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**Committee to Save John Sutton Hall
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Scope and Content

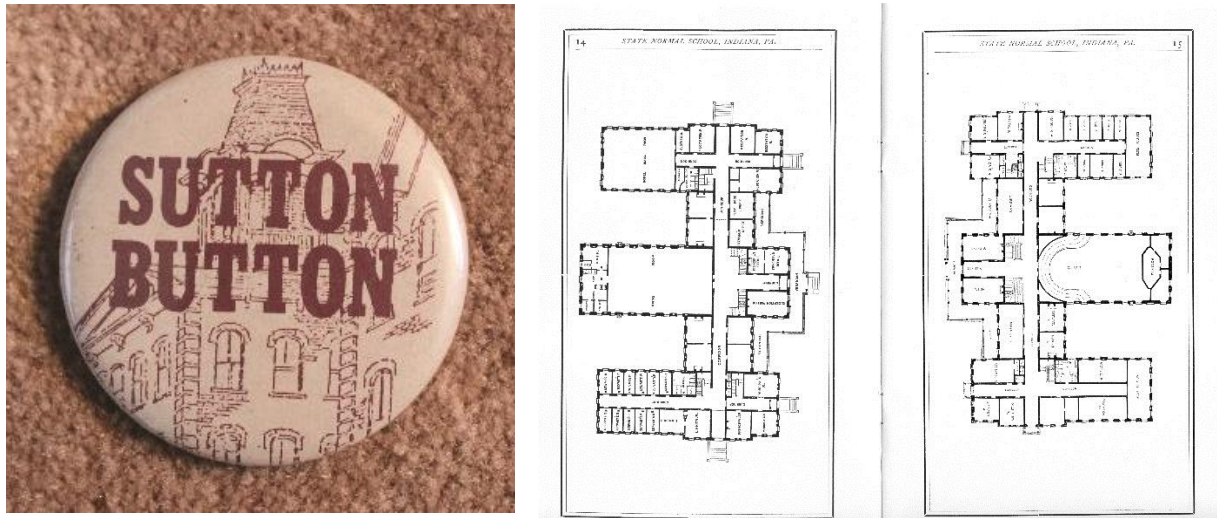
The Committee to Save John Sutton Hall was formed in 1975 to prevent the planned demolition of the first original building on campus. Originally built in 1874-1875, the main building was named John Sutton Hall in 1903 by the Indiana State Normal School Board of Trustees in memory of the board's first president, John Sutton (1814-1877). By the 1970s, John Sutton Hall had been in use for a century, and it was in need of restoration, maintenance, and modernization. As a result of the Committee to Save John Sutton Hall, the building was designated a historic landmark, restored, and continues to serve IUP as administrative and faculty offices and a central meeting place on campus.



Earliest known photograph of the main building at Indiana State Normal School, ca. 1874-1875

This collection documents the struggle to preserve John Sutton Hall, and the historic preservation and restoration that was required to restore the building to its original state when it was built in 1875. The current floor plan of John Sutton Hall closely resembles the original design of the building. Several later additions and annexes including Thomas Sutton Hall were removed

during the renovation of John Sutton Hall in 1975-1976, and the construction of the Patrick J. Stapleton, Jr. Library Complex in 1979-1981.



Button worn by Committee members, and building floor plan from the 1875-1876 Catalog

Processor

Collection was processed by Harrison Wick and the finding aid was rewritten in 2014.

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Box 1 (35 folders)

1. Sutton Advisory Committee Minutes, 1975-1979
2. Sutton Advisory Committee Minutes, 1979-1983
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5. Background information about Sutton Hall, 1878-1915 (photocopies)
6. Sutton Hall Blueprints
7. Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes and Resolution about Sutton Hall, 1975
8. Engineer Consultant, 1975-1976
9. IUP Fire and Panic Regulations, 1973
10. Guidebook to Indiana, 1975 (see page 4)
11. Inspections and Findings, 1975
 - a. Photographs
 - b. Feasibility Study, 1975
12. Landmarks Planning, Inc. Correspondence, 1975-1976
13. Landmarks Planning, Inc. Feasibility Study, 1975
14. Correspondence with Congressman John Murtha about project funding, 1975
15. National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1975
16. Newspaper Articles
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18. Correspondence with the Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety, 1973
19. Correspondence with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 1975
20. Correspondence with the Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks, 1975

21. Petitions to save John Sutton Hall
22. Plan of Action to save John Sutton Hall
23. Pledge Volunteer Slips
24. Photographs of John Sutton Hall before Restoration
25. Position Paper to the Board of Trustees for re-use of John Sutton Hall, 1975
26. Price Proposal for Restoration of John Sutton Hall, 1975
27. Department of Property and Supplies, 1975
28. Publicity and Campaigning correspondence, 1975
29. Publicity brochures
 - a. John Sutton Hall – A Victorian Restoration, 1977-1978
 - b. The 1975 Centennial Scrapbook
30. Resolutions about John Sutton Hall, 1975
31. John Sutton Hall Restoration Celebration, 1983
32. John Sutton Hall Restoration Fundraising, 1975-1983
33. John Sutton Hall Scrapbook, 1975
34. Treasurer's Report, 1975
35. University Senate Committee Meeting Minutes about John Sutton Hall, 1975-1976



John Sutton Hall as it appeared in 1949