

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.

Subjects: Victoria Murdock Brown Neff and her mother, Pearl Jane Murdock (Victor and Marcellus' sister)

Wichita Beacon

Thursday, December 13, 1900

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5. Miss **Pearl Jane Murdock**, daughter of Colonel Murdock, eloped and was married without previous notice yesterday to William Paul Eaton at the office of Probate Judge J. N. Haymaker. Details. Mr. Eaton is a nephew of B. L. Eaton, owner of the Carey hotel.

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Monday, December 16, 1918

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6. A divorce has been granted in Kansas City to Mrs. Paul Eaton, formerly Miss **Pearl Murdock**. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton were Wichita residents until two years ago. For several years he owned and managed two cigar stores in Wichita. He is now with Niles and Moser Cigar Company, of Kansas City.

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Friday, March 30, 1945

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10. **Pearl Jane Murdock**, daughter of the late M. M. Murdock and Mrs. Victoria Murdock, died early Thursday at her home in Los Angeles, California after a week's illness. ¶ Death was due to cerebral thrombosis. ¶ She was born April 26, 1879 in Wichita. She married Paul Eaton of Wichita in 1901 and they resided here until 1916, when they moved to Kansas City, where he died in 1918. ¶ Besides her brothers, Victor and Marcellus of Wichita, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. **Victoria Brown**, Los Angeles.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, May 20, 1962

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- 2A. Report of death yesterday at her home after a long illness, of Mrs. **Victoria Neff**, grand-daughter of Colonel Marshall M. Murdock. Born June 10, 1903, daughter of

William Paul Eaton and Pearl Jane Murdock Eaton. Married Harry B. Brown in 1923, and Morris N. Neff, Sr., in 1947. Survivors are husband, son **Britt Brown**, step-son Morris N. Neff, Jr., and step-daughter Mrs. Bob Allen, Arkansas City, and ten grandchildren.

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Friday, September 13, 1974

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15A. Article by Marie McDonald reporting on a tour through the old Murdock house. Additions to the original house probably made along with repairs after a fire in the 1880s. Only four of the Murdocks' eight children lived to adulthood: Kate (Mrs. Bion Hull) who died in 1893; **Pearl Jane** (Mrs. Paul Eaton) who died in 1945; Victor, who died in 1946; and Marcellus, who died in 1970. Details.