

Charles William HIGGINS

Charles Higgins was born in Geelong in 1885. He came from a family that had been lawyers in Geelong since the 1860s. After completing his degree at Melbourne University, he commenced work with the family firm, Higgins and Higgins. He was admitted to practice in 1911.

Charles Higgins enlisted with the 5th Field Ambulance in January 1916. He completed medical training throughout 1916, working in the various Australian Army Medical Corps (AAMC) hospitals including at Seymour. His role would have entailed orderly work, although not until he went to France would he have been required to administer first aid and undertake stretcher bearer duty.

He did not leave Australia until August 1917, having married in May of that year. After arriving in England, he went to France in October 1917. He remained in France until October 1918. Following the Armistice, he returned to England and took part in further training, not arriving back in Australia until October 1919.

Upon his return, Higgins rejoined the family firm and continued practicing as a solicitor until the 1960s. He died in 1975 aged 90.

The Geelong Heritage Centre and Deakin University hold papers regarding the Higgins family and the family firm.



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