

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

Friday, June 7, 1872

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3. Article about the decoration of graves of soldier dead buried in **Highland Cemetery** here.

Saturday, August 22, 1885

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4. Article reports improvements are being made at **Highland Cemetery**. Details.

Tuesday, September 25, 1888

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5. Note reports annual meeting past Sunday of the Congregation Emanuel. M. M. Fechheimer is president. Steps were taken towards further improvement of the Jewish **Cemetery**.

Sunday, December 2, 1906

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11. Article about the ladies of the **Highland Cemetery** Improvement association, which was organized some seven years ago when **Highland Cemetery** was in a woefully neglected condition, and has raised a \$5,000 fund to maintain the cemetery. Details.

Sunday, July 28, 1907

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11. Article about complaints that the Maple Grove **Cemetery** company owns all undertaken lots in the old **Cemetery (Highland)** but is very neglectful of the old Cemetery in order to enhance the value of the new one.

Wednesday, July 31, 1907

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6. Long letter to editor from A. A. Hyde, president of Maple Grove Cemetery company, replying to recent accusation of neglect of **Highland Cemetery** and giving history of Maple Grove and **Highland** cemeteries.

Sunday, December 6, 1908

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8. Article with history of **Highland Cemetery**--originally platted in 1872 by the Wichita **Cemetery** company and purchased by stockholders of Maple Grove Cemetery in 1899.

Friday, June 13, 1913

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8. Contract let yesterday for building a \$100,000 mausoleum at southeast corner of **Highland Cemetery**. To be 135 by 60 feet, faced with Carthage stone and contain 400 to 500 crypts. About a year will be taken in the construction.

Tuesday, March 30, 1915

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5. The largest and most expensive monument to be placed in a Wichita cemetery has been ordered for the grave of Christian Kimmerle in **Highland Cemetery**. He owned the first tombstone business in Wichita, and died at San Diego, California two months ago. A stone of granite has been ordered from a quarry at Rion, South Carolina, and will measure seven and a half feet high, five and a half feet long, and three feet thick when cut, with weight a little over 3000 pounds and cost of \$1250 when set into position. The stone will be sculptured with the relief figure of a woman after arrival in Wichita.

Sunday, August 6, 1916

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12. New \$75,000 mausoleum has just been completed in **Highland Cemetery**. Details given.

Thursday, August 9, 1945

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7. Two Wichita cemeteries in theory will be sold at auction in the next Sedgwick County tax foreclosure sale to cut legal red tape in clearing the titles. This is an effort to clear the county treasurer's records of delinquent taxes assessed against the two cemeteries, and it was decided that a friendly suit would be filed to accomplish this. ¶ The cemeteries themselves will not be sold, but certain parcels were included in the delinquent listing. When Hillside and 9th Street were paved more than 30 years ago the city levied a special assessment against some **Highland Cemetery** property not contained in the Cemetery's property tax exemption. With interest the total due reached more than \$9000. It therefore constitutes a lien and judgment clouding the title of the Cemetery, and by obtaining a district court order as a formality the judgment is set aside and the tax written off the books and the title cleared. ¶ The second Cemetery involved is Old Mission at 21st and Hillside.

Friday, September 10, 1948

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8. A committee of the **Highland Cemetery** Improvement Association announced

yesterday that petitions are being circulated for presentation to the city commission, asking the city to help finance the cost of cleaning **Highland Cemetery** at 9th and Hillside. The women also are soliciting funds for the job in addition to working at the Cemetery themselves. They provide their own tools for weed cutting and other work at the Cemetery. "Weeds are so high you can't see some of the tombstones," one member of the committee asserted. Further details.

Saturday, October 9, 1948

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9. Members of the **Highland Cemetery** Improvement Association will be at the Cemetery Saturday afternoon to show interested persons the improvements that have been accomplished. Article gives list of donors.

Saturday, May 21, 1949

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3. A new board of directors for the **Highland Cemetery** Association was elected Friday night at the annual meeting of Cemetery lot owners, at the city building. Elected were W. Arthur Sternberg, Howard Darling, Mrs. Mabel Criner, John P. Davidson, and Mrs. Gertrude Munn. Officers will be elected at the next meeting. John P. Davidson, retiring president, has served on the board since 1935, and discussed the criticism of the Cemetery's unkempt condition, explaining that there is insufficient income for proper maintenance. Details.

Sunday, July 10, 1949

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5. Thomas Hopkins post Number 4 of the American Legion has undertaken the project of improving, cleaning and landscaping the **Highland Cemetery**. There are 479 veterans graves among the several thousand in the Cemetery. Details.

Friday, August 26, 1949

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5. Final plans for the cleanup work at **Highland Cemetery** next Saturday were made at a meeting of volunteers from cooperating veterans' associations Thursday night. More than 200 volunteer workers are expected to participate. Details.

Sunday, October 11, 1953

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- 3A. Report of vandalism in the northwest portion of **Highland Cemetery** discovered yesterday. A number of tombstones and ornamental vases were overturned. Details.

Friday, October 30, 1953

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- 3A. Two grade school juveniles, a ten year old boy and his eight year old sister, confessed to police yesterday that they had recently tipped over 30 tombstones in **Highland**

Cemetery because “we heard it was getting close to Halloween.” Details.

Sunday, January 11, 1959

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2. Feature article on history of **Highland Cemetery**. Photos. Article continued on page Magazine 7.

Sunday, March 12, 1961

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- 6A. Biographical article about William Quiring, founder and president of Quiring Monument Company, 925 North Hillside. Born in Lehigh, Kansas, December 22, 1889. Moved to Wichita in 1907. Founded his company in 1911. He also owns and operates Old Mission Cemetery at 21st and Hillside and he operates **Highland Cemetery** under a lease. He and wife have a daughter, Mrs. Richard Owston, Plattsburg, New York. Further biography. Photo.

Sunday, March 15, 1964

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- 11A. Long article about history of **Highland Cemetery**. Says Wichita Cemetery Association was incorporated in March 1872, but several burials were made there before that time. Lists a number of notable Wichitans buried there. Photo shows Mrs. Olive Quiring holding a map of the site.