

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.

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Wichita Eagle

Saturday, April 24, 1915

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5. Article reporting filing yesterday of will of **Louise Caldwell Murdock**, providing that her estate is to be used for purchase of an art collection for the city of Wichita. Includes biography of Mrs. Murdock and copy of the will. She died April 23, 1915.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, July 12, 1925

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19. The Wichita Public Library has been redecorated. Article gives some history -- and says Mrs. **Louise Caldwell Murdock** persuaded Arthur Sinclair Covey, a famous Kansas artist, to paint three murals for the interior walls of the dome of the building, entitled "Promise," "Fruition," and "Afterglow." Details. These were described in an article on murals in *Scribner's Magazine* in 1921. She also designed and secured, assisted by Mrs. Elizabeth Stubblefield Navas, the Tiffany windows with sunflower designs which are in the dome of the building.

Wichita Beacon

Sunday, July 5, 1925

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4. Long article about **Louise Caldwell Murdock** and her gift of Caldwell-Murdock Building proceeds to Wichita Art Museum. Photographs of Mrs. Murdock and building. ("A Substantial Love for Wichita")

Wichita Eagle

Saturday, October 13, 1956

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- 5A. Report of death yesterday at his home in Kansas City, Missouri, of John A. Parkinson, 82, pioneer Wichitan, and co-trustee of the **Louise Caldwell Murdock** Trust. Born November 25, 1873 at Springfield, Illinois, and came to Wichita in 1882 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parkinson. Graduated from Wichita High School in 1892.

Was associated with the Jackson-Walker Coal Company, and in 1918 when the company moved to Kansas City, Missouri he also moved there. Married the former Minnie Dewey September 12, 1901 in Wichita. Survived by his wife, one sister and two brothers (named-one brother in Wichita) and several nieces and nephews. Further biography.

Wichita Eagle

Saturday, November 13, 1965

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5A. Mrs. Elizabeth S. Navas is to be honored today in observance of 25th anniversary of presentation of the Roland P. Murdock collection to the Wichita Art Museum. Mrs. Navas, 70, was born in Coffeyville, Kansas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Stubblefield. Was associated with Mrs. **Louise Caldwell Murdock** in interior designing when Mrs. Murdock died in 1915. At that time she was named co-trustee of Mrs. Murdock's estate. In 1939 she started assembling the Murdock collection when the trust established in Mrs. Murdock's will came into being. On November 8, 1940 the first ten pieces were presented to the city. The collection now totals about 150 works. Details. Follow-up article November 14 on page 1.

Wichita Eagle

Saturday, March 31, 1979

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1B. Report of death Friday in a New York hospital of Elizabeth Stubblefield Navas, 84, former Wichitan and trustee of the Murdock art collection at Wichita Art Museum. In 1925, at age 20, she was named trustee for planning and acquisition of a city art collection, as requested in the will of her friend and employer, **Louise Caldwell Murdock**. She had moved to New York City in 1917 and began preparing herself as an art expert. Her husband, Rafael, died in 1939. ¶ She was the daughter of Elmer E. and Carrie Stubblefield and was born in Coffeyville, Kansas in 1895. Grew up in Independence, Kansas and moved to Wichita with her family after completing high school there. Her older sister, Josephine, was a pianist who studied at Oberlin (Ohio) College. The sister, Josephine, was the mother of a surviving nephew, Ed Turner, president of Head's Shoe Company, located in the Caldwell-Murdock Building in Wichita. The sister died on February 26 this year. Survived also by a sister, Frances Kendrick, and a niece, Virginia Hisel, both of Santa Ana, California. Further biography. Photo. Cremation.