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**Ernest Palmer Bradstreet  
Suffolk Law School 1910**

**Ernest Palmer Bradstreet was born in 1882 in Massachusetts.<sup>1</sup> His parents were also born in Massachusetts.<sup>2</sup> Around 1907, at age 25, he enrolled at Suffolk Law School.<sup>3</sup> Around 1908, he married a woman named Clara, who was about 23 years old at the time.<sup>4</sup> One year later, his son, Ernest R. Bradstreet, was born.<sup>5</sup>**

**By April of 1910, Ernest P. Bradstreet and his family were renting part of a house at 60 North Putnam Street, Danvers, Mass.<sup>6</sup> The house was owned by 81-year-old Elijah Bradstreet, who lived there with his wife, 76-year-old Ellen, and daughter, 55-year-old Ella.<sup>7</sup> The relation between Ernest and Elijah is unclear; it is possible that Elijah was Ernest's father, although if that was the case, Elijah and Ellen would have been 53 and 48 years old, respectively, when Ernest was born.<sup>8</sup> By this time, Ernest was self-employed as a music teacher.<sup>9</sup>**

**Later in 1910, Ernest Bradstreet graduated from Suffolk Law School as one of ten in the school's second graduating class.<sup>10</sup> By 1920, however, at age 37, he was employed at a railroad station working with the telegraph system.<sup>11</sup> He was still renting part of the house on Putnam Street, although ownership of the house had transferred to Ella Bradstreet, most likely following the deaths of Elijah and Ellen.<sup>12</sup> No evidence has been found that he practiced law.**

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<sup>1</sup> United States Census 1910, Massachusetts, Essex, Danvers, Enumeration District 119, Sheet 7A.

<sup>2</sup> U.S Census 1910, Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Suffolk Law School Alumni Directory, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1936, p.15. Note: Ernest Bradstreet most likely enrolled in 1907 because at that time the SLS program of studies took 3 years to complete, and he graduated in 1910.

<sup>4</sup> U.S Census 1910, Ibid.

<sup>5</sup> U.S Census 1910, Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> U.S Census 1910, Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> U.S Census 1910, Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> U.S Census 1910, Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> U.S Census 1910, Ibid.

<sup>10</sup> Suffolk Law School Alumni Directory, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1936, p.15.

<sup>11</sup> United States Census 1920, Massachusetts, Essex, Danvers, Enumeration District 29, Sheet 3A.

<sup>12</sup> U.S Census 1920, Ibid. Note: The 1920 census lists the street name as Putnam, not North Putnam, but the house number (60) is the same, as is the family that owned it.