

Mortimer Yates Sutherland Jr.

Aug 6, 1912 - Jan 24, 2005



Corks and Curls (UVA yearbook) 1934

- What else did Sutherland do that would qualify him to have a school named for him in 1993? He only worked in Albemarle schools for 9 years, was on the Albemarle School Board for a year or less (based only on secondary sources right now), and was on the Albemarle Board of Supervisors for two terms (8 years). “Numerous other boards” are mentioned in his obituary, but what there were have not been compiled. This hardly seems enough to meet the standard for a school name. What other work or reasons motivated this choice? One possibility is financial donations.
- Sutherland was on the School Board and Board of Supervisors during a time (1954-1963) that both bodies unanimously supported numerous forms of resistance to the Supreme Court ruling *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* ordering school desegregation. Sutherland was part of this resistance.

Birth Certificate

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS 5432

(1) PLACE OF BIRTH
County of Allemane
District of Samuel Miller Registration District No. _____ File No. _____
or
Inc. Town of _____ Primary Registration Dist. No. 13 Registered No. 5
or
City of _____ (No. _____, St.; _____ Ward)
If birth occurs in a hospital or other institution, give name of same instead of street and number.

(2) FULL NAME OF CHILD Mortimer Yates Sutherland Jr. { If child is not yet named, make supplemental report, as directed.

(3) BOY OR GIRL? Boy (4) Twin, triplet, or other? _____ (5) Number in order of birth _____ (6) Legitimate? _____ (7) DATE OF BIRTH August 6, 1912
(To be answered only in event of plural births) (Month) (Day) (Year)

FATHER			MOTHER		
(8) FULL NAME <u>Mortimer Yates Sutherland</u>	(14) FULL MAIDEN NAME <u>Ethel May White</u>				
(9) RESIDENCE OF FATHER <u>North Garden - Va</u>	(15) RESIDENCE OF MOTHER <u>North Garden - Va</u>				
(10) COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	(11) AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>51</u>	(16) COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	(17) AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>30</u>		
(12) BIRTHPLACE <u>North Garden - Va</u>		(18) BIRTHPLACE <u>Dry - Va</u>			
(13) OCCUPATION <u>Farmer & Merchant</u>		(19) OCCUPATION <u>Housewife</u>			
(20) Number of children born to this mother, including present birth <u>4</u>	(21) Number of children of this mother now living, including present birth <u>4</u>				

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE*

(22) I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was Domestic at 7 P M., on the date above stated.
(Boy, Girl, or Stillborn) (Hour, A. M. or P. M.)

(23) (Signature) H. M. Williams

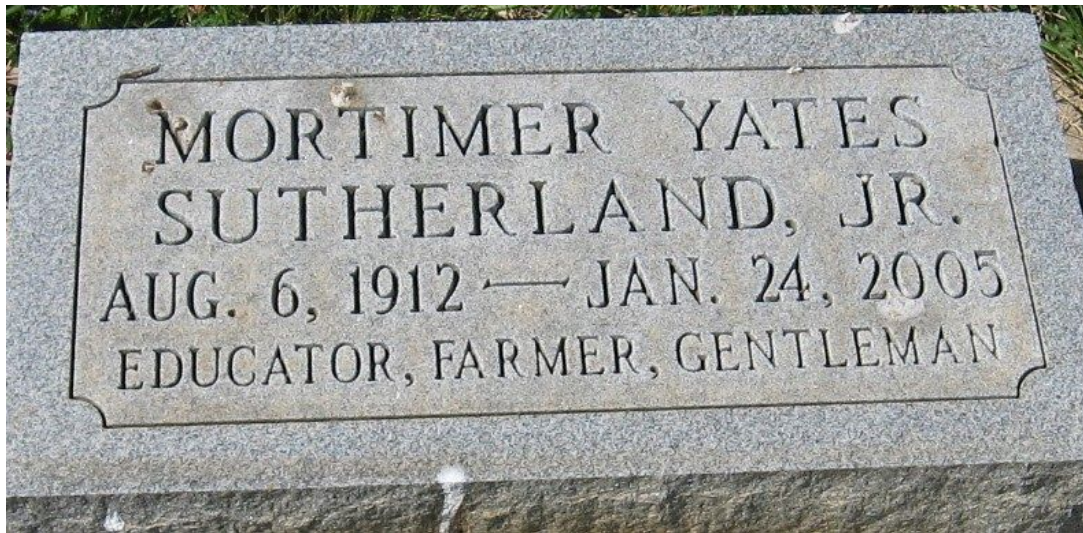
(24) _____
(State whether Physician or Midwife)

(25) Address of Physician or Midwife Pro. Hsu. Co.

(26) Filed Aug 26, 1912 N. Sutherland
LOCAL REGISTRAR

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING BLACK INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
N. B.—In case of more than one child at a birth, a SEPARATE RETURN must be made for each, and the number of each, in order of birth, stated in answer 5.
H. D., V. S., Form No. 10, 1908, 6-15-12-5.

Gravestone



Timeline

- 1930-1935 - attends UVA
 - UVA BS 1934 (Math) & MS 1935 (Geology)
 - thesis: "A Comparative Study of the Virginia Granites"
- 1937-1944 - teaches at Scottsville High School
 - 1940 census - living on Harrison st in Scottsville as a boarder
- 1944-1946 - principal Meriwether Lewis Elementary - "taught math and history, and coached baseball, basketball and boxing."
- 1946 - resigns after having worked as a teacher and principal for 9 years.
- 1954 April 21 Sutherland appointed to School Board as Samuel Miller District representative by the BoS, after Robert E. Turner resigned due to ill health.
- 1954 May 13 - Sutherland attends first School Board meeting as a member
- 1954 May 17 - *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* ruling
- 1954 May 19 - From the BoS regular meeting [minutes](#) - "Mr. Paul H. Cale and members of the School Board appeared before the Board [of Supervisors] and discussed the ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court with regard to segregation." A unanimous resolution encouraging the state to form what would later be called the Gray Commission, and recommending the Honorable John S. Battle, former Governor of Virginia, as chair. In 1956, the Charlottesville City Council retained Battle's son, John S. Battle, Jr., to oppose lawsuits to integrate that school system.
- 1954 Aug - marries Phyllis Helen Green Newbarr (Jul 4, 1907 - May 1986)
- 1955 Nov - elected to BoS for 1956-1959 term, running unopposed.
- 1955 Dec 13 - BoS meeting (prior to Sutherland becoming a member the next month), passes a unanimous resolution to "preserve the public school system and avoid forced integration"
- **TBD**
- 1957 - re-elected to BoS for 1960-1963 term.
- **TBD**
- 1962 July - Albemarle School Board and BoS create informal agreement that extracurricular activities and athletics will be cancelled if the school is forced to desegregate
- 1962 July - BoS dismisses entire School Board for not changing policy to continue sports if schools are desegregated.
- 1963 Fall - Albemarle desegregates, as 26 Black students attend several schools after a court order
- 1963 Dec - BoS term ends
- 1993/4 - Mortimer Y. Sutherland Middle School named
- 2005 - Sutherland dies. Wills estate to UVA
- 2006 - UVA establishes the M.Y. Sutherland Jr. Scholarship Fund and Helen Sutherland Berkeley Scholarship (Nursing School)

Note on Sutherland School Board appointment: Several secondary sources say that "elected to the Albemarle County School Board in 1954", which is incorrect because, at this time, the SB was appointed by the BoS. Sutherland was appointed to the School Board on April 21, 1954 by the BoS, after Robert E. Turner, representative from the Samuel Miller district, resigned due to ill health. Turner would die in November 1954. Sutherland serves on the School Board until his election to the BoS in November 1955, and begins his tenure on the BoS in 1956. John W. Williams, Charlottesville district, nominated and seconded by E. H. Bain, Samuel Miller district. Bain had been appointed after Henry Chiles, elected in 1952, left. In the 1955 election, Bain does not run for election to the seat and Sutherland runs unopposed.

1954-04-21 School Board Minutes:

Communication was received from Mr. R. E. Turner submitting his resignation as a member of the School Board because of ill health. On request of/made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Bain, Mr. Mr. McCue, motion was
Turner's resignation was accepted with regret and it was ordered that a letter be written to Mr. Turner thanking him for his long and valuable service to Albemarle County. Also on re-quest of Mr. McCue, motion was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Bain, Mr. M. Y. Sutherland, Jr., was appointed to succeed Mr. Turner on the School Board.

Daily Progress, May 14, 1954:

M. Y. Sutherland Jr., of North Garden, appointed to the School Board from the Samuel Miller Magisterial District following the resignation last month of Robert E. Turner, of Afton, School Board member for 17 years, attended his first meeting as a member yesterday. He is a former teacher at Scottsville High School and a former principal of Meriwether Lewis High School but for the past few years has devoted his full time to farming.

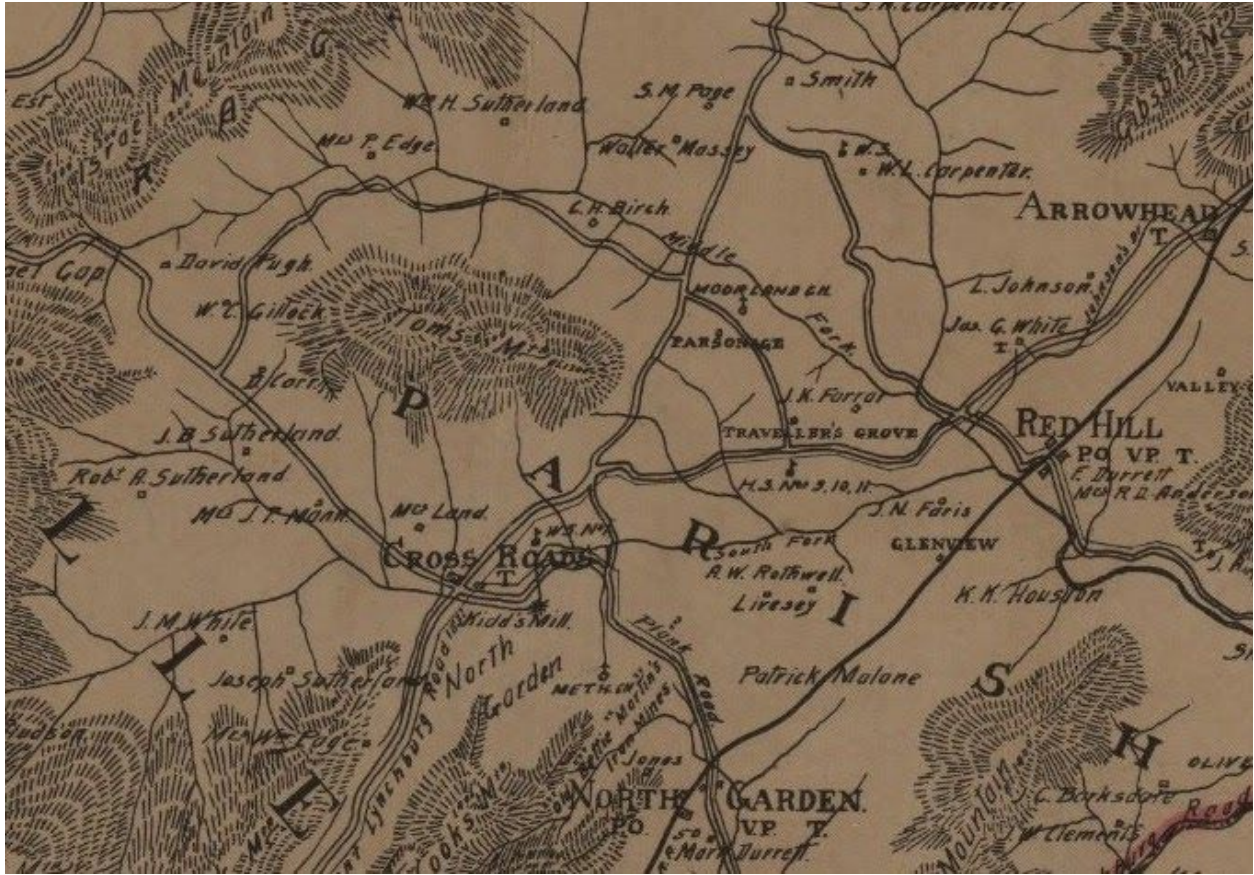
Sutherland's first BoS meeting of the BoS 1956-01-03, "Mr. Sutherland nominated Mr. C. Purcell McCue, Jr. to represent the Samuel Miller District on the School Board."

Family Tree (partial)

- **Mortimer Yates Sutherland Jr. (Aug 6, 1912 - Jan 24, 2005)**
 - Mortimer Yates Sutherland, Sr. (1860–1940)
 - Joseph Sutherland, Jr. (1822-1892) buried in Sutherland-Anderson Cemetery 2985 Sutherland Road
 - Joseph Sutherland (Sr.), died 1888.
 - Anna Elizabeth Anderson Sutherland
 - Susan Ann **Yates** Anderson
 - Ethel May (née White) Sutherland (1882–1969)
 - George Willis White 1857–1932

1860 Census, Page No. 43, Schedule 2 - Slave Inhabitants in St. Anne's Parish in the County of Albemarle State of Virginia. Listed here under "Name of Slave Owner", Joseph Sutherland and Joseph Sutherland Jr. is Sutherland's grandfather and great-grandfather.

8	Joseph Sutherland	1	47	"	"	✓		
9		1	35	7	"			
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15		1	4	7	"			
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17		1	1	"	"			
18		1	4	"	"			
19	Joseph Sutherland Jr.	1	23	"	"	✓		
20		1	23	7	"			
21		1	13	m	"			
22		1	10	7	"			3
23		1	32	"	"			



From the 1907 Massie Map. the “Joseph Sutherland” estate listed southwest of Cross Roads is Sutherland’s grandfather.

Text below is from "Building Namesake Biographical Research for the Albemarle County School Board" by Shelley Viola Murphy, Jean L. Cooper, and April Burns, Paul H. Cale Elementary School Advisory Committee Report part 2

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16xOI9aD1-bJqieA5nkMJM5uSIId165Hvq/view?usp=sharing>

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Mortimer Yates Sutherland, Jr., White (6 Aug. 1912–24 Jan. 2005)

Mortimer Yates Sutherland, Jr. was the son of Mortimer Yates Sutherland, Sr., and his wife, Ethel May White. He was the only son, but he had four sisters: Annie E., Frances A., Helen M., and Ethel W. Sutherland. He grew up in Samuel Miller District, Albemarle County, VA. As far as can be ascertained, M. Y. Sutherland, Jr. never married.

Sutherland, who earned a bachelor's degree at the University in 1934 and a master's degree in 1935, died in January 2005, at age 92. A lifelong resident of North Garden in southern Albemarle County, he was a teacher and principal before becoming a member of the Albemarle County School Board and later a member of the Board of Supervisors.

Sutherland taught at Scottsville High School from 1937 to 1944. He then transferred to Meriwether Lewis High School, where he became principal, taught math and history, and coached baseball, basketball, and boxing. He retired in 1946 and was elected to the Albemarle County School Board in 1954. The following year, he was elected to the Board of Supervisors and served two terms. In 1993, the county named the new Mortimer Y. Sutherland Middle School in his honor, recognizing his service as an educator and community leader.¹³

In 1963, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors passed a motion instructing the Albemarle County School Board to approve a policy against racially mixed athletics in the Albemarle County Schools. When the County School Board defied the Board of Supervisors by not

¹³ "University of Virginia Receives \$6 Million Gift for Financial Aid; Nursing Scholarship Included in Bequest from Late Alumnus." *UVA Today*, June 20, 2006. <https://news.virginia.edu/content/university-virginia-receives-6-million-gift-financial-aid-nursing-scholarship-included>

approving this policy for the schools, the County Board of Supervisors passed another motion to dismiss the entire Albemarle County School Board for refusing to follow an order of the Board of Supervisors. M. Y. Sutherland was the only member of the County Board of Supervisors who voted 'no' on this second motion.¹⁴ Except for two members, the Albemarle County School Board was dismissed at this time.

In his will, Sutherland Jr. donated \$6 million for scholarships to students of the U.Va. School of Nursing, in honor of his sister, Helen Sutherland Berkeley, who died in 1991. She was an RN, and was the first nursing supervisor of the University eye clinic. She was married to University archivist Francis L. Berkeley Jr.¹⁵

We reviewed of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* from 1950 through 1970, and found no quotes from him that seem problematic. A review of the *Daily Progress* has begun, but have only covered from 1950 to 1955, and again found nothing that seems problematic.

This description of the 1962-63 School Board / Board of Supervisors conflict is not accurate. In July 1962, the SB & BoS came to an informal agreement (not documented in BoS minutes) that the school system should suspend dances, parties, clubs, band, and athletics if a school was forced to desegregate as the result of a Federal court order.

Parents were livid about the prospect of sports being cancelled when the school was to be desegregated in the Fall of 1963.

At the BoS meeting 1963-06-20, the BoS tells the SB that this decision is not in "the best interests of the majority of the citizens of the County" and should consider at least bringing back clubs, band, and athletics. In this resolution, the BoS includes in its resolution, referring to the policy of suspending all the activities, "Whereas, we, the Board of Supervisors felt such action was deterrent and would tend to discourage the application of colored children to the white schools". Sutherland voted against that resolution, with the minutes stating "Mr. Sutherland stated that he voted against the Board's resolution since he also favored working with the School Board in doing the will of the people and felt the two Boards should consult further regarding the matter."

The next month, at the 1963-07-06 meeting, the Board voted to dissolve the SB for not reinstating athletics, by a vote of 4 ayes, 1 nay (Sutherland), 1 not present (Thraves). This should not be misinterpreted as a vote by Sutherland in support of the SB or the policy, but rather than Sutherland felt the SB and BoS could work out the disagreement, rather than taking the drastic action of dismissing the entire SB.

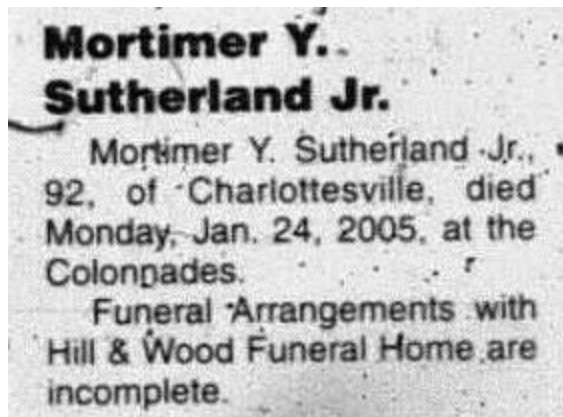
Daily Progress 1963-07-06 (pages 1, 10, and 11):

<https://search.lib.virginia.edu/catalog/uva-lib:2667981>

Also note that noted segregationist E. J. Oglesby was a member of the School Board at the time and was dismissed.

At this time, Anna Yancey was the Samuel Miller District representative, Sutherland's district, and a supporter of the extracurricular ban. At the next BoS meeting, Sutherland would move to re-appoint her, but would not receive a second on the motion.

Obituaries



Short Obit, 2005-01-25 Daily Progress

by Culpeper American Legion Post 330 and Culpeper V.F.W. Post 2524.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Madison Emergency Services Agency, 532 Main St., Madison, VA 22727.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to noon today at the church.

Preddy Funeral Home, Madison, is in charge of arrangements.



Mortimer Y. Sutherland Jr.

Mortimer Yates Sutherland Jr., 92, of North Garden, Va., died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at the Colonnades.

Mr. Sutherland was born Aug. 6, 1912, in North Garden. He was the son of the late Mortimer Yates Sutherland Sr. and Ethel White Sutherland. He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Green Sutherland; and his four sisters, Elizabeth Sutherland, Frances Carpenter, Helen Berkley and Peggy Johnson. He is survived by a niece and a nephew.

Mr. Sutherland graduated from the University of Virginia on June 12, 1934. He was principal of Scottsville High School and Meriwether Lewis High School, where he taught math and coached basketball and baseball. After retiring from teaching, he raised cattle on the family farm. His hobbies were hunting, fishing and raising roses in his garden.

He served on the Farm Credit Association and Production

Credit Association in Staunton, along with the School Board of Albemarle County, the Board of Supervisors and many other boards, giving of his time and service to them. As a tribute for his many years of service to Albemarle County, the Mortimer Y. Sutherland Middle School was named in his honor.

He was a member of Mooreland Baptist Church.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at Mooreland Baptist Church, with Dr. Clarke Hawkins officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mooreland Baptist Church, 2255 Taylor's Gap Road, North Garden, VA 22959, or to a charity of your choice.

Hill & Wood Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Mary Lee Weaver

On Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, Mary Lee Weaver of Charlottesville went to sing with God's heavenly choir.

She is survived by her husband, Clark E. Weaver; a son, Daryl Daughtrey, and his wife, Ina Jo; and a daughter, Dana Daughtrey Lee and her hus-

Educator Sutherland dies at 92

By CLAUDIA PINTO
Daily Progress staff writer

Mortimer Yates Sutherland Jr., a longtime educator and the namesake of Sutherland Middle School, died Monday. He was 92.

Sutherland, a lifelong resident of North Garden, was a former teacher, principal, and member of the Albemarle County School Board and Board of Supervisors.

Ben Hurt, who was Albemarle High School's principal for 30 years, remembers him as an outstanding educator.

"He contributed to the lives of many, many high school students," Hurt said.

Sutherland taught at Scottsville High School from 1937 to 1944. He then transferred to Merrimether

Lewis, where he was the principal, taught math and history and coached baseball, basketball and boxing for two years.

Former Albemarle Sheriff George Bailey, a friend of Sutherland's, was



one of the people who suggested that the middle school be named for him in 1993. Sutherland was Bailey's principal, teacher, baseball and basketball coach.

"I met him in 1943. He was the principal of Merrimether Lewis. I was a student there," Bailey said. "He was a good teacher. He insisted on us learning what he taught in his class. If you disappointed him he let you know it. But he was well-liked by everyone."

"In history class he taught us to be good citizens. He knew Virginia histo-

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ry because he was part of it. Mr. Sutherland's family has been here since before the Civil War. I remember him telling us how his grandfather was captured by union soldiers and then escaped."

Sutherland retired as an educator in 1946. He was elected to the School Board in 1954 and to the Board of Supervisors the next year, serving two terms.

In addition to dedicating his life to serving the county, Sutherland willed his entire estate to the University of Virginia, including the 500-acre North Garden farm that had been in his family since 1837, 86 acres in Buckingham County and 200 acres in Highland County. He wanted the university to establish a scholarship fund for underprivileged students.

"I just wanted to have something where the university could help those students who didn't have the funds to go," Sutherland said in a 1993 interview. "The university did a whole lot for me."

Sutherland graduated from UVA in 1935 with a bachelor's degree in math and a master's in geology. He was widowed and had no children, but is survived by a niece and nephew.

Bailey said Sutherland's joys in life included cattle farming and hunting.

"He was an all-American fellow," Bailey said. "It was a real pleasure to know him from 1943 to the present time."

Contact: Claudia Pinto, at (434)

From the Daily Progress (Jan 26, 2005) after Sutherland's death:

Former Albemarle Sheriff George Bailey, a friend of Sutherland's was one of the people who suggested that the middle school be named for him in 1993. Sutherland was Bailey's principal, teacher, baseball and basketball coach.

In history class he taught us to be good citizens. He knew Virginia history because he was part of it. Mr. Sutherland's family has been here since before the Civil War. I remember him telling us how his grandfather was captured by union soldiers and then escaped.

This grandfather was likely Joseph Sutherland Jr., as his maternal grandfather was a child during the Civil War. There is no record of Joseph Sutherland Jr. serving in the Confederate States Army. Sutherland could have been in a local militia (there is a "Sutherland's Company, Virginia Local Defense (Confederate)" listed in the "Units of the Confederate States Army" by Joseph H. Crute, Jr.) or the Union Army could have just been like, hey, you're 27 years old, come with us.

BoS Minutes, 1954-05-19 <https://web.albemarle.org/weblink/DocView.aspx?id=4659&dbid=0>
(note this is possibly while Sutherland was on the School Board, but prior to being on the BoS)

Mr. Paul H. Cale and members of the School Board appeared before the Board and discussed the ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court with regard to segregation. Mr. E. C. Compton, member of the House of Delegates from Albemarle and Greene Counties, also met with the Board regarding this matter. After considerable discussion, motion was offered by Mr. Bain, seconded by Mr. Williams, and unanimously carried, ordering that the school building plan be suspended for the time being. On motion of Mr. Bain, seconded by Mr. Williams, and unanimously carried, it was also ordered that the School Board continue to operate schools as in the past, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has rendered a decision that public schools shall be operated on a non-segregation basis; and

WHEREAS, the problems which arise as a result of this decision are of far

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia should be prepared with a plan for the operation of a public school system in conformity with the wishes of the people of this State and the decision of the Court; and

WHEREAS, it is the considered opinion of the School Board and the Board of County Supervisors of Albemarle County that this problem is of such vital importance to the people of this State that the Governor of this Commonwealth should immediately appoint a commission composed of the ablest leadership of this State to make a study and report a plan, whereby this State can take such measures as may be required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board and the Board of County Supervisors of Albemarle County that the Governor of Virginia be and he is hereby respectfully requested to create such a commission immediately and that Honorable John S. Battle is recommended to chairman such commission.

1956-06-20 BoS Minutes (Sutherland present)

Mr. E. O. McCue, Jr., Senator, appeared before the Board and outlined his plan with regard to segregated schools which he plans to offer to the General Assembly. Mr. McCue's plan would place the entire responsibility of the operation of schools with the General Assembly rather than the localities by following Section 129 of the Virginia Constitution in connection with Section 132. He stated that the School Board would be appointed by the General Assembly but would still have the power of appointing teachers, etc. All payments of salary to teachers would come directly from the State. He advised that by the General Assembly assuming the operation of schools, that body would be liable to suit rather than the localities. Mr. McCue was thanked for his explanation of his plan and was assured by the Board that he would have the backing of the Board of Supervisors should it be needed.

McCue's plan is described as "supremely defiant" in *The Making of Massive Resistance: Virginia's Politics of Public School Desegregation, 1954-1956* by Robbins L. Gates. It was intended to push the responsibility for maintaining a segregated school system to the General Assembly, thereby freeing localities from being the plaintiffs for the numerous lawsuits being brought against them to desegregate (including in both Charlottesville and Albemarle).

1956-09-01 Special Meeting BoS Minutes (Sutherland not present)

The McCue-Richberg Bill with regard to Public Free Schools was discussed and Senator E. O. McCue, Jr. appeared and explained the bill to the Board. After considerable discussion, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Garnett, and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, that this Board does hereby endorse the McCue-Richberg Bill with regard to Public Free Schools and that representatives of Albemarle County in the General Assembly be and are hereby urged to support said Bill and to work toward its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Clerk of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Delegates, Senator E. O. McCue, Jr., Delegate E. C. Compton and Delegate Henry B. Gordon.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

BoS 1963-01-17 - Sutherland votes nay on motion to support creating Junior High schools to relieve overcrowding.

MR. E. J. OGLESBY, CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, AND MR. PAUL H. GALE, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, APPEARED AND PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD:

"WHEREAS, INCREASING ENROLLMENT HAS ALREADY CAUSED OVER-CROWDING AT ALBEMARLE HIGH SCHOOL AND JACKSON P. BURLEY HIGH SCHOOL, AND

WHEREAS, SEVERAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ARE REACHING MAXIMUM CAPACITY, AND

WHEREAS, IT APPEARS THAT A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FROM THE STANDPOINT OF INSTRUCTION AS WELL AS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: THAT THE ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HEREBY ENDORSES THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM AS THE PLAN FOR MEETING OUR ENROLLMENT PROBLEMS; AND THAT WE ASSURE THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD OF OUR COOPERATION IN PROVIDING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN EDUCATED JOINTLY BY THE TWO BOARD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT THE ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HEREBY REQUESTS THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR ENDORSEMENT OF THIS POLICY AND FOR APPROVAL TO EMPLOY ARCHITECTS FOR MAKING PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR THIS UNDERTAKING."

REV. R. A. JOHNSON, JAMES TURNER, NORMAN EARLY, WILLIAM JOHNSON AND OTHERS APPEARED IN OPPOSITION TO THE ABOVE. THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION OF THE GROUP WAS PRESENTED BY REV. JOHNSON:

"WHEREAS, ACCORDING TO A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AT A MEETING HELD BY THAT BODY ON JANUARY 10, 1963, WHEN SAID BODY DECIDED BY RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO THE MATTER OF COOPERATING WITH THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE IN PROVIDING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN EDUCATED JOINTLY BY THE TWO BOARDS, AND

WHEREAS, SAID ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTED THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GIVE THEIR ENDORSEMENT TO THIS POLICY, AND APPROVAL OF THE EMPLOYMENT OF ARCHITECTS FOR MAKING PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR THIS UNDERTAKING, AND

WHEREAS, JOINTLY THE TWO BOARDS ONLY PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FOR NEGRO CHILDREN WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY AND CITY, AND THESE FACILITIES WERE ORIGINALLY PROVIDED FOR THE ACCOMMODATION OF NEGRO CHILDREN ONLY AND CONTINUE TO SERVE THAT PURPOSE, DESPITE THE OUTLAWING OF RACIALLY SEGREGATED SCHOOLS BY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT IN 1954.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT -

WE, THE NEGRO CITIZENS OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY, DO STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY FURTHER JOINT OPERATION OF SCHOOLS BY ALBEMARLE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE."

AFTER DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER, MOTION WAS OFFERED BY MR. THRAVES, SECONDED BY MR. PALMER, ENDORSING THE POLICY OUTLINED IN THE SCHOOL BOARD'S RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZING SAID BOARD TO EMPLOY ARCHITECTS FOR MAKING PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR THIS UNDERTAKING. THIS MOTION CARRIED, MR. SUTHERLAND CASTING THE ONLY DISSIDENTING VOTE AND MR. HARRIS REFRAINING FROM VOTING THEREON.

The NAACP had previously voiced opposition to this (see Daily Progress <https://search.lib.virginia.edu/catalog/uva-lib:2666732/view#openLayer/uva-lib:2666750/3473/2261/3/1/0>) and I would guess that Rev. Johnson is the President of the Albemarle chapter?

No explanation for Sutherland's votes has been found.

1963-12-19 BoS Meeting (Sutherland present, his last meeting)

WHEREAS, M. Y. SUTHERLAND, JR., OF THE SAMUEL MILLER DISTRICT HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE ALBEMARLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THROUGH ELECTION, FROM JANUARY 1, 1956, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1963, AND

WHEREAS, THESE THREE DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS WILL TERMINATE THEIR TENURE OF OFFICE ON DECEMBER 31, 1963, AND IT BEING THE DESIRE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ALBEMARLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXPRESS TO THESE LOYAL PUBLIC SERVANTS THE GRATITUDE OF THE OFFICIALS AND THE CITIZENS OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY FOR THE SERVICES RENDERED,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: WE, THE OFFICIALS OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY AND ALL OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY AS WELL, HEREBY EXPRESS TO EACH OF YOU OUR PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR THE EXCELLENCE OF THE SERVICES RENDERED BY YOU. YOU HAVE GIVEN UNSTINTINGLY OF YOUR TIME AND EFFORTS IN THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF YOUR DUTIES. YOU HAVE CARRIED YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES WITH DIGNITY AND GRACE, YET WITH DETERMINATION, TO THE END THAT YOUR COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE MIGHT SHARE ALL POSSIBLE PROGRESS. AS YOU COME TO THE END OF YOUR TERMS OF OFFICE, WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU CARRY WITH YOU ALWAYS THE SINCERE GRATITUDE OF THE PEOPLE WHOM YOU SO FAITHFULLY HAVE REPRESENTED AND AS YOU LOOK BACK OVER THE YEARS YOU WILL HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO FEEL, IN HONESTY AND SINCERITY, THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ABLE ASSISTANCE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STRONG FOUNDATION AND THAT YOU MAY RIGHTFULLY CLAIM A LARGE PART AND PORTION OF THE CREDIT FOR WHATEVER PROGRESS ALBEMARLE COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE ENJOY IN THE YEARS THAT LIE AHEAD.

Other Resources

- https://www.cvillepedia.org/M.Y._Sutherland_Jr.
- <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/36862783>
- <https://news.virginia.edu/content/university-virginia-receives-6-million-gift-financial-aid-nursing-scholarship-included>
- <https://www.crozetgazette.com/2019/07/05/paul-h-cale-and-the-desegregation-of-albemarle-county-public-schools/>