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## Subject(s): Hospitals WICHITA BEACON

**Saturday, January 22, 1887**

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4. The directors of the *Ladies' Benevolent Home and Hospital* have accepted the generous donation of a plot of ground, worth \$1500, from Mr. Peter Getto, and intend to immediately build thereon a permanent Home and Hospital.

**Friday, July 15, 1887**

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1. Arrangements completed yesterday for construction on South 4th between Indianapolis and Gilbert streets of *St. Luke's (sic) Hospital*. The plan by W. R. McPherson shows building 68 by 111 feet with large verandahs on each floor encircling the building. Details.

**Saturday, July 30, 1887**

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1. Work on the building of the *city hospital* is progressing -- the foundations and framework are completed and it is expected to open by October 15.

**Friday, May 18, 1888**

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4. The projectors of the *Homeopathic hospital* have sent for their charter.

**Saturday, January 5, 1889**

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5. A charter has been granted by the secretary of state to "The *Homeopathic Hospital* of Wichita."

**Wednesday, January 23, 1889**

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1. The ladies of the *Benevolent Home hospital* will move into their new home on South 4th avenue February 1. The building is complete in every particular, and though originally designed for hotel purposes, it will nevertheless made an excellent hospital.

**Thursday, February 7, 1889****page**

4. The *Homeopathic hospital*, formerly located at the corner of Riverview and 2nd streets, was removed today to 929 South Main.

**Wednesday, February 13, 1889****page**

1. The *City Homeopathic hospital*, at 929 South Market street, is now completed and ready for the reception of patients.

**Wednesday, March 13, 1889****page**

4. The *Women's Benevolent Home and Hospital* has been removed from 705 South Main to 1021 South 4th avenue.

**Monday, March 18, 1889****page**

4. The *Benevolent hospital*, which has just been finished, is on 4th avenue, facing east and just south of Gilbert street. It is three stories in height, with verandas and porches for each floor and on every side of the building. Pay patients can be accommodated at a charge of one dollar per day. Details. Medical staff and officers listed.

**Tuesday, March 19, 1889****page**

1. List of articles needed by the *City hospital*, 929 South Main street.

**Wednesday, April 24, 1889****page**

2. The *Homeopathic Hospital* has changed its name to "The *City Hospital* of Wichita" and yesterday petitioned the city council for aid.

**Wednesday, May 29, 1889****page**

1. A communication was sent to the city council last night stating that the *Benevolent Home* will change its name to "the *Wichita Hospital*."

**Tuesday, June 11, 1889****page**

1. Letter to editor about the *City Hospital* of Wichita, 929 South Main, saying it should not be confused with the one formerly known as the *Benevolent Home*, which has not adopted a similar name. The *City Hospital* on South Main, is a homeopathic institution but does permit allopathic physicians to have patients there. The *City Hospital* was

organized last December.

### Wednesday, July 17, 1889

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4. The *city hospital* has removed from South Main street to 1105 North 4th avenue.

### Friday, November 8, 1889

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4. List of donations to the *Wichita hospital*.

### Wednesday, December 4, 1889

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2. City physician reports the number of paupers in local hospitals. *St. Francis hospital* 10, *Wichita hospital* 10, *City hospital* 7.

### Monday, September 8, 1890

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4. The three hospitals in Wichita are all on one street -- 4th avenue -- two north of Douglas and one south, and many people get them confused. The *City hospital* is farthest north and is the newest in the city. It is at 1105 North 4th and is under the auspices of the homeopathic branch of the medical profession. Next is *St. Francis* at 957 North 4th. The third, *Wichita hospital*, formerly called the *Benevolent home*, is the oldest and is at 1021 South 4th and is the largest of the three hospitals. ¶ In addition, the *Children's Home* on Ohio street, is an important institution and cares for one to two dozen infants who are orphans or neglected or abused. On September 1 the hospitals had 27 patients in all -- 7 at *City*, 13 at *St. Francis*, and 7 at the *Wichita*.

### Wednesday, September 2, 1891

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4. Directors of the *City Hospital* yesterday decided to change the name of *City Hospital* to *Homeopathic Hospital* of Wichita. The next meeting will be in the parlors of the hospital, corner 10th street and 4th avenue, on September 4.

### Saturday, November 7, 1891

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4. The people in charge of the *city hospital* disbanded yesterday. The furniture has been sold to the resident physician who expects to move at once to Oklahoma.

### Wednesday, March 6, 1895

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5. The *St. Francis hospital* and the *City hospital* have been voted \$900 a year each by the legislature.

### Friday, July 12, 1895

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5. Owing to the building in which the *Wichita hospital* is located being in need of repairs, and the owner failing to repair the plumbing, the directors are looking for a suitable building and the hospital will doubtless be removed.

**Wednesday, July 17, 1895****page**

4. The directors of the *Wichita hospital* met at the hospital this afternoon and informed the proprietor of the building that he could make needed repairs or they would vacate the building.

**Friday, January 31, 1896****page**

5. Article about the *City hospital*, at 1021 south 4th avenue, with details. They have just organized a training school for nurses there.

**Wednesday, December 15, 1896****page**

5. Article summarizing operations of the *City Hospital*. Details. The State pays the hospital \$75 a month, and the county pays three dollars a week for its patients. Private patients are charged three dollars to \$12 a week according to room and care.

Report of city council meeting yesterday which approved payment of \$50 per month to the *City Hospital*. Details.

**Monday, April 4, 1898****page**

5. The contract will be let for the necessary changes this week to prepare the Martinson Block on the West Side for occupation by the *Wichita Hospital*.

**Tuesday, May 10, 1898****page**

5. Long article describes in detail the remodeling of the old Martinson Block to change it into the new *Wichita Hospital* building. To be ready about July 1st.

**Friday, July 22, 1898****page**

5. Long article about the new *Wichita Hospital* location in the old Martinson Block, which will soon be ready for occupancy. Details.

**Tuesday, August 16, 1898****page**

5. The old *Wichita Hospital* on South 4th avenue is now empty and the patients have

been moved to the new location.

**Monday, January 2, 1899**

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5. Report of meeting of *Wichita Hospital* association this morning. Details.

**Monday, March 13, 1899**

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5. Ad for *Wichita Hospital and Training School* for nurses, with drawing.

**Saturday, November 11, 1899**

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6. Long description of the fine hall clock received at the Ed Vail jewelry store this morning and donated to the *Wichita hospital* by Helen Miller Gould at time of a recent visit here in October.

**Monday, January 7, 1901**

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5. Report of annual meeting of *Wichita hospital*. Details.

**Wednesday, June 12, 1901**

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5. Report of graduating exercises of *Wichita Hospital Training School* for nurses last night at the Plymouth Congregational church. Seven graduates.

**Thursday, June 20, 1901**

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5. Long article giving history of the *Rescue Home* at 1021 Tremont avenue. The home was incorporated on October 29, 1894 and first located in the brick building at 1103 North St. Francis, now the *Martha Washington Home*. In November 1898 the trustees purchased the old *Wichita Hospital* property at 1021 Tremont and moved there. Details ("A Worthy Work").

**Friday, January 31, 1902**

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7. The *Wichita hospital* board yesterday purchased the five lots immediately adjoining the hospital property on the west from R. A. Sankey for \$600. They front 125 feet on Douglas avenue and are 140 feet deep.

**Tuesday, March 25, 1902**

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6. The *Wichita hospital* has just installed an X-ray machine of the latest manufacture.

**Saturday, January 10, 1903****page**

5. Annual report of the *Wichita hospital*. Details.

**Thursday, June 9, 1904****page**

8. Seventh annual commencement of the *Wichita Hospital training school* for nurses held last night at St. John's Episcopal church. Ten graduates. Details.

**Thursday, December 19, 1907****page**

3. New equipment costing \$10,000 is being installed at the *Wichita hospital*, including a new electric elevator. Details.

**Monday, January 13, 1908****page**

5. Article gives annual report of the *Wichita hospital*. Details.

**Tuesday, October 20, 1908****page**

1. Report of launching of a campaign to raise a \$25,000 endowment for the *Wichita hospital*. Details.

**Thursday, February 24, 1910****page**

9. Report of *Wichita Hospital* for the past year. Eight hundred and thirty-seven patients treated including 103 charity patients. Details.

**Saturday, August 24, 1912****page**

1. *The Thomas Sanitarium*, 1103 St. Francis Avenue, unoccupied since the death of Dr. Thomas last month, has been leased to the Southwest Kansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which will open a modern hospital there, to be called *the Wesley Hospital*. Details.

**Monday, December 8, 1913****page**

10. Contract let Saturday to J. M. Denny, of Wichita, for *Wichita Hospital's* \$60,000 addition, and work started this morning. To be 40 by 118 feet, five stories, of brick, 40 feet west of the present building. Details.

**Saturday, September 30, 1916****page**

10. First photograph of the enlarged *Wichita Hospital*.

**Monday, December 25, 1916****page**

6. The *Wichita Hospital* will probably occupy its new wing January 1.

**Thursday, December 28, 1916****page**

6. The new wing of *Wichita Hospital* will open to the public January 1st. Details.

**Saturday, December 30, 1916****page**

1. Article describing new *Wichita Hospital Annex*. Details and photograph.

**Saturday, September 29, 1917****page**

Automobile edition, Auto Show section

10. Article about *Wichita Children's Home* with photograph of the new hospital building which is just being completed there.

**Tuesday, October 23, 1917****page**

3. The new hospital at the *Children's Home* is completed.

**Thursday, November 15, 1917****page**

9. The new hospital at the *Children's Home* will be open to the public Sunday afternoon. Details.

**Monday, October 7, 1918****page**

9. The *Red Cross Flu Hospital* was opened last Saturday at 2146 North Topeka.

**Friday, October 18, 1918****page**

7. There are now 147 patients at the *Red Cross Flu Hospital*, 2146 North Topeka. Details.

**Thursday, January 8, 1920****page**

1. The *Wichita Hospital* is considering the purchase of the old B. F. McLean home on North Seneca for use as a nurses home. Details.

**Thursday, January 15, 1920****page**

3. *Wichita Hospital* has purchased the B. F. McLean home and property for \$17,500 for

use as a nurses home. Details.

### Monday, July 19, 1920

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4. *The Community House* at 2146 North Topeka operated by the Wichita Social League was opened this morning. Remodeling has been completed. It was formerly used as the *Red Cross flu hospital*. Details.

### Saturday, October 2, 1920

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Wholesale and Jobbing Section

6. Advertisement for the *Polytechnic Hospital* of Kansas, 220 West 13th Street, with photograph. (Later site of *Coffman Hospital*?)

### Saturday, January 8, 1921

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2. The *Salvation Army* opened *Wichita's rescue home and maternity center* this morning in the old *Wesley Hospital* building at 10th and St. Francis. Formal dedication will be held tomorrow afternoon.

### Sunday, January 9, 1921

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8. Photograph of new *Salvation Army Home* at 1103 North St. Francis (in old *Wesley Hospital* Building).

### Friday, October 26, 1923

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11. County commission is considering purchase of the *Wichita Hospital* for a *county hospital*. The grounds front 300 feet on Douglas from Seneca to Dodge, and except for the Missouri Pacific right-of-way, includes the lots north to Drew Street, beyond the nurses home. The latter is the old home of B. F. McLean. Details.

### Wednesday, January 30, 1924

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7. The Wichita Osteopathic Association will put on a campaign to raise \$30,000 as a fund to include the *Southwest Osteopathic Sanitarium* of Blackwell, Oklahoma, to move its hospital here. The old building at Blackwell will be sold at once and vacated by June 1 of this year. Details.

### Tuesday, February 19, 1924

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12. Photograph of *Wichita hospital*, whose purchase is being considered by the *Southwestern Osteopathic Sanitarium*, at Blackwell, Oklahoma. Details.

**Wednesday, March 5, 1924****page**

7. Directors and staff of *Wichita Hospital* have voted for a \$150,000 bond issue, which will pay off the hospital's creditors and means that it will not go to the osteopaths. ¶ The hospital's first charter was issued January 29, 1887 (incorporators listed) and an amendment was added in 1898 permitting the hospital association to add a nurse training school.

**Thursday, May 8, 1924****page**

7. Article says the *Southwestern Osteopathic Sanitarium*, of Blackwell, Oklahoma, yesterday purchased the old Walker home site at southwest corner of Rutan and Douglas from Clayton Smith, 1145 Coolidge, for \$30,000 as a site for their new hospital in Wichita. Details.

**Wednesday, December 10, 1924****page**

9. The old Rutan home at Rutan and Douglas, which later became the Ben Eaton home, is being moved from its foundation to a point 52 feet west and five feet north to make room for the new *Osteopathic Hospital*. It is an eleven room brick that has been stuccoed over.

**Friday, May 8, 1925****page**

9. Article about a change of cooperate structure being made by the *Wichita Hospital*. Details. The financial problems of the hospital have been a worry since 1917.

**Thursday, July 16, 1925****page**

12. The *Wichita Hospital* was sold Tuesday to the *Sisters of St. Joseph* for \$150,000. Details and history of hospital.

**Friday, February 5, 1926****page**

8. Advertisement announcing formal opening of the new *Southwestern Osteopathic Sanitarium and Hospital* at Douglas and Rutan on Saturday, February 6. Photograph. Long article with details and history. The institution moved from Blackwell to Wichita in June 1924.

**Tuesday, June 15, 1926****page**

1. The *Wichita Hospital* nurses residence, 313 North Seneca, the old Ben McLean home,

was damaged extensively by fire at 4:00 a.m. today. Details. Photograph.

**Tuesday, November 30, 1926****page**

7. The *Mother Lee Home of Redeeming Love*, 1021 South St. Francis, has been traded to Dr. C. C. Keester for his unfinished hospital at Harry and Fannie. The rescue work of the association will be discontinued and left to the Salvation Army, and the new quarters will be converted into a home for elderly people sometime in the spring. The rescue organization made application some time ago to remodel the old home, but this could not be done under the city's new building code. Dr. Keester started his hospital about eight years ago and finished the walls to the top of the sashes in the first story, and then work stopped.

**Tuesday, August 9, 1927****page**

13. The city commission yesterday condemned the old frame building at 1021 South St. Francis, until recently the *Mother Lee Memorial Home*, and formerly the *Wichita Hospital*.

**Thursday, March 19, 1931****page**

1. Announcement from Washington today that Wichita has been selected as the site for a new 150 bed *veterans' hospital*. Details -- also March 20, page 1.

**Sunday, March 13, 1932****page**

11. Drawing of the proposed new *veterans' hospital* in Wichita. Details.

**Saturday, May 28, 1932****page**

5. The general contract for construction of the new *veterans' hospital* in Wichita has been let to the Henry B. Ryan Company of Chicago for \$513,000. Details.

**Wednesday, June 8, 1932****page**

1. Ground will be broken Monday for the new *veterans' hospital*. Details. (Note June 12, page B-7 says about June 20.)

**Sunday, August 7, 1932****page**

11. Aerial photograph of construction site of new *veterans' hospital*. Article with details.

**Sunday, March 12, 1933****page**

8. Article about new *Veterans' Hospital* says it will open May 1. Photograph on page 9. Details.

**Thursday, September 21, 1933****page**

1. Wichita's million dollar *U.S. Veterans' Hospital* is to be formally opened for use in October. Details.

**Thursday, November 9, 1933****page**

1. The informal opening of Wichita's new *U.S. Veterans' Hospital* will be on Thursday, November 16. Details.

**Saturday, November 11, 1933****page**

1. The new *Veterans' Hospital* is holding an open house today for public inspection. Details.

**Thursday, November 16, 1933****page**

9. Short article reports that Wichita's new *U.S. Veterans' Hospital* opened its doors to patients this morning. Details.

**Wednesday, August 10 , 1938****page**

14. Contract let today in Washington, D.C. to Harmon Construction Company of Oklahoma City for \$107,989 addition to the *Wichita Veterans' Hospital*. Will be three story structure and add 75 beds to the hospital capacity. Work is to start in September. Details.

**Sunday, October 15, 1939****page**

- B-16. The new addition to the *Veterans' Hospital* giving 66 more beds will be opened tomorrow. It will give the hospital a total of approximately 250 beds. Details.

**Friday, January 24, 1941****page**

24. The local head of the *Sisters of St. Joseph* has announced to the *Wichita Hospital* staff the inauguration of plans for a new hospital in Wichita. To be built in the southeast part of the city at Mount St. Mary's. Tentative plans call for a 250 bed hospital. *Wichita Hospital* was taken over by the *Sisters of St. Joseph* on July 15, 1923. Details.

**Tuesday, March 18, 1941**

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20. Overend and Boucher, architects, are working on plans for a new million dollar hospital for the *Sisters of St. Joseph*. Details.

**Friday, April 25, 1941**

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20. Drawing of proposed new hospital for *Sisters of St. Joseph* as designed by Overend and Boucher, architects. Shows ten story building -- never built as such.

**Thursday, November 27, 1941**

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1. Approval has been given in Washington by the Public Health Service and the Federal Works Agency to the application of the *Sisters of St. Joseph* for a new \$1,000,000 hospital in Wichita. Details.

**Sunday, January 11, 1942**

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2. Article about plans for new \$1,000,000 hospital to be built in the spring and known as *St. Joseph's Wichita Hospital*. Details.

**Wednesday, March 18, 1942**

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18. Ground will be broken Thursday for Wichita's new million dollar *St. Joseph's hospital*. Details.