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John Stanislaus ROWAN

Born in Ballarat in 1889, John Rowan had completed his schooling at St Patricks College Ballarat and was awarded his Bachelor of Laws degree from Melbourne University in 1911. He enlisted at the Melbourne Town Hall on 20 November 1916. His time in the Army was short as he was discharged on 6 December 1916 as medically unfit.

After this disappointment he returned to legal practice, at first in Melbourne. By 1923, he was working in Swan Hill and was admitted to practice in New South Wales.

By the 1930s Rowan was practicing as a solicitor in Bendigo. He had returned to Melbourne by the early 1940s and was called to the Bar and practiced as a barrister until the mid 1950s. At this point the historical record loses sight of him and no other details are known of his life.

