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Early Student Research Project

**George Arthur Douglas
Suffolk Law School 1909**

George Arthur Douglas was born in 1884 in Massachusetts.¹ His mother, Susan, moved to the United States from Ireland in 1865.² His father (name unknown) was also born in Ireland.³ George was one of seven children, but by 1910 only he and two of his siblings were living.⁴

In 1906, George A. Douglas enrolled at Suffolk Law School, graduating in 1909 as one of five in the school's first graduating class.⁵ By 1910, 26-year-old George was living at 14 Grant Street, Boston, Mass., with his 70-year-old widowed mother and 72-year-old aunt, Mary J. Douglas.⁶ He was employed as a lawyer in his own law practice.⁷ Also in 1910, he began teaching at Suffolk Law School and continued to do so until 1934.⁸ Around 1918, he married a 21-year-old woman named Norma who was born in Massachusetts but whose mother and father were born in England and Germany, respectively.⁹ He still had his own law practice, which by at least 1923 was located at 6 Beacon Street, Room 216, Boston, Mass.¹⁰ He and Norma lived at 1754 Col[onial?] Road in Boston, as did Norma's brother, Herman Hemmem, a druggist who at that time was unemployed.¹¹

Around 1921, George A. Douglas' daughter, Audrey, was born, and around 1924, his son, George, was born.¹² By 1930, the Douglas family was living at 86 Blue Hill Parkway in Milton, Mass.¹³ Also residing with them was their 22-year-old servant, a man whose last name was Jones and who had come to the United States from Ireland in 1927.¹⁴ By 1936, George A. Douglas still had his own law office at 6 Beacon Street in Boston.¹⁵

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¹ United States Census 1910, Massachusetts, Suffolk, Boston, Enumeration District 1561, Sheet 16B.

² U.S. Census 1910, Ibid.

³ U.S. Census 1910, Ibid.

⁴ U.S. Census 1910, Ibid.

⁵ Archer, Gleason L. *Building a School*. Boston: Gleason L. Archer, 1919, p.50; Suffolk Law Alumni Directory, 30th Anniversary, 1936, p.15.

⁶ U.S. Census 1910, Ibid.

⁷ U.S. Census 1910, Ibid.

⁸ Faculty Spreadsheet compiled by Kristen Bourque, Project Assistant for Suffolk University Law School Dean's Office.

⁹ United States Census 1920, Massachusetts, Suffolk, Boston, Enumeration District 287, Sheet 10; United States Census 1930, Massachusetts, Norfolk, Milton, Enumeration District 11-62, Sheet 4A.

¹⁰ U.S. Census 1920, Ibid.; *The Boston Register and Business Directory: 1923*, Vol. 87. Boston: Sampson & Murdock Company, 1923, p.684.

¹¹ U.S. Census 1920, Ibid. Note: The street name on the 1920 census appears to be Col Road, but that could be a shortened version of Colonial Road or Columbia Road.

¹² U.S. Census 1930, Ibid.

¹³ U.S. Census 1930, Ibid.

¹⁴ U.S. Census 1930, Ibid.

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