

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): 303 Circle Drive, Wichita Country Club, Willis Proudfoot, Emma Dodd, Craig Miner

Wichita Beacon

Friday, February 1, 1901

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5. The Wichita Golf club now has 45 members and will soon occupy their new property on College Hill. The property consists of the Proudfoot place of two acres and a house, and 80 acres adjoining. The Proudfoot property was leased from Mrs. E. M. Dodd through the agency of C. W. McCoy for \$180 per year. The 80 acre tract was leased for \$125 per year, making the total yearly rental of the grounds amount to \$305.

Saturday, March 2, 1912

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5. Mr. Harry C. Trentman, real estate man in the Beacon building, has purchased the Merriman estate on College Hill from the Merriman heirs, and expects to plat the tract and open streets within the next six months and place the building lots on sale. ¶ Mrs. Merriman, owner of this tract, died recently and the sale of the property was ordered by the heirs so that a division of the estate could be made. ¶ The Merriman estate is bounded by Douglas Avenue, Kellogg, Clifton, and East 2nd (?) Street. The northwest corner is already dotted by beautiful homes and includes the beautiful Circle Drive district. The present home of the Wichita Country Club is in the center of the tract. The greater portion of the estate has been used by the County Club as its golf course.

Saturday, June 26, 1915

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12. Mrs. E. M. Dodd, of 303 Circle Drive, has refused an offer of \$50,000 for the 25 foot Marple Theater Building at 417 East Douglas.

Wichita Eagle

Wednesday, September 28, 1887

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8. The foundation for Mr. Proudfoot's residence on Clifton Ave. has been completed. The first story will be of stone and the second wood.

Wednesday, January 30, 1901**page**

5. Wichita Country club have decided on College Hill for the new golf links and the Bird cottage for a club house. ¶ Bird cottage now owned by Mrs. Edward Dodd, and is one of the handsomest residences in the city.

Saturday, June 23, 1928**page**

2. Article reports death yesterday of Mrs. Emma Dodd, age 74, of 303 Circle Drive, pioneer here since 1884 when she came her with husband, Edward M. Dodd, contractor, who died in 1899. Survived by a son, Bert Stephens, by a previous marriage, with whom she has lived for some years.

Sunday, June 13, 1937**page**

- 7-A. Article about golf in early Wichita with photo of the first clubhouse of Wichita Country Club at 303 Circle Drive in the Dodd residence, since remodeled and now occupied by Bert Stephens.

Wichita Eagle-Beacon**Thursday, April 8, 1976****page**

- 1C. Article about proposal to designate three Wichita properties as historic landmarks. They are ¶ 1.) Chester I. Long home, 3401 East 2nd. ¶ 2.) Hillside Cottage, 303 Circle Drive. ¶ 3.) Arkansas Valley Number 21 Prince Hall Masonic Lodge, 615 North Main. ¶ Details.

Saturday, April 24, 1976**page**

- 1C. Three Wichita properties reached the final plateau yesterday toward becoming national historic landmarks by being approved by state historic sites officials in Topeka. They are: ¶ 1.) Arkansas Valley Lodge Number 21, Prince Hall Masons, at 615 North Main. ¶ 2.) Hillside Cottage, at 303 Circle Drive. ¶ 3.) The Senator Chester I. Long home, at 3401 East 2nd. Details.

Friday, December 3, 1976**page**

- 1C. Hillside Cottage, 303 Circle Drive, has been designated as Wichita's ninth National Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places. The designation was effective November 21. It is owned by Craig Miner, history instructor at Wichita State University and served as the Wichita Country Club from 1901-1903. Details. Photo.

Sunday, December 19, 1976**page**

- 1F. Feature article about Hillside Cottage, 303 Circle Drive, included interview with its owner Craig Miner. Built by architect Willis Proudfoot in 1888, it has had only one other owner since 1900, Mrs. Emma Dodd, before the Miners purchased it from the Dodd estate in 1970. Details. Photos.