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### Class of 1909 Profile<sup>1</sup>

Name	Age at graduation	Birthplace	Occupation/industry before law school	Occupation/industry after law school
Roland E. Brown	28	Mass.	Machinist	Lawyer
George L. Bush				Lawyer
Carl Collar	24	Maine	Steamship company	Accountant
George A. Douglas	25	Mass.		Lawyer
James F. O'Brien	31	Mass.	U.S Navy	Lawyer/U.S Navy

### Class of 1910 Profile<sup>2</sup>

Name	Age at graduation	Birthplace	Occupation/industry before law school	Occupation/industry after law school
Lewis A. Adams	23	Maine	Glassworker	Lawyer
James T. Bergen	Around 26	Mass.	Letter carrier	Lawyer
Ernest P. Bradstreet	28	Mass.	Music teacher	Railroad industry
Emanuel Cohen	28	England		Lawyer
Ole Dahl	Between 35 and 41	Norway	House painter	House painter/Lawyer
Robert T. Healey	26	Mass.	Clerk	Lawyer
Bernard J. Killion	Around 25	Mass.	Insurance field	Lawyer
Charles F. Murphy	Possibly 33			Possibly lawyer
Harry H. Naylor				Lawyer/Justice of the Peace

<sup>1</sup> See class of 1909 biographies for source information. More detailed information is provided for later classes because admissions applications were available beginning for those who applied in 1908.

<sup>2</sup> See class of 1910 biographies for source information. More detailed information is provided for later classes because admissions applications were available beginning for those who applied in 1908 and graduated in 1912 or later.



Edwin L. Weiscopf	26	Mass.	Salesman	Salesman/Justice of the Peace/Notary Public
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### Class of 1912 Profile<sup>3</sup>

Name	Age at graduation	Birthplace	Highest level of education completed <sup>4</sup>	Occupation/industry before law school	Occupation/industry after law school
Joseph Abbott	38	Mass.	Grammar school		Lawyer <sup>5</sup>
Clarence Bosworth	25	Mass.	Grammar school	Manufacturing	Printer, lawyer <sup>6</sup>
Patrick Broderick	44	Mass.	Grammar school	Farming and real estate	
John Coy	26	Mass.	High school	American Soda Fountain Co.	“Credit man” <sup>7</sup>
James Cronin	24	Mass.	High school	White Star Line and Brown Durrell Electricity	Clerk, White Star Line <sup>8</sup>
Michael Curran	41	Ireland	Grammar school	Clerical work	[Insurance] <sup>9</sup>
William Dolan	38	Mass.	Grammar school	Experimental machine work and clerical work	
Arthur Eastman	31	Mass.	Grammar school	House painting	

<sup>3</sup> All information taken from 1908 Suffolk Law School admissions applications, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>4</sup> Some of the students’ responses are unclear or incomplete on their applications, but these statistics are as accurate as can be determined. The statistics also refer to education that was completed, and many students attended schools from which they did not graduate.

<sup>5</sup> 1923 Boston Business Directory.

<sup>6</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card, 1923 Boston Business Directory.

<sup>7</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>8</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>9</sup> 1920 Census Record (has not been confirmed).



James Heron	32/33	Canada	College	Life insurance	Life insurance <sup>10</sup>
Michael Horan <sup>11</sup>					Lawyer
John Howard <sup>12</sup>	30				Lawyer
Percie Jordan	43	Maine	High school	RR telegrapher and station agent	
Nicholas Lawless	34	Mass.	High school	Letter carrier	Letter carrier <sup>13</sup>
Abraham Lelyveld	28	England	College		Merchant <sup>14</sup>
Hiram Tuttle	30	Maine	Grammar school	Machinist	U.S. Army <sup>15</sup>
John Welch	25	Mass.	Grammar school		Chief clerk, Navy Dept. <sup>16</sup>

### Statistics<sup>17</sup>

**Number of students admitted to the class of 1912:** 91

**Number of graduates in the class of 1912:** 16

**Demographics (birthplace):** Massachusetts – 9 graduates, Maine – 2, Canada – 1, England – 1, Ireland – 1

**Oldest graduate:** Patrick Broderick (44)

**Youngest graduate:** James Cronin (24)

**Average age at graduation:** 32

**Occupations/industries of students before law school:** Manufacturing, Farming, Real estate, House painting, Clerical work, Insurance, Railroad industry, Mail service, Machinist, Electric industry, General business

**Highest level of education completed<sup>18</sup>:** Grammar school – 8 graduates, High school – 4, College – 2

<sup>10</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>11</sup> All information taken from 1923 Boston Business Directory.

<sup>12</sup> All information taken from World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>13</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>14</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>15</sup> Suffolk Law Alumni Directory, 1936.

<sup>16</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>17</sup> Information was not available for all graduates, so statistics are based on available information.



**Number of students who had studied law before enrolling at Suffolk:** 4

**Occupations/industries of students after law school:** Lawyer, Printer, Clerical work, Insurance, Mail service, Sales, Military

**Number of graduates who practiced law:** 4

### Summary

The 16 men in the class of 1912 were primarily from Massachusetts, with two students from Maine and one student each from Canada, England and Ireland. About half of them had only completed grammar school; many attended higher-level schools but did not graduate, but many also went back to school after leaving for a period of time, mainly because they started working. Four students studied law before enrolling at Suffolk Law School, 2 of them informally and 2 at other law schools (YMCA Law School and Boston University Law School). The graduates came from a variety of industries, including manufacturing, farming, real estate, house painting and insurance. Their occupational industries after graduating from law school also varied and included printing, insurance, mail service, clerical work and the military. At least 4 graduates – Joseph Abbott, Clarence Bosworth, Michael Horan and John Howard – went on to practice law.

### Class of 1913 Profile<sup>19</sup>

Name	Age at graduation	Birthplace	Highest level of education completed <sup>20</sup>	Occupation/industry before law school	Occupation/industry after law school
Russell Clucas	36	Mass.	High school	Business and insurance	Lawyer <sup>21</sup>
Frank Flynn	32	Mass.	Grammar school	Clerical work	
John F. Haley	46	Mass.	Grammar school	Business	
Thomas Holland	36	Canada	Grammar school	Shipping, clerical work, business	

<sup>18</sup> See footnote 2.

<sup>19</sup> All information taken from 1909 Suffolk Law School admissions applications, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>20</sup> Some of the students' responses are unclear or incomplete on their applications, but these statistics are as accurate as can be determined. The statistics also refer to education that was completed, and many students attended schools from which they did not graduate.

<sup>21</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.



Thaddeus Kitchener	29	Jamaica	High school	Printing and janitorial work	Janitor <sup>22</sup>
John McSweeney	39	Ireland	Grammar school	Printing	Printing <sup>23</sup>
Urban Morrill	27	New Hampshire	College	Business, real estate, electrical work	Lawyer <sup>24</sup>
John Murphy	22	Mass.	Grammar school	Clerical work and sales	Lawyer <sup>25</sup>
Charles O'Connor	34	Mass.	High school	Surveying	Lawyer <sup>26</sup>
Myron Peffers <sup>27</sup>	31	Mass.			Lawyer
Michael Ruane	41	Ireland	Grammar school		Lawyer <sup>28</sup>
Frank Viccaro	21	Mass.	High school		Lawyer <sup>29</sup>

### Statistics<sup>30</sup>

**Number of students admitted to the class of 1913:** 80

**Number of graduates in the class of 1913:** 12

**Demographics (birthplace):** Massachusetts – 6 graduates, New Hampshire – 1, Ireland – 2, Canada – 1, Jamaica – 1

**Oldest graduate:** John Haley (46)

**Youngest graduate:** Frank Viccaro (21)

**Average age at graduation:** 32

<sup>22</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>23</sup> Suffolk Law Alumni Directory, 1928.

<sup>24</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>25</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>26</sup> 1923 Boston Business Directory.

<sup>27</sup> All information taken from World War I Draft Registration Card and a 1920 Census Record.

<sup>28</sup> 1923 Boston Business Directory.

<sup>29</sup> 1920 Census Record.

<sup>30</sup> Information was not available for all graduates, so statistics are based on available information.



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**Occupations/industries of students before law school:** Business, Clerical work, Electrical work, Insurance, Janitorial work, Printing, Real estate, Shipping, Surveying

**Highest level of education completed<sup>31</sup>:** Grammar school – 6 graduates, High school – 4, College – 1

**Number of students who had studied law before enrolling at Suffolk Law School:** 1

**Occupations/industries of students after law school:** Janitorial work, Law, Printing

**Number of graduates who practiced law:** 7

### Summary

Of the 12 men in the class of 1913, 7 were from Massachusetts and the other 5 were from New Hampshire, Ireland (2 graduates), Canada and Jamaica. Thaddeus Alexander Kitchener, who was born in Jamaica, is believed to be the first Suffolk Law School graduate of African descent. About half of the graduates had only completed grammar school; several attended higher-level schools but did not graduate. Many left school to work before they were able to graduate high school. Only one student (John Murphy) studied law before attending Suffolk Law School; he completed a commercial law course at the former Bryant and Stratton School. According to their applications, none of the graduates had resumed their educations after first leaving, but 3 students indicated that they had educated themselves to some extent. John Haley noted that his education after leaving Lawrence (Mass.) Grammar School consisted of “reading papers, books and anything that I could interest myself in.” At least 7 of the 12 graduates became lawyers.

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<sup>31</sup> See footnote 2.



## Class of 1914 Profile<sup>32</sup>

Name	Age at graduation	Birthplace	Highest level of education completed <sup>33</sup>	Occupation/industry before law school	Occupation/industry after law school
Louis Abrahams	23	Mass.	High school	Clerical work (at law office)	Lawyer, justice of the peace <sup>34</sup>
John E. Bailey	47	England	Grammar school	Business, sailing, fishing, shoemaking	
Henry Betts	45	Canada	College		
Everett Campbell	24	Mass.	High school	Shoemaking	Lawyer <sup>35</sup>
William J. Collins					
Frederick Dugdale <sup>36</sup>	33				Medical field
James Mackerman <sup>37</sup>	34/35	New York			Sales
Joseph Marchard					
William McNally					
Louis Pasco	36	Maryland	Grammar school	Banking	Banking <sup>38</sup>
Philip Rosenblum	23	Romania	High school		

<sup>32</sup> All information taken from 1910 Suffolk Law School admissions applications, unless otherwise noted. Philip Rosenblum was admitted in September of 1911 and Hiram Skinner was admitted in January of 1912. Also, 7 students who had graduated from Suffolk prior to 1914 – William Dolan, George Douglas, James Heron, Percie Jordan, Myron Peffers, Michael Ruane and John Welch – resubmitted their certificates so they could receive LL.B. degrees, which Suffolk Law School began granting in 1914 after receiving its charter. These students are listed in Alumni Directories as members of the Class of 1914, but their information is not being used to determine class statistics because they originally graduated with earlier classes.

<sup>33</sup> Some of the students' responses are unclear or incomplete on their applications, but these statistics are as accurate as can be determined. The statistics also refer to education that was completed, and many students attended schools from which they did not graduate.

<sup>34</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>35</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>36</sup> All information taken from World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>37</sup> All information taken from a 1930 Census Record.

<sup>38</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.



Hiram Skinner	22	Minnesota	High school	Agriculture	Lawyer <sup>39</sup>
George Madison Washington	32	Virginia	Grammar school	Hospitality	Waiter <sup>40</sup>

### Statistics<sup>41</sup>

**Number of students admitted to the class of 1914:** 45

**Number of graduates in the class of 1914<sup>42</sup>:** 13

**Demographics (birthplace):** Massachusetts – 2 graduates, Maryland – 1, Minnesota – 1, New York – 1, Virginia – 1, Canada – 1, England – 1, Romania – 1

**Oldest graduate:** John E. Bailey (47)

**Youngest graduate:** Hiram Skinner (22)

**Average age at graduation:** 31

**Occupations/industries of students before law school:** Agriculture, Banking, Business, Clerical work, Fishing, Hospitality, Sailing, Shoemaking

**Highest level of education completed<sup>43</sup>:** Grammar school – 3 graduates, High school – 4, College - 0

**Number of students who had studied law before enrolling at Suffolk Law School:** 0

**Occupations/industries of students after law school:** Banking, Hospitality, Justice of the peace, Law, Medical field, Sales

**Number of graduates who practiced law:** 3

### Summary

The 13 men in the class of 1914 were from a variety of locations, including as far away as Minnesota in the United States, as well as Canada, England and Romania. Only 2 graduates have been documented as being from Massachusetts, but demographic information was not found for 4 graduates. Two men of African American descent graduated this year: George Madison Washington, who was born in Virginia, and Louis Eugene Pasco, who was born in Maryland and was also half Mexican. These two graduates are believed

<sup>39</sup> 1930 Census Record.

<sup>40</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>41</sup> Information was not available for all graduates, so statistics are based on available information.

<sup>42</sup> Not including the 7 graduates who had graduated previously but resubmitted their certificates to receive their LL.B. degrees.

<sup>43</sup> See footnote 2.



to be the first of African American descent, and Pasco is believed to be the first of Hispanic descent. More graduates completed high school than completed only grammar school. While none had graduated from college before enrolling at Suffolk Law School, 3 took college-level courses. Their reasons for discontinuing their studies were mostly financial: they had to work, they had to support their families and/or they just couldn't afford to go to school anymore. None had studied law before enrolling at Suffolk. The graduates came from a variety of industries, including agriculture, banking, business, hospitality and shoemaking. Their occupational industries after graduating also varied and included banking, hospitality and sales. At least 3 graduates became lawyers, one of them also serving as a justice of the peace. At least one graduate, Frederick Dugdale, became a physician. Two of the graduates completed their studies in less than four years: Philip Rosenblum, who was admitted in January of 1912; and Hiram Skinner, who was admitted in September of 1911.

### Class of 1915 Profile<sup>44</sup>

Name	Age at graduation	Birthplace	Highest level of education completed <sup>45</sup>	Occupation/industry before law school	Occupation/industry after law school
George W. Ayer	31	New Hampshire	High school	Newspaper industry	Law <sup>46</sup>
Andrew Bickford	38	New Hampshire	Grammar school	Business	Photography <sup>47</sup>
Edgar R. Breed	26	Mass.	College	Teaching	Law <sup>48</sup>
Harry E. Burroughs <sup>49</sup>	25	Russia			Law
Frank L. Carey	23	Mass.	High school		Law <sup>50</sup>

<sup>44</sup> All information taken from 1911 Suffolk Law School admissions applications, unless otherwise noted. George Ayer, Frank Carey, James Currin, Charles Donahue and Harry Seligman all applied in 1912.

<sup>45</sup> Some of the applicants' responses are unclear or incomplete on their applications, but these statistics are as accurate as can be determined. The statistics also refer to education that was completed, and many students attended schools from which they did not graduate.

<sup>46</sup> 1923 Boston Business Directory

<sup>47</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>48</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>49</sup> All information from World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>50</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.



Isaac S. Collins <sup>51</sup>	41	Mass.		Plumbing	Plumbing
James H. Currin	29	Mass.	High school	Watch business	Watch business
Charles A. DeCoursey	25	Mass.	College	Stenography	Law <sup>52</sup>
Charles A. Donahue	24	Mass.	High school	Clerical work (law office)	Law <sup>53</sup>
James C. Fitzpatrick	28	Mass.	College	Clerical work	Insurance <sup>54</sup>
Richard R. Flynn	40	Ireland	Grammar school	Engineering, electrical work, MA Deputy Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions	MA Deputy Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions <sup>55</sup>
Joseph E. Granahan	31	Mass.	Grammar school	Bookkeeping, mail service	Mail service <sup>56</sup>
John F. Haley					
Joseph B. Hammond	26	Mass.	High school	Engineering, RR industry, leather business	Telephone service <sup>57</sup>
Thomas V. Jones	41	New Jersey	High school	Shipping, janitorial work	Janitorial work <sup>58</sup>
James T. Kirby	32	Mass.	High school	Construction	

<sup>51</sup> All information taken from 1910 Census Record and World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>52</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>53</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>54</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>55</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>56</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>57</sup> 1920 Census Record.

<sup>58</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.



William McCarthy	61	Ireland	Grammar school	Teaching, bookkeeping	
Joseph A. Murphy	28	Mass.	Grammar school	Business	Insurance <sup>59</sup>
William F. O'Donnell, Jr.	20/21 <sup>60</sup>	Mass.	High school	Clerical work	Law <sup>61</sup>
William Owens	34	Mass.	Grammar school	Machine work	
Leopold F. Quinn	26	Mass.	High school	Telephone service, clerical work	
Harry G. Seligman	21	New York	Grammar school		Law <sup>62</sup>

### Statistics<sup>63</sup>

**Number of students admitted to the class of 1915:** 67

**Number of graduates in the class of 1915:** 22

**Demographics (birthplace):** Massachusetts – 14, New Hampshire – 2, New Jersey – 1, New York – 1, Ireland – 2, Russia – 1

**Oldest graduate:** William McCarthy (61)

**Youngest graduates<sup>64</sup>:** William O'Donnell, Jr./Harry Seligman (20 or 21)

**Average age at graduation:** 31

**Occupations/industries of students before law school:** Business, Clerical work, Electrical work, Engineering, Newspaper industry, Plumbing, Stenography, Teaching

**Highest level of education completed:** Grammar school – 7 graduates, High school – 9, College – 3

**Number of students who had studied law before enrolling at Suffolk Law School:** 3

<sup>59</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>60</sup> William F. O'Donnell, Jr.'s admissions application lists his birth date as August 29, 1894, but his WWI Draft Card lists it as August 29, 1893.

<sup>61</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>62</sup> World War I Draft Registration Card.

<sup>63</sup> Information was not available for all graduates, so statistics are based on available information.

<sup>64</sup> Because of the discrepancies between William O'Donnell, Jr.'s draft card and admissions application, it cannot be determined who the actual youngest graduate was. If O'Donnell was born in 1893, he was the youngest graduate at age 20, but if he was born in 1894, Harry Seligman was the youngest graduate; he would have turned 21 before O'Donnell did.



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**Occupations/industries of students after law school:** Business, Engineering, Insurance, Janitorial work, Law, Mail service, Photography, Plumbing, Telephone service

**Number of graduates who practiced law:** 8

### Summary

The 22 men in the class of 1915 were mainly from the northeast region of the United States, with the exception of 2 graduates from Ireland (Richard Flynn and William McCarthy) and 1 graduate from Russia (Harry Burroughs). The majority of the graduates (14) were from Massachusetts. More than half of the 1915 graduates had completed high school, and three had completed college. Many of them continued their studies after leaving grammar or high school, several informally by studying on their own and several formally by taken courses at local institutions such as Bryant and Stratton Commercial College and the Boston YMCA. Two graduates had studied law before enrolling at Suffolk, both at law offices. A third graduate, James Currin, had previously studied law at Suffolk Law School for one year, but it is unclear when he first enrolled or why he left. At least 5 of the graduates were admitted in 1912 and completed their studies in 3 years. The graduates came from a variety of industries, including business, engineering, plumbing and teaching. Their occupational industries after graduating also varied and included engineering, insurance, law, mail service and photography. Richard Flynn served as Deputy Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. At least 8 graduates practiced law. Thomas Vreeland Jones, who was born in New Jersey and was of African American descent, now has a Suffolk University Law School scholarship given in his memory from a fund set up by his family and friends to provide financial assistance to deserving minority law students.

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