Thaddeus Alexander Kitchener, class of 1913, is believed to be the first black graduate of Suffolk Law School. ¹ He was born March 3, 1884 in Kingston, Jamaica to Robert Kitchener and Evelina Brown. ² He graduated from Wolmers High School in Jamaica. ³ He was a resident of 93 Kendall Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts by March 12, 1908, when he married Mary E. Smith of Annapolis, Maryland. ⁴ In 1909 he applied for admission to Suffolk Law School and was accepted by Gleason L. Archer on August 8. ⁵ At the time of his admittance to Suffolk, Mr. Kitchener was employed as a janitor at Simmons College, 300 The Fenway, Boston. ⁶

Mr. Kitchener graduated from Suffolk Law School in 1913. ⁷ His World War I Draft Registration card indicates that he continued to be employed as a janitor at Simmons College as late as 1918 and lived at 38 Seattle Street in Boston. ⁸

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² Marriage Record, ibid. Suffolk School of Law Application for Admission, July 5, 1909, SLS Registrations 1908-1913, application number 36. Note: His Suffolk admission application gives his birth date as March 3, 1884.
³ Suffolk School of Law Application for Admission, Ibid.
⁴ Marriage Record, Ibid.
⁵ Suffolk School of Law Application for Admission, Ibid.
⁶ Suffolk School of Law Application for Admission, Ibid.
⁸ WWI Draft Registration Card, Ibid.