Please note: 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 or 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
Wednesday, July 11, 1923
page 5. Henry Levitt, who for the past five years has been associated with his father, B. M. Levitt, in the clothing business at 610 East Douglas, has purchased the Palace Clothing company, 420-422 East Douglas from Joseph Fractman, who has operated it the past seven years, for $35,000 and took charge yesterday.

Wichita Beacon
Friday, June 8, 1923
page 8. Frank M. Dean, real estate dealer, is taking a 99 year lease on the three story building at 610-612 East Douglas from J. N. Haymaker, local attorney. Building is 50 by 140 feet. First floor occupied by B. M. Levitt Clothing Company and office of the Alton Hotel, which occupies the other two floors.

Wichita Beacon
Wednesday, July 11, 1923
page 2. The Palace Clothing Company, 420-422 East Douglas, has been purchased by Henry Levitt, formerly of Levitt’s at 610 East Douglas, for $35,000. It was purchased from Joseph B. Fractman, who has operated it for the last seven years. Mr. Levitt came to Wichita five years ago and entered the clothing business with his father, B. M. Levitt.

Wichita Beacon
Sunday, September 9, 1923
page Magazine 3. Article about Henry’s, Wichita’s newest high class men and boy’s store, opened two months ago by Henry Levitt at 420-422 East Douglas. Biography of Henry Levitt. Details.
Tuesday, September 29, 1925
page 7.
Note about the large new electric sign, 22 feet long and seven feet wide, on the front of Henry’s Clothing Store, 420-422 East Douglas.

Wichita Eagle
Thursday, August 5, 1926
page 5.
A ten year lease was signed yesterday by Henry Levitt for a 25 foot frontage at 416 East Douglas, including a two story brick building 25 by 120 feet, which was recently remodeled. Mrs. D. Gerson is owner of the property. The consideration for the ten years is approximately $42,000. Mr. Levitt has a clothing store at 420-22 East Douglas and bought the new lease as an investment.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, July 7, 1929
page 8.
Henry’s Clothing Company, 420-22 East Douglas, has closed a ten year lease on the entire building it occupies and will remodel the store including rebuilding the front at a cost of $35,000 according to Henry Levitt, proprietor.

Wichita Beacon
Tuesday, July 16, 1929
page 7.
Henry’s Clothing Store, 422-24 East Douglas, is being remodeled and enlarged to double its previous size. Drawing.

Wichita Beacon
Sunday, September 15, 1929
page 14.
Formal opening of enlarged and remodeled Henry’s Clothing Store will be held tomorrow. Details.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, September 15, 1929
page 12.
Advertisement announces formal opening tomorrow of the enlarged Henry’s clothing store at 420-22 East Douglas. Photograph.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, October 16, 1932
page 13.
Wichita Beacon
Thursday, October 1, 1936
page 15. Wichita bus drivers appeared this morning in an entirely new type of uniform. It includes an English type coat with Sam Brown belt, breeches, puttees, and shoes and is black in color. The new uniforms were provided by Henry’s Clothing Company. Details. Photo of men in front of four buses.

Wichita Beacon
Tuesday, January 31, 1939
page 4. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Rose Levitt, age 69, wife of Bernard Levitt, early day Wichita merchant. She came to Kansas over 45 years ago to marry him. Died at 436 North Terrace Drive. Survived by husband, four sons, Henry, William, Isadore, and Leo, all of the home address, Mrs. Edith Goldschmidt, of Wichita. Other relatives named. Obituary. Photograph.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, June 9, 1946
page 5. Henry Levitt has completed the purchase of the Union Bus Terminal corner at Broadway and William for the erection of a new building to house Henry’s Clothing Company as soon as building restrictions are relaxed and material becomes available. The site with 100 foot frontage on Broadway and 140 feet on William was secured by Henry’s on a 99 year lease from the Progressive Building Company, of which Walter P. Innes is trustee. Details. Drawing (not as finally built).

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, November 30, 1947
page 1. Announcement by Henry Levitt yesterday that work will begin immediately on a new modern stone building for Henry’s at the northeast corner of Broadway and William on the site of the old Union bus station. Estimated cost is $750,000. Location has 100 foot frontage on Broadway and 140 feet on William and was secured by Henry’s more than a year ago on a 99 year lease from the Progressive Building Company, of which Walter P. Innes is trustee. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Exterior will be faced with terra cotta. Details. Drawing.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, May 16, 1948
page 3. Photo of Henry’s new store at Broadway and William under construction. Work started last week on the second floor.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, July 25, 1948
page
Special 76th anniversary edition of the Eagle with special articles, etc.
14B. Photo of Henry’s new store under construction.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, November 7, 1948
page
7. The new Henry’s store at Broadway and William will be opened November 15. Details.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, November 14, 1948
page
1. Articles about grand opening of the Henry’s new store at Broadway and William tomorrow evening, with history of Henry’s, etc.

Wichita Eagle
Tuesday, November 16, 1948
page

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, April 18, 1954
page

7A. Henry’s new suburban store at Oliver and Douglas is to be opened November 1. Details. Drawing.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, October 31, 1954
page
Magazine
1B. Full page ad announcing opening of Henry’s new Suburban store at Douglas and Oliver tomorrow. Drawing.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, July 22, 1956
page
8A. Henry’s announced that its suburban store at Douglas and Oliver will be expanded to the adjacent area now occupied by Oklahoma Tire and Supply Company, on which Henry’s has taken a long term lease. Remodeling will begin about August 1 and the
project is expected to be completed by November 1. Architects for the exterior changes are John Hickman and Arthur Woodman, of Architects Associated. Details.

**Wichita Eagle**  
**Sunday, September 2, 1956**  
Construction of an addition to Henry’s suburban store at Douglas and Oliver is underway and is expected to be completed by October 25. Architects are John Hickman and Arthur Woodman of Architects Associated. Drawing.

**Wichita Eagle**  
**Sunday, October 21, 1956**  
New addition to Henry’s Suburban store, Douglas and Oliver, is to be opened next Thursday. Details. Drawing.

**Wichita Eagle**  
**Thursday, October 25, 1956**  
Report of opening today of new men’s shop at Henry’s Suburban store, Douglas and Oliver. Details and photos.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon**  
**Saturday, January 8, 1966**  
Henry’s will start construction in mid-February on a new store in Twin Lakes Shopping Center. Details. Drawing.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon**  
**Sunday, March 27, 1966**  
Building permit issued last week for construction of the new Henry’s, Inc. Store at Twin Lakes Shopping Center. To cost estimated one million dollars.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon**  
**Sunday, October 30, 1966**  
Henry’s Inc’s. new store in the Twin Lakes Shopping Center will be held Tuesday. Store cost two million dollars. Architects were Feagins and Kirsch. Details. Photo.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon**  
**Tuesday, November 1, 1966**  

3A. Full page ad announcing opening this evening of Henry’s Twin Lakes store. Drawing.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon**  
**Wednesday, November 2, 1966**

3A. Follow up report on opening of Henry’s Twin Lakes store last evening. Details.

**Wichita Eagle**  
**Thursday, February 23, 1967**

5A. The original home of Henry’s, Inc., a two story building at 422 East Douglas, is being razed, and the site will be used for a parking lot. Last occupant was Stein’s Clothing before fire over four years ago. Photo. Razing complete this week.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon**  
**Friday, June 21, 1968**

1. Report of death yesterday of Henry Levitt, at his home at 7118 East Douglas, six days short of his 75th birthday. Founder and president of the three Henry’s, Inc. stores. He was son of Bernard Levitt, an immigrant from Russia, who homesteaded first near Medicine Lodge, Kansas, then moved to Chiles, Kansas. Levitt was born in Chiles June 26, 1893. Family came to Wichita shortly after turn of century. Extensive further biography. Survived by widow, Gladys, three brothers, Leo B., Isadore, and William, all of Wichita, and a sister, Mrs. Samuel Goldschmidt, 810 Stratford. Photo. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon**  
**Tuesday, March 4, 1969**

5A. The Wichita State University Fieldhouse was renamed Henry Levitt Arena during the Wichita State University-Tulsa basketball game last evening. Field house was constructed in 1955. Levitt died June 20, 1968 at age 74. Details.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon**  
**Sunday, July 5, 1970**

1E. Demolition of the top two floors of the Bissantz Building in 100 block of South Broadway has exposed the north interior of Henry’s building, 124 South Broadway. The wall is to be refaced, matching it to the rest of the building. To be completed in about three months.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon**  
**Sunday, October 22, 1972**

5B. Henry’s clothing store is celebrating its 50th anniversary this week. Article gives

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon**
**Sunday, May 11, 1975**
**page 18A.** Grand opening of Henry’s new Towne East store is to be held today. The Towne East store will replace the Twin Corners store at Douglas and Oliver. Details. Photos.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon**
**Thursday, October 21, 1976**

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon**
**Monday, January 23, 1978**
**page 1C.** Report of death yesterday of Leo B. (Buddy) Levitt, 76, president of Henry’s, Inc., of leukemia. He was one of four sons of Bernard Levitt, a Russian-born immigrant, and his wife, Rose. His father operated a clothing store in Chiles, in eastern Kansas, and then in Kansas City, Missouri. Leo was born in Kansas City and with his brothers worked at Levitt’s Clothing Store, founded at 610 East Douglas when the family moved to Wichita soon after turn of the century. The store moved to 420 East Douglas in 1923 and was then named Henry’s. Leo’s brother, Henry, died in 1968 and Leo then became president of the company. Further biography. Survived by widow, Rochelle, a sister, Mrs. Edith Goldschmidt, and a brother, Isadore, both of Wichita. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.