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

By April of 1910, Ernest P. Bradstreet and his family were renting part of a house at 60 North Putnam Street, Danvers, Mass.⁶ 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.⁷ 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.⁸ By this time, Ernest was self-employed as a music teacher.⁹

Later in 1910, Ernest Bradstreet graduated from Suffolk Law School as one of ten in the school’s second graduating class.¹⁰ By 1920, however, at age 37, he was employed at a railroad station working with the telegraph system.¹¹ 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.¹² No evidence has been found that he practiced law.

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¹ United States Census 1910, Massachusetts, Essex, Danvers, Enumeration District 119, Sheet 7A.
² U.S Census 1910, Ibid.
³ Suffolk Law School Alumni Directory, 30th 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.
⁴ U.S Census 1910, Ibid.
⁵ U.S Census 1910, Ibid.
⁶ U.S Census 1910, Ibid.
⁷ U.S Census 1910, Ibid.
⁸ U.S Census 1910, Ibid.
⁹ U.S Census 1910, Ibid.
¹¹ United States Census 1920, Massachusetts, Essex, Danvers, Enumeration District 29, Sheet 3A.
¹² 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.