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**George Warren Ayer
Suffolk Law School 1915**

George Warren Ayer was born on February 4, 1884, in Merrimack, New Hampshire.¹ He attended both grammar and high school in Manchester, New Hampshire, graduating from Manchester High School in 1900 at age 16.² By April of 1910, he was lodging at a home on Huntington Avenue in Boston, Mass., and working as a compositor, or typesetter, for the *Boston Post*.³ Later in 1910, he married Anne E. Mitchell, a bookkeeper for a telephone company who was also from New Hampshire.⁴ He enrolled at Suffolk Law School in November of 1912 and graduated in 1915.⁵

In 1918, George Ayer was still working as a compositor for the *Boston Post*, located at 259 Washington Street in Boston, and was living at 121 Boylston Street in Watertown, Mass.⁶ Also, in 1918, Ayer's son, Walter, was born.⁷ In 1920, George, Anne and Walter Ayer were living at the same home in Watertown, as were Anne's widowed mother, Maria Mitchell (61), George's sister, Frances Ayer (44), and a roomer named Helen Siebold (31).⁸ By this time, Ayer had his own law practice.⁹ By 1923, his office was located at 101 Tremont Street, Room 406, in Boston.¹⁰ By 1928, it was located at 84 State Street in Boston.¹¹

By 1930, George Ayer and his family, including his wife, son, mother-in-law and sister, had relocated to a home at 101 Stultz Road in Belmont, Mass.¹² At this time he still had a law practice, but by 1936 it had moved from 101 Tremont Street to 73 Tremont Street in Boston.¹³

¹ Suffolk School of Law Application for Admission, November 4, 1912, SLS Registrations 1908-1913, no application number.

² Suffolk School of Law Application for Admission, Ibid.

³ United States Census 1910, Massachusetts, Suffolk, Boston, Enumeration District 1408, Sheet 21A

⁴ United States Census 1930, Massachusetts, Middlesex, Belmont, Enumeration District 9-187, Sheet 15B; United States Census 1920, Massachusetts, Middlesex, Watertown, Enumeration District 517, Sheet 6B; United States Census 1910, New Hampshire, Hillsboro, Manchester, Enumeration District 146, Sheet 5A. Note: Anne Ayer's maiden name was found to be Mitchell because her mother, Maria Mitchell, lived with the Ayer family by at least 1920, and a 1910 census record for Maria and Walter Mitchell lists Anne Mitchell as their daughter.

⁵ Suffolk School of Law Application for Admission, Ibid.; Suffolk Law Alumni Directory, 30th Anniversary, 1936, p. 16.

⁶ World War I Draft Registration Card 3703/1118, September 12, 1918.

⁷ U.S. Census 1920, Ibid.

⁸ U.S. Census 1920, Ibid.

⁹ U.S. Census 1920, Ibid.

¹⁰ *The Boston Register and Business Directory: 1923*, Vol. 87. Boston: Sampson and Murdock Company, 1923, p. 681.

¹¹ Suffolk Law Alumni Directory, 1928, p. 169.

¹² U.S. Census 1930, Ibid.

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