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age 23 and (3) Ruth Kirkwood, d. 6-28-1881, age 65. His children were Anna Elizabeth (d. 8-14-1865, age 26), Hadassah M., Robert K., and Jennie A. (b. 1851) m. Thomas P. Gilmore 8-14-1886.

For ancestral data, see David Reid, our subject's father.

**SUTTON, THOMAS Jr.**, b. 5-3-1854 Indiana, PA, d. 12-27-1942. Prominent businessman & civic leader; 58 yrs. service as INS treasurer (1878-82); secretary, Board of Trustees (1882-1897) and president (1897-1936) during transition to ISNS and ISTC. Thomas Sutton Dining Hall, erected 1904-05, named in his honor, was dedicated 6-8-1905 and torn down 1979 to make way for Stapleton Library.

Mr. S. attended the Indiana public schools and entered Princeton University, graduating 1873. Returning home, he began the study of law with John P. Blair, and was admitted to the IC Bar at the spring term 1876. In the fall he entered Columbia Law School, NYC but was called home in about a year due to his father's last illness. He then began the practice of law, including about a year in the office of Silas M. Clark. He specialized in the settlement of estates, land titles and collection of debts. In 1904 it was said, "In recent years . . . his work has been mainly in his office, going into court only when the particular interests of some of his clients require it." He was said to be "Unassuming in manner."

His connection with the Normal School has been mentioned (also see Vol. III: 491).

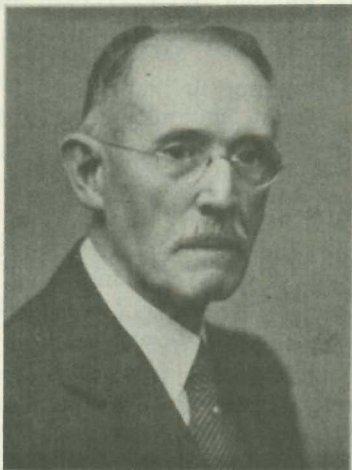
The business interests of Mr. Sutton were extensive. With his brother, John W. Sutton, he was a member of the Chilled Car Wheel Manufacturing Co. (1878) specializing in wheels for pit wagons or coal cars. In 1883 the firm became Sutton Bros. & Bell (Hugh M. Bell) until in 1899 the name Indiana Foundry Co. Ltd. was adopted. See Vol. II for further details of these companies. He was a member of the Indiana Chemical Co. Ltd. organized 1887, and served as secretary. The company manufactured wood alcohol, acetate of lime and charcoal. He was a director of the First National Bank 1881-87; 1911f., serving as president 1886-87, and attorney 1884-88. Mr. Sutton was also president of the Keystone Printing Co., Pittsburgh, incorporated 1911; and v. pres. of Roanoke Valley Orchards Inc., Salem, VA. He had a farm in White Township and numerous real estate interests, including centrally located properties in St. Paul, MN.

Mr. Sutton was active in social & civic affairs. He was one of the organizers of the Shakespeare Club, 1879 and was president in 1880 and for a number of years afterward. Member, First Presbyterian Church since 1876; ruling elder 1879-90; trustee & deacon at various times; and for 50 yrs. treasurer of the Sabbath School.

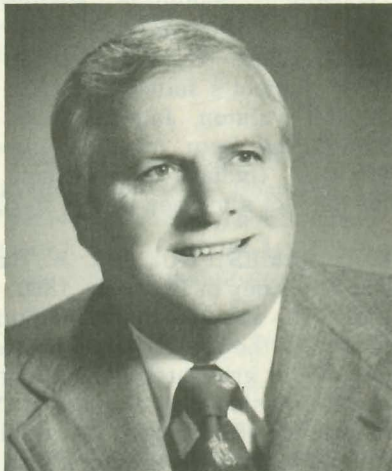
A Republican, Mr. S. served on the Indiana Boro Council and as a Boro auditor. (Also see 420-C)

Our subject m. 10-22-1878 Ella P. Hildebrand, d/o Edward P. & Eliza (Woods) Hildebrand (see sketch of Edward P. Hildebrand). Mrs. Sutton d. 9-2-1942. They had two sons, Edward H. (9-18-1879/6-24-1959) m. Lou Marie Fink 1-14-1903; and John S. of Atlanta, GA.

John Sutton, our subject's father, is covered in another sketch.



Thomas Sutton Jr.      The Oak 1936



Patrick J. Stapleton Jr.