

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): **R. P. Murdock, Roland P. Murdock**

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, December 19, 1877

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5. Report of marriage Tuesday of **R. P. Murdock**, junior of the *Eagle*, to Miss Lou Caldwell, daughter of J. E. Caldwell. Details.

Wednesday, April 12, 1882

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3. Report of death on Wednesday of Paul, the first born and only child of Mr. and Mrs. **R. P. Murdock**.

Monday, April 6, 1896

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5. Report of death this morning of Reverend Thomas Murdock, father of Colonel M. M. and **R. P. Murdock** of Wichita, and Benton Murdock, of Butler County, at Emporia. Was a native of Virginia.

Thursday, September 6, 1906

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6. Colonel M. M. Murdock has purchased the interest of his brother, **R. P. Murdock**, who has been the business manager of the *Eagle*. The deal was consummated on a valuation of \$300,000. **R. P. Murdock** owned a one-third interest. It is understood that Colonel Murdock will build a new home for the *Eagle* at southwest corner of Market and William streets, where the newspaper is now located in temporary quarters.

Thursday, October 18, 1906

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5. Report of death of **R. P. Murdock** last night in a Chicago hospital. His health has been failing in the last few years. He was 62 years old. Moved to Wichita in 1873 and was business manager of the *Eagle* and part owner until September 1 this year. Survived by widow and one son, **R. P. Murdock**, Jr. Also by two brothers M. M. Murdock, of Wichita, and T. B. Murdock of Eldorado and by two sisters, Mrs. Levera Stoller and Mrs. Puss Pemberton, of Emporia. Born in West Virginia, and boyhood

days spent in Ohio. The family moved to Topeka briefly in 1857 and then to Emporia. Sixteen years later he came to Wichita in 1873.

Monday, October 3, 1910

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6. A. O. Rorabaugh has bought the residence of Mrs. **R. P. Murdock** on Park Place for \$18,000, and will take possession November 1. Mr. Rorabaugh now lives at 1215 North Emporia. The Murdock house is built of Silex white brick, trimmed with Carthage stone. It was built about four years ago. U. G. Charles was the architect. Photograph.

Saturday, September 7, 1912

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16. Report of death last night of Jonathan E. Caldwell, Wichita pioneer, at his residence, 1602 Park Place, at age 81. Born at Hunt's Hollow, Wyoming County, New York, May 17, 1831. Came to Wichita in 1872. About three years ago he and his daughter built the Caldwell-Murdock Building 111-113 East Douglas. Had fifty-sixth wedding anniversary last Monday. Survived by wife and two daughters, Mrs. **R. P. Murdock** and Miss Cornelia Caldwell. Obituary and photograph.

Friday, April 23, 1915

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1. Report of death this morning of Mrs. Louise M. Murdock, widow of the late **R. P. Murdock**, at age 57, of California. Born in New York in November 1857. Came to Wichita in 1871 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Caldwell. Mr. Caldwell was a pioneer queensware merchant. Married **Roland P. Murdock** in 1877. Had two sons, one of whom survives, **R. P. Murdock, Jr.**, of New York. Other details.

Saturday, April 24, 1915

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6. Details regarding will of Mrs. **R. P. Murdock**. Decoration business, etc., to secretary Elizabeth Stubblefield.

Monday, May 3, 1920

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2. Report from Chicago that **Roland P. Murdock** is being held there on charge of forgery of checks worth \$10,000. Article says he is a son of the late **R. P. Murdock**, former half owner of the *Eagle*, is 35 years old and left Wichita about 15 years ago. His mother, Louise C. Murdock, provided in her will that Roland should receive only \$15 a week until he becomes 40 years of age (on July 26, 1924), and then \$25 a week during the rest of his life. Details.

Friday, July 9, 1926

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7. **Roland P. Murdock, Jr.**, of Kansas City, Missouri, is visiting in Wichita today. He is Kansas field representative from the *Kansas City Journal*, the *Kansas City Post*, the *Sunday Journal-Post*, and the *Kansas City Weekly Journal*. He is the son of the late **R. P. Murdock** and spent his youth here. He accepted a job with the *Kansas City Journal-Post* two years ago.

Wichita Eagle**Wednesday, January 23, 1957****page**

- 7A. Article discusses an article in the winter issue of the *Art in America* magazine discussing in favorable terms Wichita's **Roland P. Murdock** collection. Details.

Wichita Eagle**Saturday, November 13, 1965****page**

- 5A. Mrs. Elizabeth S. Navas is to be honored today in observance of 25th anniversary of presentation of the **Roland P. Murdock** collection to the Wichita Art Museum. Mrs. Navas, 70, was born in Coffeyville, Kansas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Stubblefield. Was associated with Mrs. Louise Caldwell Murdock in interior designing when Mrs. Murdock died in 1915. At that time she was named co-trustee of Mrs. Murdock's estate. In 1939 she started assembling the Murdock collection when the trust established in Mrs. Murdock's will came into being. On November 8, 1940 the first ten pieces were presented to the city. The collection now totals about 150 works. Details. Follow-up article November 14 on page 1.