Descriptive Summary

Title: Fae Lenaire Sutton Papers

Dates: 1880s-1990s

Collection Number: SC. 2016-6

Creator/Collector: Sutton, Fae Lenaire

Extent: 2 Document boxes; 1 photo album

Repository: California State University, Fullerton. University Archives and Special Collections

Abstract: Fae Lenaire Sutton is an individual who resided in Orange County. Her family were original property owners in the area of Orange and Santa Ana reaching back to the 1880s. The Fae Lenaire Sutton Collection is composed mostly of documents regarding the ownership, transfer, and sale of property in Southern California.

Language of Material: English

Access

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Biography/Administrative History

Fae Lenaire Sutton was born May 3rd, 1919 and died December 15th, 1997. She graduated high school in 1937 in Garden Grove, and attended La Salle Extension University. La Salle University was located in Chicago, but specialized in “distance learning”. Sutton studied accounting through them at her home in Orange County. She died in Orange, California and is buried at Santa Ana cemetery. Sutton’s father (Walter A. Sutton) was born in California and worked as a contractor. He was also a Civil Defense medical volunteer. Her mother’s parents came from Arkansas and Missouri, and has an ancestor who fought for the Union’s 14th Kansas Cavalry in the Civil War. Unfortunately not much else is known about Fae Lenaire Sutton. Based on the files within this collection it appears she never married or had any children. She spent a good portion of her life managing properties owned and inherited by her and her family members. Photographs show that she traveled to places including Alaska and Washington D.C.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Fae Lenaire Sutton Collection is composed mostly of documents regarding the ownership, transfer, and sale of property in Southern California. This collection also includes personal family photos, and family documents that trace back to the late 19th century. Items include deeds, contracts, legal correspondence, and photographs. The strength of this collection is found within the real estate documents, and highlights the complexity of managing property in the 20th century. On a biographical note, the photographs highlight a woman (Fae Lenaire Sutton), her friends, and family, and offer a glimpse into middle-class life of the mid-20th century.

Indexing Terms

Sutton, Fae Lenaire (1919 – 1997)

Real property – California – Orange County

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