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**Subject(s):** Coler Sim, Sim Park, Sim family

**Wichita Eagle**

**Sunday, April 23, 1893**

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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.

**Wichita Beacon**

**Sunday, November 21, 1896**

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5. A motion for appointment of a receiver for property of the old Citizens' Bank is being argued before Judge Dale today. The petitions allege that a large amount of property belonging to the bank was deeded to one O. G. Nims, a non-resident of Kansas, without consideration, and that Coler Sim, as agent of Nims, is collecting the rents and forwarding the amounts to Nims. The creditors claim that the transfer of property to Nims was fraudulent. The bank was liquidated several years ago and paid up its depositors in full. Details.

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**Tuesday, November 23, 1896**

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5. Long followed article on Saturday's court hearing of petition for appointment of receiver for the defunct Citizens Bank. ¶ Title of suit is: "The Hinsdale Savings Bank versus the Citizens Bank of Wichita, the Keene Guaranty Saving Bank, The Nashua Savings Bank, The Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, The Cheshire Provident Institution, O. G. Nims, and Coler Sim." ¶ H. W. Lewis appointment as receiver by Judge Dale. ¶ Details ("Will Demand It").

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**Friday, November 5, 1897**

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5. Article gives details of plans to purchase new park land under the \$14,000 bond issue

approved in the election Tuesday. ¶ The total number of acres to be purchased in the two parks is 106. Mr. Coler Sim is manager of 90 acres of the property, 52 acres in Riverside and 38 in Griffenstein. Mr. O. G. Nims of Keene, New Hampshire, is the owner and has asked \$9,000 or \$100 an acre. Mr. L. W. Clapp has charge of the other 16 acres in Griffenstein, which is owned by Mr. Whitecomb, of Massachusetts. At \$100 an acre for the 106 acres, it will cost the city the sum of \$10,600. The other \$3,400 will be used in constructing bridges and approaches to the parks and improving the grounds. ¶ Both of the gentlemen were loath to part with the property at \$100 per acre, but they own considerable property in that part of the city, and as a fine park would increase the value of their other holdings, they agreed to part with the property along the river front at a greatly reduced price.

**Wichita Beacon****Thursday, December 23, 1897****page**

5. H. G. Toler today signed a two year lease with Coler Sim by which the State Fair association secured the fair grounds south of the city. The two year lease cost \$600, and the association will have to erect its own improvements.

**Wichita Beacon****Wednesday, May 24, 1899****page**

5. Article about the street car situation, with comments by Coler L. Sim, representing the Bachelder company. Says that company is trying to make a trade with two or three companies that have money to build a new line. Says the Bachelder company was tied up and patient with the Church company for nearly two years just as the city was, and all they want is to get a reasonable price for their property. Details.

**Wichita Beacon****Friday, December 8, 1899****page**

6. Mr. Coler Sim announced last night that he had sold the Wichita street railway to Mr. W. B. McKinley of Champaign, Illinois and that the line would be rebuilt at once if a new franchise is given to Mr. McKinley's company by the city council. ¶ The deal is said to have been on foot for a month or more, with Mr. Sim , on behalf of the Bachelder company, negotiating with Mr. McKinley. Final arrangements were perfected when Mr. Sim met Mr. McKinley in Kansas City last Sunday. ¶ The consideration was in the neighborhood of \$32,500. ¶ Mr. McKinley will reach Wichita this evening in company of Mr. Edward Woodman and George F. Duncan, of Portland, Maine.

**Wichita Eagle****Friday, December 8, 1899****page**

5. Article reports deal closed yesterday between Coler Sim, representing the Batchelder

syndicate of New Hampshire, owners of the old system, and W. B. McKinley of Illinois, representing a number of Portland, Maine capitalists. The new company acquires the property and interests of the old company, including the franchise privileges, power house, tracks and cars. The only obstacle remaining is the city's suit pending against the old company, and if this is withdrawn the new company will get right to work.

**Wichita Beacon****Saturday, December 30, 1899****page**

8. Coler Sim today received a letter written by Mr. McKinley from Chicago last Thursday. It stated that he had bought 12 new street cars, to be delivered in April, and that he was going to Cincinnati that day to buy 12 second hand cars on new trucks for immediate use. ¶ In describing the cars Mr. McKinley said they would all be provided with electric heaters, illuminated signs, electric headlights, and electric touch buttons. The touch buttons enable passengers to notify the motorneer when they wish the cars to stop without leaving their seats. All they will have to do is to touch one of these electric buttons.

**Wichita Beacon****Tuesday, January 2, 1900****page**

6. Mr. Coler Sim today received another letter from W. B. McKinley of the new street car company. He said his construction man, Mr. Nelson, of Springfield, Ohio, would arrive here tomorrow evening. ¶ Mr. McKinley says he has already bought 22 cars, ten of which are open and 12 closed. ¶ Another letter to Mr. A. E. Helm from Edward Woodman, of the new company, saying that the franchise approved December 22 and published December 23 will be accepted and they have closed the purchase of the old street railway property from the Keene syndicate and paid earnest money on it wanting only clearing of the title, etc., for final action. ¶ They have already bought 700 tons of steel rails, some good second hand cars for present use, and have contracted for new cars as well as for new boilers, engines, and dynamos.

**Wichita Eagle****Thursday, January 4, 1900****page**

5. S. L. Nelson, formerly general manager of the Springfield, Ohio street railway company, who is to have charge of the construction of the new street railway system here, arrived in Wichita yesterday and looked over the city in company of Coler Sim and Superintendent W. Q. Church of the old street railway company. ¶ He has already bought 700 tons of rails, 300 tons of which has already been shipped from Joliet, Illinois. The other 400 tons are to be shipped from Pennsylvania at an early date. Two cars of spikes have been ordered for shipment January 10, and two cars of rail joints have been contracted for delivery March 1st. ¶ Ten 16 feet vestibuled car bodies and trucks have been ordered for immediate delivery, January 22, from Kingston, New York. The contract for motors calls for their delivery here on February 15. Ten open cars have been ordered for the new

street railway, four to be shipped March 20-25 and four on April 1, and two combination cars, 28 feet over all, to be shipped June 1. ¶ One boiler for the power house is to be shipped in 15 days, and engines are to be shipped 90 days from the date of the contract on December 23. New generators will be here some time the first of May.

**Wichita Beacon****Friday, January 5, 1900****page**

5. Coler L. Sim has received an order from the Bachelder company to turn the street car line over to the McKinley company as soon as they are ready to receive it. ¶ The nearly new second hand cars will be used on the old track until the new line is built. They intend to commence work about February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Wichita Beacon****Wednesday, January 17, 1900****page**

6. Coler Sim received today from the new street car company a draft for \$10,000 to be deposited with the city treasurer and the authority to accept the new franchise

**Wichita Eagle****Thursday, January 18, 1900****page**

6. Article says Coler Sim yesterday received \$10,000 deposit from the new street railway company to be used as a forfeit if the new road is not finished within one year. ¶ Twelve new cars for early April delivery have been ordered and enough good second hand cars to put the road in good repair within 90 days. ¶ By February 5, 100 men will be at work on the new park line.

**Wichita Beacon****Friday, April 13, 1900****page**

5. Coler Sim today gave Sedgwick County a check for \$998.75 for back taxes and costs owed by the Keene Syndicate for the old street car company.

**Wichita Beacon****Saturday, December 29, 1900****page**

1. The Kansas National bank building on northwest corner of Main and Douglas was sold today by the Keene Syndicate, of Keene, New Hampshire, represented here by Coler L. Sim, to Mr. C. Q. Chandler and Mr. E. E. Masterman, president and vice-president of the bank, for \$35,000. The building was erected in 1883 by the old Citizens bank, of which J. O. Davidson was president. Details.

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**Friday, January 25, 1901****page**

5. The Keene Syndicate, which some time ago had an ardent desire to get out of Wichita, is not now offering such bargains, having found out that Wichita is making rapid strides forward. It therefore wants more money for its property now. ¶ Coler Sim is local agent. The Keene Syndicate is still one of the largest property holders in the city as well as one of the largest taxpayers in the county.

**Wichita Eagle****Saturday, January 31, 1903****page**

5. The plat was filed yesterday for the opening of a new addition to the city of Wichita, the Harris and Sim addition of two blocks from 11th to 13th street between Lewellen and Jefferson avenues. 12th street is not open through the addition, but an alley takes its place.

**Wichita Eagle****Thursday, September 3, 1903****page**

5. Coler Sim has purchased two lots at the northeast corner of Douglas and Emporia for \$15,000.

**Wichita Eagle****Tuesday, November 3, 1903****page**

6. Mr. Coler Sim is clearing the ground at northeast corner of Douglas and Emporia in preparation for building a new brick building there.

**Wichita Beacon****Thursday, November 12, 1903****page**

5. Article about buildings under construction on East Douglas. Brick layers are to top of second story of the Emil Werner building. Building permit issued yesterday for two story brick building immediately west (adjoining) the Werner building in 900 block of East Douglas for Jones and Clinesmith, of the Peerless mills, to be 25 by 75 feet. ¶ In the next block east, C. M. Stewart will build a two story brick building with a 25 foot front. ¶ Coler Sim is excavating for the brick building he is erecting at corner of Emporia and Douglas.

**Wichita Beacon****Saturday, November 14, 1903****page**

6. Building permits this week included two story brick and stone building, 50 by 136 feet, on lots 46 and 48 East Douglas avenue, for C. L. Sim, cost \$10,000.

**Wichita Beacon**

**Tuesday, October 18, 1904**

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8. Coler L. Sim was appointed receiver yesterday for the insolvent Wichita Bridge and Iron Works.

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**Monday, December 5, 1904**

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6. L. S. Naftzger has been appointed a member of the board of trustees of the Highland Cemetery association to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. M. Allen. Appointment was made by Judge Thomas C. Wilson of the district court after petition presented by Finlay Ross, Coler Sim, and Charles Lawrence asking him to do so.

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**Saturday, January 13, 1906**

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5. The Missouri Pacific Railway company yesterday purchased the old Gilbert Plow Works, near the crossing of that road with the Frisco north of the city, for \$1,500 as a site for a new round house and machine shops. Tract contains about 12 acres. It is understood additional ground will be acquired upon which to construct yards. ¶ At one time it was thought the company would construct their roundhouse and machine shops on the West Side, but yesterday's purchase settles all doubt as to the location. ¶ The land was sold by the Keene company bankers through Coler Sim.

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**Thursday, October 4, 1906**

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6. Report of death yesterday in Topeka of Colonel Joel Huntoon, who was the father of Mrs. Coler F. Sim, of 1065 North Emporia in Wichita. He was the builder of the old Kansas Midland, now the main line of the Santa Fe between Kansas City and Topeka. Obituary.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Sunday, May 26, 1907**

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4. J. W. Metz has purchased the old power station on 3rd street for \$8,000 -- at northeast corner of 3rd and Wichita streets. This was formerly occupied by the street railway company as power house and was owned by the Keene Syndicate with Coler L. Sim as agent. Recently it has been occupied by John C. Comley as a wagon warehouse.

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**Saturday, January 4, 1908**

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6. Contract has been let for a new two story brick building at corner of 1st and Market with

50 foot front on Market and 140 feet on 1st street by Coler L. Sim, at cost of \$20,000. Work will begin this month. Contract was let to William Pirtle. Business rooms to be on ground floor and 28 rooms for apartment house on the second floor.

**Wichita Beacon****Tuesday, January 14, 1908****page**

7. Brick is being placed on the ground for the new Coler Sim building at 1st and Market streets.

**Wichita Beacon****Tuesday, February 4, 1908****page**

10. Mr. Coler Sim obtained building permits yesterday for his new two story business house at 1st and Market, 50 by 150 feet, to cost approximately \$16,000, and for a new two story brick residence at 1203 to 1206 (sic) North Lawrence, 40 by 42 feet, and costing \$12,000, and having ten rooms.

**Wichita Beacon****Saturday, May 2, 1908****page**

6. Article about many new homes now under construction in Wichita. Says twelve houses are under construction in central Riverside, including one for Judge Alexander. Details. Drawings of six homes, including Judge Alexander's in central Riverside, Coler Sim's on North Lawrence, Dr. Hamilton's on North Topeka, Mr. Eberly's in North Riverside, and Paul Brown's on College Hill.

**Wichita Beacon****Saturday, June 27, 1908****page**

7. Full page with photograph describing completion of the new Keene Building on corner of 1st and Market streets. Erected by Coler L. Sim and named in honor of the many citizens of Keene, New Hampshire, who for many years have shown faith in Wichita by large investments here. Building is 50 by 150, two stories, on southeast corner. Erection was started shortly after the panic of 1907. Mr. Sim first came to Wichita in 1885. Second floor to be occupied by the Keene European hotel, with 26 sleeping apartments. Various businesses on ground floor (listed) including Dulaney and Johnston on the corner. Details.

**Wichita Beacon****Saturday, May 6, 1916****page**

9. Mention of wedding "last week" of Dr. R. W. Hissem to Miss Nellie Sim.

**Wichita Beacon****Tuesday, December 19, 1916****page**

1. Report that Arthur B. Sim, of Wichita, age 32, son of Mr. and Mrs. Coler B. Sim, was found dead under the inter-city viaduct in Kansas City early this morning, apparently murdered and robbed. Details.

**Wichita Eagle****Wednesday, December 20, 1916****page**

5. Article reports the murder in Kansas City Monday night of Arthur B. Sim, 32, oil man and son of Coler L. Sim.

**Wichita Beacon****Wednesday, December 20, 1916****page**

1. Further article about Arthur B. Sim death. Indicates he had been drinking heavily and had been separated from his wife several weeks ago and that she was going to Chicago to seek a divorce.
9. Mrs. Arthur B. Sim denied that she was contemplating divorce, but said that she and her husband were estranged and that she had not talked with him for more than two months. They were married about eight years ago. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jackson, 3800 Hyde Park Avenue (in Kansas City?). They had no children.

**Wichita Beacon****Saturday, December 23, 1916****page**

1. Another long article about the Arthur B. Sim case -- murder suspected.

**Wichita Eagle****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.

**Wichita Beacon****Thursday, February 8, 1917**



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8. Report that Coler L. Sim is offering to donate 157 acres of land in the bend of the Big River between Central Avenue and 13th Street as a memorial to his recently slain son, Arthur B. Sim. Land to be used as a park and site for a municipal golf course. Details.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, June 3, 1917****page****Section B**

1. Article reporting contemplated donation of a natural park to the city by Mr. and Mrs. Coler L. Sim, to be named Arthur B. Sim park as a memorial to their son, who lost his life in Kansas City last winter. The tract in a big bend of the Arkansas river is 156 acres. Photographs.

**Wichita Eagle****Wednesday, August 1, 1917****page**

12. The deed to 157 acre tract presented to the city this spring by Coler L. Sim has just recently been accepted and approved by the city and work on the Arthur B. Sim Memorial park will start soon. One of the conditions of the deed is that the memorial entrance be erected by July 1, 1918. The land is presently rented to a farmer as pasture ground, and the city will not be able to take formal possession until this fall.

**Wichita Beacon****Saturday, October 27, 1917****page**

6. Article reports raid on the Keene Hotel, 156 North Market, as an evil place. Mrs. E. S. Wycoff has been its proprietor for past three months. Details. Building owned by Coler Sim.

**Wichita Beacon****Saturday, May 25, 1918****page**

3. Another article about plans for new Sim Park drive. Says the memorial gateway at end of Murdock Avenue will be erected this summer. Details.

**Wichita Beacon****Monday, December 16, 1918****page**

6. Work is being commenced on the drives to the new Sim Memorial Park. It will follow Murdock Avenue from Central Riverside Park until it reaches Sim Park. Trees are being cut down in this area so that the drive may be built.

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**Thursday, January 16, 1919**

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5. The city has purchased a strip of ground from 50 to 200 feet wide and half a mile long of the Steinbuchel property west of the Little Arkansas river and about a block north of Central avenue, on which will be built a boulevard drive to the new Sim Memorial Park. Cost was seven to eight thousand dollars. Making the new drive will require considerable grading, cutting, and filling, as the ground is rough. It will connect with the river drive that will be made on the outer edge of the park, the entire drive covering more than two miles. The half mile connecting drive, to be started probably next week, will run in curved lines along the edge of what was at one time a part of the Arkansas river, forming the island off Central Street Bridge. This is now filled in. ¶ The Memorial Gate to Sim Park is nearing completion. It is a half circle with two immense cut stone pillars at each side. Mayor L. W. Clapp is the landscape designer for the new park.

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2. Park board yesterday authorized issuance of \$150,000 in bonds for improvement of Sim park and connecting boulevards. They are authorized to issue this amount of bonds each year and expect to issue a further \$150,000 after first of the year, making a total of \$300,000 available for park improvements.

**Wichita Eagle****Saturday, February 21, 1920**

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5. Material is to be purchased for a narrow cement stone roadway with a 16 foot body and two feet of sloping sides at each edge to be constructed from the Central avenue bridge and winding around the river banks to the entrance of Sim park. The cost will be approximately \$70,000. Original recommendations were for a 27 foot boulevard, but the park board decided 20 feet would be wide enough.

**Wichita Eagle****Thursday, July 29, 1920**

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5. The new Sim Park drive is nearing completion. About two-thirds is completed and the entire stretch will be thrown open for traffic by 1st of September. Extends from River boulevard near the waterworks through the park to 11th street. Constructed of sheet asphalt and will cost \$75,000.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, February 6, 1921**

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**Rotogravure section**

Page of photographs of Sim park including entrance, drives, and Mr. and Mrs. Coler L.

Sim.

**Wichita Eagle****Saturday, March 19, 1921****page**

5. City commission yesterday placed on first reading an ordinance taking Sim Park into the city limits, mainly to give the police jurisdiction in the park area, which has become a lovers' mecca.

**Wichita Eagle****Wednesday, March 23, 1921****page**

3. Article says the city and Arkansas Valley Interurban company will join in constructing a combined pavilion and station in Sim Park near the Murdock street entrance. The city's portion, 20 by 36 feet, will be headquarters for the golfers, and the station 22 by 30 feet, with the two buildings connected by an open wall pavilion. The buildings will be constructed of old paving blocks

**Wichita Eagle****Monday, June 27, 1921****page**

5. The shelter house and Arkansas Valley Interurban station at Sim Park are practically completed.

**Wichita Eagle****Tuesday, July 5, 1921****page**

5. Sim Park golf course attracted more than 200 enthusiasts yesterday.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, August 21, 1921****page**

34. The eighth and ninth holes at the Sim park golf links are now ready to play on.

**Wichita Eagle****Wednesday, August 31, 1921****page**

2. The new shelter house at Sim Park, 60 by 30 feet, is now practically complete.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, January 8, 1922****page**

10. Diagram of proposed 18 hole golf course for Sim park. Article gives details of plans and changes from the present nine hole course.

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**Tuesday, January 17, 1922**

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9. Article reports organization of Sim Park golfers at a meeting last night. Details.

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**Thursday, May 11, 1922**

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5. Three hundred lots in Riverside bought yesterday by Fred Conner, realtor, from the Keene Syndicate, a New Hampshire land corporation, for \$45,000. Comprises about 30 acres on Coolidge, Perry, and Amidon avenues from Murdock to 11th street. Petition to be filed soon for paving Perry avenue from Murdock to 11th street. ¶ The property was acquired by the Keene Syndicate during the boom of 1886 and 1888. Coler Sim became president of the syndicate and is still its executive head.

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**Sunday, July 16, 1922**

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2. It was decided yesterday that construction of the first wing of the new Salvation Army Rescue Home will be started in September. It will be located on the Big Arkansas river north at Sim Park, bounded by Amidon avenue and 11th and 13th streets. Details.

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**Wednesday, March 21, 1923**

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13. Alfred McDonald, director of parks, says it is planned to open up nine new holes at the Sim park golf course this season.

**Wichita Eagle**

**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..

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**Wednesday, June 13, 1923**

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4. Report of death last evening of Coler L. Sim, age 64, following weeks of illness. He came to Wichita in 1885 and engaged in the real estate business. He purchased the holdings of the Keene Syndicate, of New Hampshire, which included a great part of the Riverside property and Sim Park. In 1919 he donated Sim Park to the city. Photograph. ¶ Survived by wife, Helen, and a daughter, Mrs. R. W. Hissem, of 321 North Roosevelt. His only son, for whom Sim Park was named, Arthur B. Sim, was accidentally killed in Kansas City.

**Wichita Beacon****Thursday, November 22, 1923****page**

5. Mrs. Coler L. Sim has sold her residence at 1303 North Lawrence to J. H. Warte, of Blackwell, Oklahoma, for \$20,000 and has purchased the Dr. J. F. Kernan residence at 309 Bluff for \$11,000.

**Wichita Beacon****Wednesday, April 14, 1926****page**

7. Report of sudden death yesterday of Topeka pioneer, Fred R. Huntoon, age 77, a brother of Mrs. Coler Sim, of Wichita. Had lived in Topeka since 1856.

**Wichita Beacon****Thursday, August 12, 1926****page**

9. The old Coler Sim house at 1303 North Lawrence was sold today to J. O. Gilbert, furniture dealer for \$20,000. It was built by Mr. Sim 15 years ago. After his death his widow sold it three years ago to G. B. Waite, an oil man of Blackwell, Oklahoma. After his death, his son, Garrett Waite, who now lives in Blackwell, came into possession.

**Wichita Beacon****Sunday, August 15, 1926****page**

3. Photograph of the Coler Sim mansion, 1303 North Lawrence, recently sold by Garrett Waite, of Blackwell, Oklahoma, to J. O. Gilbert, who will take possession about September 15.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, November 14, 1926****page**

- 4-A. Map of roadways in Sim Park.

**Wichita Beacon****Thursday, June 23, 1932**

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1. Report of death this morning of Mrs. Coler L. Sim, at her home, 3626 E. 1st Street, age 69. She was the daughter of one of Topeka's founders, Colonel Joel Huntoon, and was born in Topeka April 16, 1863. Came to Wichita with her husband in 1885. Survived by one daughter, Mrs. R. W. Hissem, 321 North Roosevelt, and three grandchildren, the children of Dr. and Mrs. Hissem: Ralph age 15, Suzanne age 14, and Coler age 7. A son, Arthur B. Sim, was killed in Kansas City some fifteen years ago and it was for him that Sim Memorial Park was named. Obituary. Photograph.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Sunday, June 7, 1936**

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20. Article about development of Sim Park by the park board. Details. Says first improvements were made in 1920 when an asphalt driveway was constructed around the west end of the park skirting the river. A year or so later work was started on the golf course-at first with only six holes developed, the nine, and finally 18. Another remarkable feat was reclamation of a large section of east bank of Arkansas river which was washed away in the 1923 flood for 1¼ miles from the 13th st. bridge to the east edge of the park. Old car frames and bodies were used as framework for rebuilding the washed out bank.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Sunday, March 5, 1961**

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- 5A. Report on progress in constructing new Sim Elementary School, 611 West 33rd South, and on additions to Caldwell and Payne Elementary schools and to Truesdell Intermediate School. Details.

### **Wichita Eagle-Beacon**

**Friday, July 10, 1970**

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- 5B. Short article says that picnic tables in Sim Park were constructed from early cobblestone alleys and streetcar track paving. The stones were originally from mines in Fort Collins, Colorado.

### **Wichita Eagle-Beacon**

**Sunday, May 11, 1975**

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- 1A. Article about hot air balloon meet at Sim Park yesterday, said to be the first in Wichita since 1915. Aerial photos of balloons in Sim Park and over Arkansas River northwest of downtown area.