

Suffolk University Archives
Early Student Research Project

**Emanuel Cohen
Suffolk Law School 1910**

Emanuel Cohen was born on May 22, 1882 in England.¹ He came to the United States sometime between 1900 and 1907.² He enrolled at Suffolk Law School in 1907 and graduated in 1910 as one of ten in the school's second graduating class.³ He became a naturalized United States citizen in 1911.⁴ By 1918, he was living at 29 Beals Street in Brookline, Mass., and had his own law practice located at 294 Washington Street in Boston.⁵ He was still living at that address in Brookline in 1920, when the census indicates that he was one of two roomers living with the Abrahams family.⁶ At that time he was still practicing law.⁷

In 1928, the Suffolk Law Alumni Directory listed Emanuel Cohen's address as unknown.⁸ In 1930, Cohen was living at 87 Fuller Street in Brookline with his two single sisters, Jane (32) and Hilda (28), both of whom came to the United States from England in 1922.⁹ At that time, he was working as a film salesman.¹⁰ The 1936 Suffolk Law Alumni Address lists his address (presumably his work address) as 1397 Beacon Street in Boston.¹¹

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¹ World War I Draft Registration Card 1824/143, September 11, 1918; United States Census 1920, Massachusetts, Norfolk, Brookline, Enumeration District 165, Sheet 7A.

² U.S. Census 1920, *Ibid.* Note: The year of Cohen's immigration is unclear on the 1920 census record, but it appears to be 190[?], and he must have arrived prior to 1907 since that is when he enrolled at Suffolk Law School. Also, only one 1920 census record was found for an Emanuel Cohen living in Massachusetts, so while it has not been confirmed that this record refers to the Emanuel Cohen who attended Suffolk Law School, that is believed to be the case, since the man listed was a lawyer. Also, the draft registration card and 1920 census have been confirmed as for the same person, since the home addresses are the same.

³ Suffolk Law Alumni Directory, 30th Anniversary, 1936, p. 15.

⁴ U.S. Census 1920, *Ibid.*

⁵ WWI Draft Registration Card, *Ibid.*; *Boston 1918*. Boston: Sampson & Murdock Company, 1918, p. 1807.

⁶ U.S. Census 1920, *Ibid.*

⁷ U.S. Census 1920, *Ibid.*

⁸ Suffolk Law Alumni Directory, 1928, p. 173.

⁹ United States Census 1930, Massachusetts, Norfolk, Brookline, Enumeration District 11-15, Sheet 9B. Note: As with the 1920 census, only one 1930 census record was found for an Emanuel Cohen living in Massachusetts. Although there is a slight age discrepancy between this record and the 1920 record, the two records are believed to be for the same person, given that they both list Cohen as being born in England and coming to the United States in 1905 (the unclear date of arrival in the 1920 census is probably 1905).

¹⁰ U.S. Census 1930, *Ibid.*

¹¹ Suffolk Law Alumni Directory, 30th Anniversary, 1936, p. 15. Note: 1397 Beacon Street, at least today, is in Brookline, not Boston; Beacon Street extends from Boston into Brookline, but address numbers Boston end at 999. Also, since the type of establishment located at 1397 Beacon Street is unknown, it is possible that it was the location of the film sales business for which Cohen was working in 1930.