

## Robert Cobbold CAIN

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Robert Cain was born in 1879. He attended Melbourne Grammar School, matriculating in 1895, and attended Trinity College Melbourne and then Christchurch College, Oxford University. He received a Bachelor of Laws from Melbourne in 1903 and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oxford. He was awarded a cricketing blue at Melbourne University. He was admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor, in the Supreme Court of Victoria, in 1905, and then practiced at the Bar.

He left Australia in October 1915 and was with the Inquiry Bureau of the Australian Red Cross Society in Egypt in 1915. He enlisted in London in May 1916 with the First Battalion of the Grenadier Guards as a second lieutenant. He was posted to France in October 1916 and saw six months of service at the Somme and subsequent operations. Promoted to lieutenant he was invalided to London in March 1917, where he was posted to Chelsea Barracks with the Reserve Battalion as an instructor. He returned to Australia at the end of 1918 and was demobilized in April 1920.

After his return from the War, he did not practice as a barrister or solicitor, primarily being a grazier at Willaura at Yarram Park, a noted grazing property. He was a member of the Old Melbournians Council from 1899 to 1903 and the Melbourne Grammar School Council from 1914 to 1920.

Cain died on 5 June 1935, leaving a sizeable estate to his brothers, relatives and friends.

