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Unit Date

1905-1955

Language

English

Creator

Sutton, David Nelson, 1895-1974

Extent

.7 Cubic Feet 2 archival boxes

Repository

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated to the Law School by Frances Sutton Oliver, the daughter of David Nelson Sutton, in September of 2004.

Biographical / Historical

David Nelson Sutton was born on 14 July 1895 in Stevensville, King and Queen County, Virginia. He received his AB degree from Richmond College (now University of Richmond). He was a student at the Department of Law between 1919-1920. [Some alumni records state that he graduated in 1920, and others 1921. Spec. Coll. thinks that the 1920 date is more accurate.]

He participated in World War I, first enlisting as a private and was later commissioned in the regular army. He resigned his commission as 1st. Lt. Cavalry, Regular Army to enter the University of Virginia in 1919. He was admitted to the Virginia Bar in 1920.

Sutton practiced law in West Point, Virginia. He was director and general counsel of the Citizens & Farmers Bank, and attorney for the Commonwealth for King William County, Virginia (1928-1946).

He was "governor" of the Kiwanis International (1940), president of the Virginia State Convention of the Disciples of Christ (1942), and vice-president of the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ. He was on the Board of Trustees of Lynchburg College, University of Richmond, and Lexington Theological Seminary. He was also a member of the Institute of Judicial Administration, and a member of the American Bar Association.

In 1936, 1940, and 1944, he participated as delegate to the Democratic conventions. From 1946-1948 he was associate counsel for the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, Tokyo, Japan, in the trial of General Tojo and other important Japanese political leaders.

Sutton was president of the Virginia State Bar Association from 1948-1949. He was member of the Virginia State Bar from 1945-1954, where he was chairman of the commission on continuing legal education (1949-1952). He was also a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the Society of International Law, the Academy of Political Science, the American Judicature Society, and the Raven Society of the University of Virginia.

He was president of the Alumni Association of the University of Richmond, and of Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Sigma Rho, Sigma Upsilon.

Sutton died at his home in West Point, Virginia, on 21 November 1974.

Scope and Contents

The David Nelson Sutton papers consist of handwritten notes taken while attending the University of Virginia Department of Law in 1919-1920, and some printed materials, including examinations and programs, that relate to his classes. There are two folders that document his nomination to the presidency of the Virginia State Bar Association in 1948, and his nomination as a member of the House of Delegates at the seventy-fifth meeting of the American Bar Association in 1953.

Keywords

Law -- Study and teaching

Description of Subordinate Components

Bailments and Carriers Notes

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Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/76144

Unit Date 1919, March - May

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Common Law Pleading. Examinations

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Unit Date 1909-1916

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Common Law Pleading. Tuesday Answers. Handwritten notes

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Unit Date 1919

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Constitutional Law. Examinations. Signed: Clarence B. Pearce [Class of 1920]

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Unit Date 1905-1916

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Contracts Notes. First term

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Unit Date 1919, Jan. - Mar

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Corporations Notebook

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Criminal Law Notes

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Equity Notebook

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Unit Date 1919

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Equity Jurisprudence. Examinations

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Unit Date 1911-1919

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Examinations: Real Property I, Criminal Law, Legal Bibliography and Briefmaking, Domestic Relations, Agency, Bailments and Carriers, Constitutional Law, Virginia Pleading

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Unit Date 1919-1920

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Founder's day Exercises Program

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Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/76154

Unit Date 1919, Apr. 12

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Government Ownership of R. R. [Railroads]. Notes Annotated Printed Materials, Newspapers Clippings

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Unit Date 1919

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Scope and Contents

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Government Ownership of R. R. University of Virginia Record Extension Series. The Virginia High School Literary and Athletic League. (See pages 40-43)

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Unit Date 1919

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Legal Bibliography and Briefmaking. Examinations

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Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/76157

Unit Date 1909-1919

Mixed Materials [35007008640603] 2 (box)

Minor Chapter of the Phi Delta Phi Fraternity of the University of Virginia School of Law. Annual Appeal in One Writ of Error . Program

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Unit Date [ca. 1919]

Mixed Materials [35007008640603] 2 (box)

Miscellaneous University of Virginia Printed Materials: Mischa Elman Tickets, The Gavel, College Topics "The Continental Congress. A Practice Pageant", Brochure

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Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/76159

Unit Date 1919, 1920, 1925

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Sales. Notebook

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Unit Date 1919

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Summer School Pageant Drama: "Shores of Happiness. A Pageant Whereof Odysseus is Hero". Script of the play and flier

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Torts. Chase's Cases on Torts

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Virginia Inheritance Tax Bill and Notes on Comparative Inheritance Tax Laws

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Unit Date n.d.

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Virginia Pleading. Tuesday Answers

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Y.M.C.A. Directory of Students and Professors at the University of Virginia

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Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/76165

Unit Date 1917

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ABA [American Bar Association]. Sutton as Virginia Member of the House of Delegates of the ABA. Correspondence and newspaper clippings

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Unit Date 1953-1955

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ABA and Virginia State Bar Nomination - Newspaper Clippings

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Unit Date 1948, 1953

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Drake vs. Bell. Brief of Daniel N. Sutton, for the Defendant

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Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/76168

Unit Date 1919

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Virginia State Bar Association Nomination for David Nelson Sutton as President. Letters of Congratulations. Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/76169

Unit Date 1948

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