. Goodyear, of Paris, France. Charles T. DeForest of New York City purchased the 129 acres in which this property was located in 1877 for \$2000. Seventy acres of the grant was sold in 1886 to the Riverside Land Company, of which J. O. **Davidson** was president, for \$18,000. This 70 acres was at that time platted into town lots.

Wichita Eagle**Thursday, December 26, 1872****page**

3. Note about the Boston Boot and Shoe house of J. O. **Davidson**.

Thursday, May 18, 1876**page**

3. Mr. Oak **Davidson**, formerly a merchant of this city, but lately connected with a bank at Eldorado (sic), has returned to this city with the intention of making this his headquarters.

Thursday, April 28, 1881**page**

3. Mr. C. T. Buffum, president of the Keene, New Hampshire five percent Savings Institution, a bank of \$200,000 capital for whom S. L. **Davidson** and Company have for some time been lending money, has been spending a week or two in Wichita. Mr. Buffum, a quiet little gentleman, was warm in his praise of this valley. Messrs. **Davidson** and Company have loaned out something like \$100,000 for Mr. Buffum's bank, which institution is also a stockholder in the new Kansas State Bank and Lombard Mortgage Company. Mr. Buffum, in company with Oak **Davidson**, left Monday for Harper and Kingman counties.

Thursday, February 1, 1883**page**

3. The Citizens Bank, of Messrs. **Davidson** et. al., is now in business on Main street opposite the post office.

Tuesday, April 14, 1885**page**

4. Note reports death of Mrs. J. Oak **Davidson** Sunday at age 27. Maiden name Ida Fitch. Came to Eldorado from Chicago in 1876. Born August 26, 1857. Married to Oak **Davidson** on April 10, 1876. Has one son.

Friday, December 18, 1885**page**

4. Now comes the funniest and least looked for addition to this city of all that have heretofore been made. We have thought of it often, but doubted its ever being made. We are to have a north side as well as a west side. J. Oak **Davidson** will plat the peninsula consisting of 120 acres, including the wooded plat of ground on the north side of the Little River and west of Lakeside, and sell it out for residences. He will, we understand, bridge the Little River, and in his plat provide for a circuitous drive or street along the margin of the river. It is at present a densely wooded place, and but few people have ever been through it, as it can at present only be reached by going a mile or two around, but no doubt it will make a fine addition, while it is much nearer

the business portion of the city than many of the other new additions.

Saturday, January 9, 1886**page**

4. The sale of a half interest in the Wichita street railway to Col. B. H. Campbell has been consummated, with the following officers elected under the new management: B. H. Campbell, president; E. R. Powell, vice-president; treasurer, and general manager; G. W. Larimer, secretary; E. C. Ruggles, attorney. ¶ The board of directors include the above men plus J. O. **Davidson** and C. R. Miller.

Wednesday, February 10, 1886**page**

4. The first charter of this week was granted to the Kansas Midland Railway Company, which is designed to run from Wichita to Red Cloud, Nebraska on the Burlington and Missouri River. Capital stock is \$5,000,000. Directors are S. W. Campbell, C. R. Miller, J. O. **Davidson**, W. E. Stanley, Robert E. Lawrence, H. G. Lee, and O. H. Bentley, all of Wichita.

Tuesday, May 11, 1886**page**

6. C. T. Buffum, a prominent and wealthy banker of Keene, New Hampshire and F. C. Faulkner, of the same place, friends of J. Oak **Davidson**, are visiting in Wichita. They are both interested in Riverside addition.

Sunday, June 13, 1886**page**

1. Note says a charter was taken out two or three days ago for a cable line of street railway in Wichita by J. O. **Davidson**, et al., with capital stock \$250,000.

Sunday, August 8, 1886**page**

8. Drawing of J. O. **Davidson**, president of Citizens Bank.

Saturday, September 11, 1886**page**

4. The **Davidson** Investment company of Wichita filed a charter yesterday. Capital stock \$100,000.

Thursday, January 20, 1887**page**

4. The firm of Gould and Terry are drawing plans for a residence for Mr. J. O. **Davidson** which will cost near \$20,000. It will be located on Riverside ave. in Riverside addition, with a front of 88 ft., 50 ft. deep, and three stories high. The stairway in both upper

and lower hall is lighted by a pane of stained glass 7 x 15 ft. In the third story is the billiard hall which is 15 x 31 ft. Work will be commenced next spring.

Friday, March 18, 1887**page**

4. The contract for building Mr. J. O. **Davidson's** residence was let yesterday to Mr. J. V. Majors, of St. Louis. It will cost near \$40,000 and promises to be one of the most elegant in the city.

Wednesday, March 23, 1887**page**

4. Architect Gould has completed the plans for Mr. B. H. Campbell's residence. It will be located on Riverside ave., in Riverside addition, near that of Mr. J. O. **Davidson**. The front will be 54½ ft. and 76 ft. deep, two stories high with basement. Details.

Saturday, April 16, 1887**page**

4. Article Alfred Gould has completed plans for the elegant residence of Mr. J. Oak **Davidson** which will be erected on Riverview ave. Work has already commenced on the foundation. ¶ It will be built mainly of St. Louis pressed brick with walls 13 inches thick at the top, and there is to be a great deal of stone about it of a reddish hue to blend properly with the brick. Details and description of interior.

Sunday, December 4, 1887**page**

4. Drawing of residence of J. Oak **Davidson**.

Saturday, July 28, 1888**page**

4. Article urging the establishment of a public park in Mr. Griffenstein's land, about 80 acres, in the bend of the Little Arkansas, which Mr. Griffenstein reserved and platted for park purposes. It is almost entirely covered with timber and lies but a mile and a half from the center of the city. ¶ It is understood it is Mr. Griffenstein's intention to put a bridge across the Little river at Forest avenue at his own expense, thus giving connection with Riverside a block or two east of Mr. J. O. **Davidson's** residence. ¶ The water mains now reach Carlos and 11th street and could be extended to the park at little expense.

Sunday, January 13, 1889**page**

5. Article describes in detail the Riverside residence of J. Oak **Davidson**.

Tuesday, January 15, 1889**page**

5. City council yesterday directed that water mains be provided for Riverside by making the following extensions: From 10th and Jefferson north to 11th st., thence west to Pearce, south to 10th, and thence across the Little river to the corner of J. O. **Davidson's** residence at Riverside and Buffum avenues.

Tuesday, January 21, 1890**page**

5. City council received petition asking extension of 11th st. west to the Little river and building of an iron bridge across the river there. Petition signed among others by J. O. **Davidson** and William Griffenstein.

Tuesday, March 4, 1890**page**

5. City council yesterday passed ordinance appropriating \$4,000 to purchase the Oak st. bridge from J. O. **Davidson**.

Tuesday, September 23, 1890**page**

5. City council yesterday received report of park committee favorable to accepting the offer of Wm. Griffenstein and J. O. **Davidson** relative to selling park land on the Little river to the city. The report also favored the inclusion of the Schuman park at the foot of Central ave. Cost would be about \$60,000 and would be submitted to the voters as a bond proposition.

Wednesday, May 11, 1892**page**

5. A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Oak **Davidson** Monday.

Sunday, April 23, 1893**page**

6. Article reports the Citizens' bank has brought suit in the district court against the **Davidson** Investment company and Coler L. Sim, receiver, for the sum of \$59,672 and the payment of collateral securities for the guarantee of pavement of said amount, the money having been borrowed between March and December 1890 and payment refused on the dates due and specified. Details.

Thursday, April 27, 1893**page**

5. The case of the Citizens bank against the **Davidson** Investment company has been dismissed without prejudice in the district court.

Thursday, March 22, 1894**page**

5. Interview with Mr. J. O. **Davidson**, "who is making a short business sojourn in the

city.”

Wednesday, October 10, 1894

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5. J. O. **Davidson** and family left the city last night for Chicago after a week's stay visiting C. L. **Davidson** and family.

Thursday, March 21, 1895

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5. J. O. **Davidson**, of Chicago, was in the city yesterday.

Friday, March 22, 1895

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5. J. O. **Davidson**, with his cousin, C. H. **Davidson**, of Austin, Minnesota, yesterday purchased from A. C. Jobes \$60,000 of the stock of the Kansas National bank. Mr. J. Oak **Davidson** was then elected president and Mr. C. H. **Davidson** vice-president. Mr. C. H. **Davidson** expects to make Wichita his home. He was previously president of the Austin National bank of Minnesota. ¶ We hope to see J. O. **Davidson** settled permanently among us again in the near future.

Article lamenting the loss of the old leaders from Wichita during the period of financial adversity.

Tuesday, August 29, 1899

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5. City council yesterday granted a new street railway franchise to J. O. **Davidson**. Details.

Saturday, May 5, 1900

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5. The Kansas National bank of Wichita changed hands yesterday. J. O. **Davidson**, A. S. Parks, T. G. Fitch, W. E. Stanley, Elsberry Martin, and C. L. **Davidson** sold out to W. S. Woods of Kansas City, C. Q. Chandler of Medicine Lodge, E. E. Masterman of Garnett, Kansas, and J. W. Berryman of Ashland, Kansas. The bank was started as a private bank by H. W. Lewis in 1878 on north Main street and was nationalized in 1886. Details.

Thursday, October 19, 1905

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5. J. O. **Davidson** has accepted franchise granted by city council one week ago giving right to lay mains and build plants to provide natural gas to the city brought from Montgomery county, Kansas. Franchise is for 20 years.

Thursday, April 4, 1907**page**

5. City council last night passed ordinance granting a 30 year franchise to J. O. **Davidson** to operate an electric lighting plant in this city.

Sunday, April 21, 1907**page**

11. J. O. **Davidson**, manager of United Gas Company, returned yesterday from Chicago and St. Louis where he purchased \$100,000 worth of new machinery for the electric light plant at corner of 1st and Waco. It will take four months to install it.

Wednesday, December 30, 1908**page**

5. Article says J. O. **Davidson** plans to build new \$35,000 residence in the late spring. Site not yet acquired.

Thursday, July 29, 1909**page**

6. Former Wichita resident, A. C. Brokaw, who lived here 1878 to 1886, is back for a visit. He built his home on northwest corner of Murdock and Lawrence avenue. The house was later occupied by J. O. **Davidson**. ¶ He says "a great aggregation of young men came to Wichita and made this a distributing point in spite of the railroads. The railroads wanted Kansas City and Denver as distributing points. It is my judgment that Wichita would now be a city of 100,000 had it not been for the opposition of the railroads."

Sunday, June 9, 1912**page**

- B-2. Article about T. G. Fitch -- a Wichita "Old Timer." ¶ "Returning to Wichita from Chicago in 1886, Mr. Fitch gave up the practice of law and went in for a business career. He served as secretary and treasurer of the **Davidson** Investment company from 1886 to 1888. In 1888 he was elected manager of the Riverside and Suburban Railway company and continued with the railway as manager for a number of years after it was consolidated with the other street railways as the Wichita Electric Railway company.

Friday, December 5, 1913**page**

5. Notice of death yesterday of Samuel H. Hoover, age 69, who came here in 1869. In 1882 he purchased 291 acres just south of 13th street between the Little and Big Arkansas rivers. Two years later this land was sold to the **Davidson** Land company, and on it are now located the Riverside Club, Walter Morris place, Tipton Cox residence, R. B. Campbell home, and other splendid residences. ¶ He then purchased

the adjoining 80 acre farms of John Exton and (?) Dennis. The latter he sold during the boom, but the former, once a dreary sandy waste, he planted in what is now known as the Hoover orchards. In 1898 he transferred the management to his son, E. G. Hoover, and in 1910 he disposed of all his holdings to his son.

Tuesday, January 18, 1916**page**

5. Article reports James Oakley **Davidson** found dead in bed in his home Sunday morning. At 935 North Lawrence. Age 65. Photograph. Article lists his major accomplishments. ¶ First wife, Ida, died in 1883. They had one son, Frank O., in 1877, now living in Chicago. He remarried 1887, to Bessie, and they had one daughter, Oakley, and one son, James Ogden.

Thursday, February 8, 1917**page**

1. It became known yesterday that Coler L. Sim, 1303 North Lawrence and owner of considerable Wichita property, has a desire to deed to the city for park purposes the 157 acre tract located west of Riverside club in the bend of the Big Arkansas river between 13th street and Central avenue. ¶ Mr. Sim's gift to the city would be a memorial to his son, Arthur B. Sim, who lost his life in a tragic way the middle of December in Kansas City. ¶ Mr. Sim came into possession of the land when the Keene Syndicate, of which is the local representative, took over the holdings of the J. O. **Davidson** company more than 20 years ago.

Sunday, September 8, 1918**page**

5. Article about Tipton Cox, formerly with the bankrupt Cox-Blodgett Dry Goods company here, and now living in Little Rock. Says "the Cox home, just before the failure of their business house in Wichita, was the old Oak **Davidson** brown stone residence on Riverside Drive facing the Little river, one of the finest homes in Wichita a few years ago."

Saturday, November 29, 1919**page**

5. Sylvester Forrester, wealthy oil man, who resides in the old Oak **Davidson** mansion in West Riverside, is considering donation of a sum of money to improve the banks of the Little Arkansas river near his home. He conferred with P. L. Brockway yesterday concerning the straightening out of the River boulevard at Buffum avenue.

Wednesday, July 21, 1920**page**

5. Sylvester W. Forrester, oil operator, has spent more than \$100,000 in redecorating the interior of the old J. O. **Davidson** house and in landscape gardening of the grounds. Beautifully designed asphalt driveways and walks have been installed, and 18 large

brick and concrete pillars built at the outer edges of the grounds. Yard improvements alone cost \$24,000. ¶ A large white pergola and summer house at the rear have just been completed, and the garage is being remodeled to accommodate 12 autos and will contain a turntable to turn them. A fuel oil furnace was installed in the house. Details about interior decorations given. ¶ Mr. Forrester purchased the house from J. H. Butts more than a year ago.

Wednesday, June 13, 1923

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1. Article reports death of Coler L. Sim yesterday at age 64. Came to Wichita in 1886 in real estate business. After collapse of the boom he was appointed receiver of the **Davidson** Investment company, which had gone into bankruptcy. The controlling interest in this company was owned by banks and individuals in Keene, New Hampshire, who formed the Keene Syndicate to protect themselves in the disposition of the company's assets. The latter were purchased by the new firm and Mr. Sim was appointed as their representative. ¶ Later Mr. Sim purchased the holdings of the Keene Syndicate, which included a large amount of Riverside property and the plot of ground which he donated to the city, known as Sim park.

Sunday, November 11, 1945

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5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Laura Capps Conklin, 86, widow of P. J. Conklin, pioneer Wichita newspaper publisher-financier, at her home at 805 Spaulding. They came to Wichita in 1879 from Kingman, where Mr. Conklin had founded the Kingman Courier. Previously they resided at Winfield, where he founded the Winfield Courier. He was partner in the Jarvis-Conklin Mortgage and Trust Company for a number of years and later became an agent for the **Davidson** Trust Company. He died in 1921. ¶ When the family first came to Wichita, they purchased the old Woodland home, 1901 North Waco, which was a log cabin, one of the first built in the city. It now is retained on the rear of the lot as one of the city's historical landmarks (this perhaps refers to the old Woodman home at 901 North Waco and is erroneous). ¶ Survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. N. Chapple, 446 North Fountain, Mrs. Carl Ginzel, 805 Spaulding, and Dorothy Conklin, same address, and two sons, Edward, of San Diego, California, and Stanley, of the home address, and three brothers (named -- none in Wichita). ¶ Further biography. Photo. ¶ Burial to be in Maple Grove cemetery.

Sunday, January 24, 1960

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- 1D. Full page article on the Kirby Castle, 1201 West River Boulevard, with photos. Was built by J. O. **Davidson** in 1888 for his new bride from Jacksonville, Illinois. Stone was imported from Vermont and New Hampshire for the building and the striking redstone for the exterior was shipped from Colorado. The architect was a Boston man and the interior decorating was done by a man from Chicago, who also chose the elaborate furnishings and draperies. The **Davidsons** reared three children in the home

and young people enjoyed the large ballroom on the third floor, and they also danced in the big red barn on the grounds, according to Mrs. **Davidson**.

Sunday, March 4, 1962

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- 6A. A Wichita landmark, the Kirby Castle, 1201 West River Boulevard, is to be torn down and replaced by a group of garden apartments. ¶ It will be open to the public for a last look from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Tickets are \$1.00 and benefits are for the Occupational Therapy department at Wesley Hospital. ¶ The red stone castle was built in 1888 by the late J. O. **Davidson**. Mrs. **Davidson**, 96, resides in the Hillcrest Apartments. Her two children are Mrs. Ray G. Harris and James O. **Davidson**. Dr. George Kirby was the last owner of this gracious mansion. It contains 18 rooms including a ballroom on the third floor. Photo.

Wednesday, March 7, 1962

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- 5A. A last look was taken yesterday at the Kirby Castle at an open house prior to tearing down of the historic building. J. O. **Davidson**, son of the builder, said his father built the home in 1888 and the family occupied it until it was sold to S. W. Forrester, who owned it until 1930, when it was sold to Dr. G. W. Kirby. Dr. Kirby died in 1955. Photo.

Thursday, November 1, 1962

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- 15A. Workmen have started tearing down the old "Kirby Castle," 1201 West River Boulevard, to make the land ready for construction of a modern apartment building. The razing work, by Ark Building Wrecking Company, will take about six weeks. The 18 room, three story house, was built in 1888 by J. O. **Davidson**, a Wichita banker, for his bride from Jacksonville, Illinois. The red sandstone exterior was shipped to Wichita from Colorado. Some of the other stone used as trim for the exterior was shipped from Vermont and New Hampshire. A Boston, Massachusetts, architect and an interior decorator from Chicago were consulted in the building of the home. Some of the lumber in the rafters is marked "Chicago Lumber Company," according to Richard J. Burns, owner of Ark Building Wrecking Company. ¶ A wall of soft brick and a layer of lath and plaster were placed inside the exterior stone walls. ¶ Members of the **Davidson** family resided in the "round house" for about 25 years. ¶ Much of the furniture and fixtures have been sold. Some of the exterior stone will be saved and used on the new apartment building. Photo.

Thursday, December 13, 1962

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- 3A. The family of J. O. **Davidson** are asking the return of a missing stained glass window from the "Kirby Castle," 1201 West River Boulevard, which is now being razed. The missing window was the middle one of three located on the north or entry side of the

house. It was about 22 by 70 inches in size, mounted in an oak frame, and had the initials J. O. D. for the builder of the house. The side panels each contained the date 1888, when the house was built. ¶ **Davidson's** son, J. O. **Davidson**, 209 North Battin, asked that the window be returned to the family.

Sunday, May 30, 1965

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- 12A. Wichita pioneer Mrs. Bessie C. (J. O.) **Davidson** will be 100 years old on Tuesday. Is at Ivy Manor Nursing Home, 3410 Funston. Son J. O. **Davidson** and daughter, Mrs. Ray G. Harris in Wichita. Granddaughter, Mrs. Charles Mattingly, and great grandchildren Charles, James, Robert and Oakley Mattingly are here. Photo.

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- 2C. Report of death Friday at Ivy Manor Nursing Home of Mrs. Bessie C. **Davidson**, 100 year old widow of James Oakley **Davidson**. Born in Jacksonville, Illinois and came to Wichita in 1887. Survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ray G. Harris, and a son, J. O. **Davidson**, both of Wichita. Further biography. Photo. Burial at Highland Cemetery.

Sunday, June 29, 1969

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- 12B. Article about C. L. **Davidson**, former mayor. Born in Cuba, New York November 22, 1859. Came to Wichita October 22, 1872 with his father, S. L. **Davidson**. Was mayor in 1909. Was brother of J. O. **Davidson**, Wichita financier.

Sunday, May 1, 1977

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- 16A. Report of death yesterday of James Ogden **Davidson**, 74, 1315 North West, chairman of the board of J. O. **Davidson** and Associates, Inc., and son of Wichita pioneer James Oakley **Davidson**. Had been in the investment banking business all his life. ¶ Survived by a sister, Mrs. Ray Harris, of Wichita. Burial in Highland Cemetery.

Saturday, November 8, 1980

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- 3Z. Feature article on renovation of Riverside Cottage, 901 Spaulding, which was recently bought by John Kindel. It was built in 1888 and was designed by architects Willis Proudfoot and George Bird. Since World War II it has been divided into four apartments. The house was built for Thomas Fitch, a partner in the Riverside Land Company with his brother-in-law, J. O. **Davidson**. Details. Photo.

