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## **Subject(s): Sheriffs Massey, Dunning, Fisher, Hays (early Sedgwick County sheriffs)**

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Thursday, December 31, 1874**

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3. Sheriff Massey has moved his office into the new jail building.

### **Wichita Beacon**

**Wednesday, November 14, 1877**

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5. Report of results of the election in Sedgwick County. **H. W. Dunning** elected sheriff over H. W. Vigus by 1058 to 744. D. S. Munger elected coroner over Levi Antrim by 1339 to 788. Details.

### **Wichita Beacon**

**Monday, March 13, 1922**

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5. Report of death yesterday of **John Fisher**, Wichita pioneer, at age 80. He came to Wichita in the early 70s from Ohio and went into the cattle business and later the real estate business. In the 80s he was elected **sheriff** of Sedgwick County, and during the boom he was one of the promoters of the interurban railway between Wichita and Valley Center on the Arkansas Avenue road. He has been a deputy assessor since 1910. ¶ Survived by three daughters, Mrs. Nelson McClees of Denver, Mrs. Robert Todd of Globe, Arizona, and Mrs. William Cookson, and a brother, Frank Fisher, in El Paso, Texas. Burial in Maple Grove.

### **Wichita Beacon**

**Friday, July 29, 1887**

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1. Last evening, Col. Eldridge, proprietor of Eldridge Park, was arrested by **Sheriff Hays** on charge of selling intoxicating liquors. Eldridge Park is just outside the city limits and therefore not under jurisdiction of the "mets" (i.e., Wichita police).

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Wednesday, September 16, 1959****page**

- 5A. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Viola G. Royal, 618 South Fountain, member of a Sedgwick County pioneer family. Born in rural Illinois but moved to Sedgwick County as a child. Married C. V. Royal October 14, 1903, and the couple settled on a farm a half mile west of Oatville. She resided there for more than 45 years. She was a member of the pioneer Hays family, and the town of Haysville was named for her grandfather, **William Hays**. ¶ Mr. Royal died in 1932. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Winifred Royal Fisher, a son, J. Gordon Royal, Campbell, California, four grandsons and 18 great grandsons (sic).

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