

Register of the
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Collection 084

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Scope and Content

Biographical

Edward Alexander Sutherland (1865-1955) was one of the most notable and successful educational reformers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He served the church for sixty years, fifty-three of them as president of four Adventist colleges, and forty-one of those years as president of Madison College--a self-supporting Adventist institution near Nashville, Tennessee, that received no direct financial assistance from the denomination. After leaving Emmanuel Missionary College in Berrien Springs, Michigan,

Sutherland, along with Percy T. Magan, and a few others founded and led Madison College. He worked closely with Ellen White to model Madison along the educational philosophy in her writings. Sutherland was president of Madison at his death in 1955.

Sutherland led in the campaign to eradicate the classics from Seventh-day Adventist colleges and to place the Bible at the center of the curriculum. His philosophy of holistic education permanently altered the thrust of Adventist education from the elementary through the college levels. He was instrumental in the creation of the Adventist elementary and secondary-school system and a distinctive teacher-training program. Placing major emphasis on manual labor, Sutherland developed a viable work-study curriculum and sought to instill in Adventist youth a deep commitment to being missionaries regardless of their chosen career.

Attuned to the reforms of his era, Sutherland's work was reflective of the educational innovations attempted both in the Adventist church and in society at large around the turn of the century. His aggressive actions brought to fruition many of the reforms that his Adventist predecessors in the United States had not been able to consummate, as well as reforms not previously attempted by them. Sutherland's efforts to integrate faith and learning illuminate the most significant reform period in the early years of Adventist education.

Scope

It is important to understand that the Center for Adventist Research, for many years, held two large Madison-related collections received at different times from different sources but with extensive overlap. These collections remained unprocessed. Additionally, the Center held a small Sutherland collection received from yet another source, plus collections from Warren Ashworth and a White/Sutherland correspondence-focused collection. When the Center received a third large Madison-related collection in 2013, with still more considerable overlap with the existing two collections, we embarked on a multi-year task of merging the different but overlapping collections into one large, comprehensive whole. Through this work, we “spun out”

more Sutherland personal material from the institutional collections which were combined to augment the Sutherland Collection here described. Several other personal collections spun out as well. These are the DeGraw, Ard, and Scott collections.

This collection, while drawing from a very large institutional collection, is not comprehensive in its coverage of Sutherland's life and career. However, the Andrews University Center for Adventist Research holds several other manuscript collections, that, when taken together with this one, will provide a full coverage of Sutherland's remarkable and prolific life. One collection is the collected primary sources from the work of Warren Ashworth who prepared a dissertation on Sutherland entitled, *Edward Alexander Sutherland and the Seventh-day Adventist Educational Reform: the Denominational Years*, in 1986. [See G.S Diss. A831.] At this point, April 2017, the Ashworth source material collection is not ready for research use. There is a large Madison Institutions manuscript collection [see Collection 167] which has a wide variety of resources related to Sutherland. As the founder and leader of Madison for so many years, Madison's history is closely intertwined with Sutherland. There is yet another collection with a focus on correspondence between Sutherland, Ellen White and W. C. White. [See Collection 231.] Lastly, there are several related collections of people who were associated with Sutherland during his Madison years. These include Bessie DeGraw [Collection 339], the Ard Family, and Mary Kate Gafford.

Content

This personal collection contains some Sutherland family materials and letters as well as a portion of his prolific writing and presentation output. Sutherland was a trustee of two estates, papers of which are included here. The estates are those of John S. Cominns and Mary and Ellen Woodworth. Also included are some clippings and a few personal artifacts.

Provenance

The source of the bulk of this collection is not known. Additional materials came into it from the several Madison-related collections held by the Center. The original materials likely came in the 1980s while the newest additions came in 2013 from the Madison College Alumni Association.

Use

All users of this collection are required to complete the "Application to Use Unpublished Records," and to observe the regulations specified in the "Patron Agreement" and "Researcher's Code of Conduct." All records in this collection are open and available for research. Citation for this collection:

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I. Personal Materials

Family Information

- Box 1 Fld 1 Marriage of Edward A. Sutherland and M. Bassie DeGraw.
- Fld 2 Edward Alexander Sutherland's Family Obituaries.
- Fld 3 Iowa Census Records Listing Names of Mary and Alex Sutherland.

Correspondence

- Box 1 Fld 4 Ole A. Olsen, 1892-1896 (24 letters).
- Fld 5 William C. White, 1893-1904 (33 letters).
- Fld 6 Leroy T. Nicola, 1894-1897 (9 letters).
- Fld 7 Ellen G. White, 1896-1904 (34 letters).
- Fld 8 L. A. Hoopes, 1897-1900 (14 letters).
- Fld 9 Unidentified person, 1898 (1 letter).
- Fld 10 George A. Irwin, 1898-1901 (8 letters).
- Fld 11 J. Edson White, 1900 (1 letter).
- Fld 12 Arthur G. Daniells, 1901-1904 (29 letters).
- Fld 13 Howard E. Osborn, 1902 (4 letters).
- Fld 14 A. D. Westcott, 1902 (2 letters).
- Fld 15 J. Ellis Tenney, 1902 (1 letter).
- Fld 16 H. E. Rogers, 1904 (2 letters).
- Fld 17 Bessie DeGraw, 1948-1953 (3 letters).
- Fld 18 Others, 1931-1962 (70 letters).
- Fld 19 Family, no date (4 letters).
- Fld 20 Others, no date (5 letters).
- Fld 21 Post cards Family and Friends, 1954-1955 (12 cards).

II. Writings

Essays and Presentations

- Box 2 Fld 1 A Plan for the Book.
- Fld 2 A Visit to Self-Supporting Missionary Enterprise in the Southland: A Word of Explanation.

- Fld 3 Chronological Arrangement of Events in the Life of Percy T. Magan and those Associated with Him.
- Fld 4 Conference of Rural School Workers Presentation (1917, Oct.).
- Fld 5 Declaration of Principles.
- Fld 6 Educational Work Its Future Possibilities (Open service air talk, 1904, August 7).
- Fld 7 Medical Missionary Work and the Laymen.
- Fld 8 My Sixty Years Acquaintance with Dr. Percy T. Magan.
- Fld 9 Questions From Dr. Sutherland's Blue Book of Special Testimonies: Proper Education.
- Fld 10 Reading the Blue Print.
- Fld 11 Response to Elder Branson's Speech at Grand Ledge (1951).
- Fld 12 Rural Outposts.
- Fld 13 Running Ahead of the Angel.
- Fld 14 Solving the Problem of Student Self-Supporting and Making Vocational Subjects a Part of the Working Curriculum.
- Fld 15 Show My Senility by Reminiscing (a talk to Medical Students).
- Fld 16 The need to conserve food during the time of World-War 1.
- Fld 17 Testimonies and Commendations for Edward A. Sutherland Publications: *Advocate*, *Bible Reader*, *Living Fountain*, and *Mental Arithmetic*.
- Fld 18 The Light Must Go, and We Must Be Ready For The Day Break (Emmanuel Missionary College Commencement Address 1951).
- Fld 19 True Education.
- Fld 20 The Sutherland House Dedication (by Andrews University).
- Box 5 Fld 4 Edward A. Sutherland, black three-ring binder notebook with many different types of writings or notes for presentations. The first 58 pages are on health topics. The second portion, pages 1 to 159 are mostly health topics, but there are a few on Madison related topics.

Articles

- Box 2 Fld 21 A List of Articles authored by Edward A. Sutherland.
- Fld 22 "Commencing Self-Supporting Work," *News of Self Supporting Institutions and Rural Living* Vol. 4, No 4 (1954).
- Fld 23 God's Plan of Life for Man, His Way of Life.
- Fld 24 Foundation Stones in the Madison Structure.
- Fld 25 Out of the Cities: The Message of Today.
- Fld 26 Pre-Medical Training for Poor But Earnest Students.
- Fld 27 The Right to a Home and the Right Home.
- Fld 28 Suggestions for the Organization of Self Supporting Missionary Institutions.
- Fld 29 Training Students to Establish Rural Health Home: The Growing Demand for Such Workers.

Sermons

- Box 3 Fld 1 God's Plan of Life for Man.
- Fld 2 A General Practitioner's Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Treatment.

Teaching Materials: Syllabus

- Box 3 Fld 3 Tracing Madison's Roots Back to the Religious Awakening Preceding the Mid-Night Cry.

Publications: Books [photocopy or actual]

- Box 3 Fld 4 *Living Fountains and Broken Cisterns*.
- Fld 5 *History of Christian Education and Self-Supporting Evangelism*.
- Fld 6 *Studies in Christian Education*.

Others

- Box 3 Fld 7 Physician's Visiting List.
- Fld 8 Memoranda and a Statement Concerning the Personal Effects of Dr. And Mrs. Edward A. Sutherland (1941, May 17 and 1944, December 7).
- Fld 9 Agreement Concerning River Haven Cottage (1949 August 10).

III. Documents

Personal

- Box 3 Fld 10 Execution of Will Belonging to Emeline W. Hurlbutt, Listing Edward A. Sutherland as the Sole Executor.
- Fld 11 Tax Papers.
- Fld 12 Tennessee Building & Loan Association Running Stock Book (1933).
- Fld 13 Cards.
 - Ministerial Credentials Card,
 - 3 Credit Identification Cards,
 - Rail Travel Card,
 - Alumni Association Card of College of Medical Evangelists Los Angeles, California,
 - The American Red Cross 1950 Certificate of Membership,
 - The American Hospital Association Membership Card 1950.
- Fld 14 Passport (Expiration Date 1922, February 24).
- Fld 15 Certificates of Medical Practice Registration (1951-1956).

- Fld 16 High School Certificate belonging to Mrs. Sallie V. B. Sutherland (1922).

Fld 17 Programs of Commencement Exercise NANI 1933, and
Madison College 1937, 1939, 1940, and 1944.

John S. Comins Estate (Edward A. Sutherland was a trustee of the Estate).

Correspondence

- Box 4 Fld 1 Letters of Edward A. Sutherland (1918-1927).
- Fld 2 Letters and Documents of Edward A. Sutherland during
Mexico Trip for J. S. Comins Estate (1921-1925).
- Fld 3 Letters of John S. Comins (1898-1925).

Legal Documents

- Box 4 Fld 4 Agreements and Court Rulings, 1899-1920.
- Fld 5 Agreements and Court Rulings, 1921-1927.
- Fld 6 Deeds and Contracts, 1899-1917.
- Fld 7 Certificates of Property and Shares, 1909-1917.
- Fld 8 Will of John S. & Celestia D. B. Comins (2 copies, 1906).

Finance

- Box 4 Fld 9 Financial Records.

Mary and Ellen Woodworth Estate (Edward A. Sutherland was a trustee of the
Estate)

- Box 4 Fld 10 Certificates Shares.

IV. Miscellaneous Folders

Clippings

- Box 4 Fld 11 News paper and other Clippings.
- Fld 12 Map of California.

V. Artifacts

- Box 5 Fld 1 Two Shoe Brushes.
- Fld 2 Words Picture Frame.
- Fld 3 Dental Plates Powder Container.

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