

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): Lewellen

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, July 31, 1873

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2. Notice by Doc **Lewellen** against any occupation or use of the land known as the race track adjoining the townsite of Wichita on the north, to wit: the west half and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 27, Range 1 East.

Sunday, July 20, 1884

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4. Men and teams are now grading and opening up Waco avenue north through **Lewellen's** addition. We understand that the street is to be opened to the old fair grounds.

Friday, September 26, 1884

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4. Editorial on destruction of an old log cabin on North Waco, just beyond W. C. Woodman's residence, which had been built in 1868 by Doc **Lewellen**.

Tuesday, January 20, 1885

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4. Doc **Lewellen** believes himself to be the father of the first white child born in Sedgwick county and also the first white child born in Butler county.

Friday, October 30, 1885

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4. A plat of **Lewellen's** 2nd addition to the city of Wichita was filed yesterday.

Thursday, June 3, 1897

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5. Letter from J. R. Mead correcting information about Doc **Lewellen** from article in yesterday's *Eagle*. Says his name is Doc **Lewellen** and that he is a sturdy Scotchman who settled on the Walnut near Chelsea, where the trail crossed leading to the Whitewater, and engaged in farming and stock raising, Indian trading and hunting. He

never lived on the Whitewater nor at Towanda. In 1865 he established a trading post in the big grove, in the forks of Chisholm creek. Later he moved his store to what is now Waco street, a little way north of where D. S. Munger built his hotel and residence. He pre-empted a quarter section on which the north part of our city is now built. He now resides at Sycamore Springs, Butler County.

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2. Article discusses question as to who was the first white child born in Wichita -- thinks it was Virginia **Lewellen**, born May 8, 1869.

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5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Henrietta S. Widdows, 76, one of the oldest native born Wichitans. She was born in Wichita October 18, 1872 and was the eldest daughter of the first couple married in Wichita and one of the first children born on the original townsite. Her mother, Hannah **Lewellen**, was the eldest daughter of the city's first storekeeper, Doc **Lewellen**. Her father, Sergeant John Ward, was a member of the United States infantry and was sent to this community in 1868, with a detachment of soldiers to protect the group of settlers from Indian raids. The couple was married September 7, 1868. ¶ Mrs. Widdows husband, Robert, died March 4, 1934. At the time of her death, Mrs. Widdows was living with her daughter, Mrs. H. R. Mason, at 1410 North Lorraine. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Mason, and Mrs. J. E. Meefer, Jr., of 1520 North Grove, one son, LeRoy Widdows, of Sharon, Kansas, a sister in Omaha (named), 11 grand children and three great grand-children. Burial to be in Highland Cemetery. Photo.