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## **Subject(s): Federal building**

### **BEACON 1885**

**Monday, February 23, 1885**

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4. Article with copy of the bill in Congress authorizing new federal building for Wichita, and of the brief discussion in the House thereon.

### **BEACON 1906**

**Saturday, February 10, 1906**

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4. Senator C. I. Long introduced a bill in the senate yesterday for an appropriation of \$65,000 for an addition to the federal building in Wichita. Details.

### **BEACON 1910**

**Saturday, October 15, 1910**

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Section G -- Historical.

Photographs of number of prominent men in Wichita.

- G-1. Photograph of Federal building (post office).

### **BEACON 1930**

**Monday, August 18, 1930**

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1. Report of ground breaking today for Wichita's new federal building and post office at 3rd and Main. Details. To cost \$1,150,000 with equipment. Photograph on page 4.

### **BEACON 1932**

**Friday, April 1, 1932**

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1. Report of formal opening of Wichita's new federal building today. However the old post office will continue to be used until next week. Details.

### **BEACON 1932**

**Sunday, April 3, 1932**

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B-6. The post office will operate from the new building beginning tomorrow. Details.

B-7. Large photograph of new federal building.

**THE WICHITA EAGLE AND THE BEACON 1971****Sunday, September 19, 1971****page**

1G. The old Northern Building at northwest corner of 2nd and Main Streets, is to be razed some time this winter in clearing of the site for the city-county-federal building complex. Ownership of the building was transferred to the Wichita Urban Renewal Agency on August 1, and the building is to be vacated by October 31. The original building was built by an Iowa farmer and designed by a Kansas City architect in 1887. L. W. Clapp later acquired the building and built a 25 foot addition to the north in 1909. Details. Photos.

**EAGLE 1885****Sunday, March 1, 1885****page**

1. The bill providing for a federal building in Wichita has passed both houses of Congress and awaits the President's signature.

**EAGLE 1885****Thursday, December 31, 1885****page**

4. Article reports message received yesterday that the bid of the property on the corner of Market and William has been accepted as the location for the new federal building. There was an immediate rush to buy real estate in the vicinity. Details.

**EAGLE 1889****Saturday, February 16, 1889****page**

5. Work on the Federal building begun in earnest.

**EAGLE 1895****Saturday, June 15, 1895****page**

5. There are three clock towers in Wichita that have no clocks in them - Garfield university, the City building, and the Federal building.

**EAGLE 1906****Friday, June 29, 1906****page**

5. Article reports appropriation of \$50,000 by Congress for an addition to the Wichita *federal building*.

**EAGLE 1907****Sunday, May 26, 1907****page**

19. Place in tower of Federal building here for a clock is empty and opening is closed up with common lumber.

**Thursday, July 4, 1907****page**

5. It is understood that the contract has been let for the addition which is to be built to the federal building. It will cost \$50,000.

**Saturday, August 3, 1907****page**

5. Treasury department in Washington announced that all bids on the enlargement of federal building in Wichita have been rejected because they exceeded the amount of the appropriation.

**Sunday, November 24, 1907****page**

16. Modified plans and specifications have been received for the \$50,000 addition to the Wichita federal building. Bids are to be received January 6, 1908.

**EAGLE 1908****Saturday, February 1, 1908****page**

5. Contract awarded yesterday for addition to the Wichita federal building at cost of \$44,362. It will be a one story addition at the rear of the present building to give more room to the postal clerks. Construction is to be commenced early in the spring.

**Wednesday, February 19, 1908****page**

6. It is thought work will start within two weeks on the addition to the rear of the federal building, to cost \$44,000. The one story addition will extend to within 14 ft. of the alley.

**Thursday, March 12, 1908****page**

5. Article reports addition to Wichita federal building will be delayed until authorization is received to use stone, instead of the brick specified in the contract.

**EAGLE 1911**

**Tuesday, June 27, 1911****page**

6. Contract awarded for two big ornamental arc lights at the south entrance of the *federal building*, to cost about \$300. Work started yesterday on placing the fixtures.

**EAGLE 1913****Thursday, June 12, 1913****page**

5. Contract let for re-wiring Wichita's *federal building* at Market and William for \$8200. The building is now lighted by a combination of gas and electric lights which were put in with temporary wiring. Part of the gas fixtures will be left in the building to use in case the electric lights go out.

**EAGLE 1914****Friday, November 27, 1914****page**

6. A new electric passenger elevator is being installed in the *federal building* here.

**EAGLE 1922****Friday, October 20, 1922****page**

3. Article quoting Charles W. Bitting on history of the purchase of site in 1883 for Wichita's post office and *federal building*.

**EAGLE 1928****Sunday, May 13, 1928****page**

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2. Article by Victor Murdock gives the history of lots at Market and William on which *Federal building* is located.

**Saturday, June 2, 1928****page**

3. Report from Washington yesterday states that the site at 3rd between Main and Market will be the location of Wichita's new post office and *federal building*. Article reviews the history of the site.

**Wednesday, August 29, 1928****page**

5. Transactions being closed today for purchase of the new *federal building* site at 3rd street between Main and Market. Details. Buildings on site to be razed beginning October 1.

**Wednesday, September 5, 1928****page**

3. Clearing of the site of Wichita's new *federal building* is under way and should be completed by the end of the month.

**Sunday, September 23, 1928****page**

5. Rotogravure  
Photographs of upper part of Wichita office building and of the old *federal building*.

**EAGLE 1930****Sunday, June 29, 1930****page**

1. Drawing of Wichita's new \$1,200,000 *federal building*. Bids to be received July 30.

**Tuesday, August 19, 1930****page**

2. Article reports ground broken yesterday for Wichita's new \$1,250,000 *federal building*. To be completed within 20 months.

**Sunday, September 21, 1930****page**

3. Photograph of large excavation for new *federal building* in Wichita.

**Sunday, October 26, 1930****page**

5. Excavation for the new *federal building* will be completed this week.

**Tuesday, November 18, 1930****page**

7. Photograph showing basement walls and foundations of new *federal building*.

**Sunday, December 14, 1930****page**

1. Photograph shows beginning of steel framework for the new Wichita *federal building*.

**Monday, December 29, 1930****page**

2. Photograph of steel skeleton of new *federal building*.

**EAGLE 1931**

**Sunday, January 25, 1931**

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1. Photograph of framework of new *federal building* -- steel skeleton nearly complete.

**Sunday, February 1, 1931**

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3. Photograph shows start of stone laying at base of steel framework of new *federal building*.

**Wednesday, April 15, 1931**

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3. Photograph of new *federal building* with about two thirds of exterior stone completed.

**Sunday, May 3, 1931**

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30. Photograph of progress on new *federal building*.

**Monday, June 8, 1931**

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5. Photograph of new *federal building*, with exterior nearly complete.

**Monday, July 6, 1931**

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1. Photograph of new *federal building* -- exterior completed but windows not in. Article about progress on page 5.

**Sunday, December 13, 1931**

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14. Article gives details of progress on new *federal building* -- to be occupied in February.

**EAGLE 1932**

**Monday, March 21, 1932**

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2. Small photographs of Wichita's old and new *federal buildings*.

**Friday, April 1, 1932**

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5. New *federal building* and post office at 3rd and Main is to be dedicated and opened today. Details include previous locations of Wichita post office.

**Saturday, April 2, 1932****page**

3. Article reports dedication of new *federal building* yesterday. Moving has started, but business will be carried on at old post office until closing time today.

**Sunday, April 3, 1932****page**

11. Photograph of new *federal building*.

**EAGLE 1934****Tuesday, February 20, 1934****page**

2. The old *Federal building* at Market and William is to be re-opened this week to house offices of the Civil Works Administration, the CWS, and the federal transient service. Only the basement and first two floors are to be occupied.

**Sunday, March 25, 1934****page**

3. Three bronze disc bench marks have been placed in Wichita the past two days by a member of the U.S. coast and geodetic survey. The official Wichita benchmark has been placed on the west bank of the Big Arkansas river just north of the Douglas ave. bridge in a cut limestone base implanted in the ground. Another benchmark is in the granite slab on the steps at the west entrance of the *federal building* at 3rd and Main. The third disc has been placed at the intersection of the Midland Valley and the old Orient Railroad tracks on the west bank of the river.

**EAGLE 1936****Saturday, June 13, 1936****page**

- 7-B. Article about the murals in lobby of Wichita *federal building*. Photos. The one on east wall depicts early days in development of postal service and is by Ward Lockwood, of Taos, New Mexico, a nature Kansan. The one on Wichita wall "The Transformation"-depicts a Kansas farm scene and is by Richard Haines, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**EAGLE 1938****Sunday, June 26, 1938****page**

- 6-A. Wichita Weather Bureau has completed 50 years of service. Original location was on northwest corner of roof of Sedgwick block. On April 9, 1904 it was moved to southeast corner of roof of the Sedgwick block. On March 31, 1908 it was moved to top of the Caldwell-Murdock building and on June 30, 1911 to the top of the Beacon building. On April

26, 1932 they were moved to southeast tower of the new *federal building* at 3rd and Market.

**Sunday, July 31, 1938**

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Special Anniversary edition of *Eagle*

9-C. Aerial photograph of downtown from northeast (at start of razing old *federal building*?).

**EAGLE 1956**

**Sunday, May 27, 1956**

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Magazine 8.

Feature article on the large house built by Mr. and Mrs. John (and Margaret) Nicholson at southwest corner of 61<sup>st</sup> and North Broadway over an eight year period of time beginning in 1938. Much second hand material was used. The large beams across the ceiling of the living room came from the old Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway bridge across the Arkansas River just north of Douglas Avenue. Stone for the fireplace came from the old *Federal building* at Market and William. Most of the framing of the building was done with railroad ties from an abandoned Santa Fe Railroad line which crossed South Broadway near the Sumner County line. More than 130 ties were purchased for \$13 and two cartons of cigarettes. Details and photos.

**EAGLE 1964**

**Wednesday, March 18, 1964**

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5A. The *Federal building*, 401 North Market, is getting its face sand-blasted from top to bottom. The process will take approximately five weeks.



