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## Summary

<b>Main entry:</b>	Sutton, Richard C.
<b>Title:</b>	Richard C. Sutton genealogical research papers, 1801-1886, 1916-1943
<b>Size:</b>	.8 linear feet (2 boxes)
<b>Source:</b>	Gift of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2008
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Richard C. Sutton genealogical research papers contain family papers dating from 1801 to 1886, and Sutton's research notes, copies of documents, and correspondence generated by his research on the Sutton and Steele families. The family documents are largely papers of members of the Steele family of New York City, in particular Sutton's great-grandfather, William Steele. Allied families represented in his research files include the Brown, Davison, Falconer, Ostrom, Seger, Smith, Stymets, Vaughan, Wisner, and Woodruff families, all of New York and the surrounding areas.
<b>Access:</b>	Advance notice required. Apply at <a href="http://www.nypl.org/mssref">http://www.nypl.org/mssref</a>
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<b>Special formats</b>	Genealogies, photographs

**Provenance note**

Donated to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society by Richard Sutton, September 1971

## Biographical note

Richard Carteret Sutton published the *Pedigree Chart of the Purdy, Falconer, and Stevens Families* in 1935 and wrote several other unpublished genealogical works. He was the grandson of Woodruff Sutton and Fannie Steele Sutton, and the great-grandson of William Steele. He inherited the family papers from his grandmother.

## Scope and content note

The Richard C. Sutton genealogical research papers contain family papers dating from 1801 to 1886, and Sutton's research notes, copies of documents, and correspondence generated by his research on the Sutton and Steele families. The family documents are largely papers of members of the Steele family of New York City, in particular Sutton's great-grandfather, William Steele. These include correspondence between William Steele and various family members, and legal documents. The correspondence deals with family concerns and records deaths, illnesses, and even his son's refusal to return home to attend school after spending a summer away working. A small amount of William's correspondence with others outside the family is also included.

The collection also contains nineteenth century portrait photographs of members of the Steele and Sutton families, and a picture of the home of Effingham B. Sutton, Effingham Park, in West Islip, Long Island. Many documents concern the keeping of the Steele household at 113 Lexington Avenue. Included are receipts and bills for such household needs as children's clothing, wine, rent, milk, tuition and school books, use of a coach, plumbing supplies, a subscription to the New York Bible Society, 1822, "sprinkling the street," 1857, and miscellaneous other expenses.

Richard Sutton's research files contain genealogical data forms, notes, and charts dealing with his various family lines, but also contain his correspondence with other members of his family, in which many of them relate personal stories about his ancestors. It also includes Sutton's manuscript genealogy entitled "Descendants of David Sutton and His Wife Mary Brown."

## Arrangement note

The Richard C. Sutton Genealogical Research Papers are organized in the following series:

Family papers, 1801-1886  
Genealogical research files, 1916-1943

## Container list

### Family papers, 1801-1886

Correspondence  
William Steele

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
1	1	Henry Steele, 1851-1864 (With father, William)
	2	John Steele, 1856-1886
	3	Mary Steele, 1856
	4	Robert Steele, 1856, n.d.
	5	Others, 1801-1857, n.d.
	6	Steele family, 1852-1878, n.d.
	7	Drawings, undated Children's drawings by Fanny and William Steele, Jr.
	8	Photographs (Sutton and Steele families)
	9	Seeger papers, 1830s (Will, tax document, account book, trust)
	10	Newspapers, 1823, 1850 (Albany Journal, Commercial Advertiser)
		Legal documents
XX-14		Ferrer estate, 1825-1827
1	11	William Steele, 1836-1846
	12-14	Receipts and documents, 1810-1859 (William Steele and family)

### Genealogical research files, 1916-1943

		Richard Sutton correspondence
2	1	With institutions, 1927-1941
	2	With relatives, 1916-1943
	3	Genealogical charts (Browne, Davison, Steele)
	4	"Descendants of David Sutton and His Wife Mary Brown" Manuscript by Richard Carteret Sutton, ca. 1934-1936
	5	Genealogical data forms
	6	Stymets-Brown research
	7-8	Genealogical research notes and copies of sources
	9	Sutton bible record