

Hugh Edward BULLIVANT

Hugh Bullivant studied at Melbourne University and completed his arts / law degree in 1895. He inherited a large, highly successful sheep grazing property upon the death of his father, W. H. Bullivant, in April 1901.

Hugh Bullivant embraced the graziers life more fully than legal practice although he was recorded as being admitted to practice in May 1905. Bullivant married in 1908. In March 1914, the birth notice for his daughter notes he is residing in Narrandera, at Gillenbah Station.

By October 1915, the local papers note that Bullivant enlisted for active service in England, and in January 1916, he received a commission in the British Field Artillery. The British War Medals Index reflects that he first served in France. After his return to Australia in January 1926, Bullivant is recorded as having purchased another grazing estate, Blink Bonnie Estate, in Forbes, NSW.

Bullivant was very active in his role as a grazier. In 1935, the State Government lodged a notice of resumption of land held by Bullivant in the Shire of Goulburn, which appeared to have led to a long battle with the government against the forced state acquisition of land without compensation. In 1946, his second daughter married the South Australian Chief Justice's second son, John Mellis Napier. Bullivant and his wife were residing on Gregadoo Station in Wagga at the time.

Bullivant lost both his injunction and legal suit in the Full Court in 1950, but not without the NSW State Government having to review its legislation and pass a further act to rectify problems, identified by the High Court, with its state legislation.

