



MG 98 - Richard Douglas Sullivan

Dates: 1969-1988.

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Biography: Born in Denver, Colorado on February 25, 1936, Richard Douglas Sullivan became a prolific scholar of international scope and reputation. His early education at Regis Preparatory School was grounded in Latin, Greek and History. After studying a single year at Regis College, Sullivan moved from Denver to the University of Chicago where he was awarded a Bachelor's degree in Classics in 1959. The following year he entered the Graduate program in Classics and History at the University of California, Los Angeles.

In addition to his studies at UCLA, Sullivan spent much of the 1960*s researching and teaching at other institutions. In the summer of 1962, he attended the American School of Classical Studies in Athens and received informal training with the Vergilian Society in Naples. 1968 found him engaged in research at Harvard. The following year he was in Berkeley, California studying *Oxyhynchus papyri* under E.G. Turner (London) and P.J. Parsons (Oxford). In 1970, Sullivan completed his dissertation, Some Dynastic Answers to the Armenian Question: A Study in East Anatolian Prosopography, for which he was awarded a Ph.D. in History from the University of California. In the years which followed, Sullivan would spend most summers at Oxford where he was a Permanent Reader in the Ashmolean.

In 1967, Mr. Sullivan was appointed Lecturer in Classics at the University of Saskatchewan. Prior to coming to Saskatoon, he had taught at a variety of institutions in the United States, including the Universities of Maine and Montana. Once at the U of S, he was promoted through the ranks to full Professor in 1977. Dr. Sullivan was to remain in this post until his resignation in 1980.

Sullivan's thirteen years at the U of S were both busy and productive ones. In addition to many public lectures and his work with the university radio and television productions, Dr. Sullivan lectured at the Prince Albert Penitentiary for the Extension Division. Perhaps his most lasting contribution to the University of Saskatchewan was in connection with his work as a papyrologist. In 1977, under the auspices of UNESCO, Dr. Sullivan joined a team of scholars led by Dr. Revel Coles of Oxford. Their goal was to preserve on film papyrus documents housed in major museums and make them more widely available for study. The University of Saskatchewan Library subsequently became one of five depositories for the resulting filmstrips and slides, the only depository located in North America.

Sullivan's final two years of his University of Saskatchewan appointment were spent on academic leave pursuing research in dynastic history. In 1980 he accepted the position of Professor of History, Adjunct, at Simon Fraser University. Sullivan had been a Visiting Professor at Simon Fraser on three previous occasions. 1980 also saw his appointment as Historian for the Naukratis Project in Egypt. In addition to these responsibilities, Sullivan continued to teach, 1983—84 courses in Classics for the University of Victoria at the Matsqui Institution and a series of public lectures in 1984 sponsored by the Institute for the Humanities, SFU. Dr. Sullivan added

another major appointment to his credit in 1984 by becoming the Historian for the National Geographic Society's Kavousi Project in Crete.

Throughout his career Dr. Sullivan produced a large body of published work. He has to his credit three books and more than twenty—five articles and reviews published in journals and collected works. In addition Dr. Sullivan gave nearly one hundred non—classroom lectures that remain unpublished. He built his reputation as a scholar of classical history and as a papyrologist through meticulous research and writing. The future held promise of much more to come, but his death in Vancouver in late 1988 at the age of 53 left several works partially completed.

Scope and content: The R. D. Sullivan Papers consists of biographical data; correspondence with academic colleagues and publishers; draft and corrected manuscripts of published books, articles and reviews; publicity and notes for public lectures; class and course notes; photographs of excavation sites; articles by other authors; and miscellaneous research notes and bibliographical cards.

Restrictions: There are no restrictions.

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Box 1

1. Curriculum Vitae, to 1988.
2. Correspondence (with colleagues and friends re. research, activities, etc.), n.d.-1977.
3. Correspondence (with colleagues and friends re. research, activities, etc.), 1978-1983.
4. Correspondence (with colleagues and friends re. research, activities, etc.), 1984-1988.
5. Published Books
 - a) The Story of Ramses
 - i) Book, 1986.
 - ii) Lectures (from which the book evolved) together with notices and advertisements (Introduction, Chapters 1-6 and publicity file), 1985—86
 - iii) Audiotapes (#1—#5), 1986
 - b) Near Eastern Royalty and Rome
 - i) Draft Manuscripts (Preface and Chapters 1-6), c. 1986

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- (Chapters 7-10 and Epilogue), c.1986
- ii) Final Transcripts (parts 1-3 and chapter notes) c. 1987
- iii) Final Master (plus Index), 1988

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- (maps, stemmata and illustrations), 1988
 - iv) Indexing Set (page proofs), 1988
 - v) Photographs, slides and publicity, 1989-90
- c) Ancient Coins of the Graeco-Roman World
 - i) Book, 1984
 - ii) Resource Material - data, correspondence, publicity, etc. re. Nickle Conference and other information pertaining to the production of Sullivan's article in the book, 1977-85
6. Publications - Articles (frequently including research material and notes, drafts and related information and correspondence).

- a) "Diadochic Coinage In Commagene After Tigranes The Great", 1973.
- b) "A Petition Of Beekeepers At Oxyrhynchus", 1973.
- c) "Die Stellung der kommagenischen. . .", 1975.
- d) "King Marcus Antonius Polemo", 1979.
- e) "Dynastic Propaganda In Commagene", 1978.
- f) "Important Eastern Dynasts In The Papyri", 1975.
- g) "Dynasty of Commagene", 1977.

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- h) Commagene- additional material including draft articles re. Commagene, n.d.
- i) "Dynasty of Emesa", 1977.
- j) "The Dynasty of Judaea In The First Century", 1977.
- k) "Papyri Reflecting The Eastern Dynastic Network", 1977.
- l) "Priesthoods Of The Eastern Dynastic Aristocracy", 1978.
- m) "Thrace In The Eastern Dynastic Network", 1979.
- n) "Dynasts In Pontus", 1980.
- a) "Dynasty Of Cappadocia", 1980.
- p) " Naukratis"- Preface to Cities Of The Delta together with a copy of the Book by Coulson and Leonard, 1981.

7. Publications - Reviews and Notes

- a) Michael Woloch's The McGill University Of Greek and Roman Coins, 1977 and 1984.
- b) Charles M. Brand's Byzantium Confronts the West, 1180-1204, 1969.
- c) Jorg Wagner's Seleukeia am Eurhrat/Zeugma, c.1976.
- d) "Report On The Naukratis and Kavousi Projects", 1986.

8. Publications- Others (mainly off-prints)

- a) E. Badian, Paul Bedoukian, Truesdell S. Brown, William D.E. Coulson, Eleonore Darner, Friedrich Karl Dorner, E.W. Gray, C.P. Jones, D.L. Kennedy.
- b) Alexander G. McKay, Stephen Mitchell, James Russell, A.J. S. Spawforth, G.V. Summer, P.Michael Swan, Jorg Wagner, Michael Woloch

9. Public Lectures (Sometimes includes publicity, research notes and audiotapes)

- a) Archaeological Evidence in Eastern Dynastic Prasapagraphy, n.d.
- b) Turkey (slide lecture), March 5, 1972.
- c) Commagene on the Euphrates, February 21, 1975.

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- d) The International Position of Cammagene, May 14, 1975.
- e) Eastern Dynasts in Athens, 1978.

- f) Virgil and the Idea of Rome, March 1, 1979.
- g) Cammagene: Vanished Kingdom on the Euphrates, April 2, 1979.
- h) Qualicum Conference: Opening Address, February 1, 1980.
- i) Ancient Naukratis, March 18, 1981.
- j) Excavations at Naukratis, February 20, 1982.
- k) Naukratis After A Century, June 4, 1982.
- l) Ancient Naukratis, March 17, 1983.
- m) On Which Side Was Herod's Bagel Buttered?, February 17, 1984.
- n) Ancient Cities, October-November, 1984.
- a) Transition From Roman Republic to Principate, October 27, 1984.
- p) Ancient Monuments (includes 5 audiotapes), January & February and October-December 1985.
- q) Kavousi Project on Crete, February 23, 1985.
- r) Great Works of Classical Literature (includes 2 audio tapes), March & April 1985.
- s) The Man of Action- Classical Influences on Machiavelli February 1, 1986.
- t) Great Figures of the Past, February & March and November & December, 1987.

10. Class Lecture Notes

- a) Egypt, n.d.
- b) Greece, n.d.
- c) Greek Historiography, n.d.
- d) Middle Ages, n.d.

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- e) Rome, n.d.

11. Course Materials (notes, assignments, reading lists, exams, etc.)

University of Saskatchewan

- a) Classics 231, 1971 & 1977.
- b) History 104, 1970.
- c) History 202, 1964 & 1978.
- d) History 296, 1979.
- e) History 404, 1968.
- f) Archaeology and Classics, 1967—1979.
- g) Greek and Latin, 1968 & 1981.
- h) Near East Studies 200, 1978.

Simon Fraser University

- a) Archaeology 334, 1981.
- b) Classics 200, 1983.
- c) English 226, 1980.

- d) English 441, 1982.
- e) History 216, 1981—1983.
- f) History 219, 293, 296, 1976—1986.
- g) Humanities 302, 1985.

12. Naukratis Project

- a) Notebooks (including “A Preliminary Survey of the Naukratis Region...” and a review of Arab Conquest of Egypt), c.1979.
- b) Site Plans and Maps, c.1980.
- c) Field Burial Forms and Descriptions, 1981 (2 files).
- d) Negatives and Photo Record- Rolls #1 (Kom Dahab), 1981.
- e) Black and White Prints- Rolls #1.
- f) Photo Record and Prints, 1980.

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- g) Photo Record and Prints, 1981.
- h) Photo Record and Prints, 1982.
- i) Photos and Negatives- Roll #1 (Kom Geif), c. 1982.
- j) Photos and Negatives- Roll #2 (Kom Geif), c. 1982.
- k) Colour photos and negatives, c. 1982.
- l) Black and White photos and negatives, c. 1982.
- m) Slides, 1981.

13. Miscellaneous

- a) Canadian Hellenic Cultural Society, 1982-1983
- b) Classical Association of the Canadian West, 1982—1983
- c) Papyrology, n.d. (2 files).
- d) Personal Coverage (of Sullivan and lectures, etc.), n.d.
- e) Radio talks (including 1 audiotape), n.d.
- f) Tapes (3 audiotapes re. classics, Odysseus and Lesson 24), n.d.
- g) Notes, ephemera. bibliography, etc., n.d.
- h) Bibliography- four metal cabinets (ten-3”X5” drawers).