



Charles Samuel Myers

1873 - 1946

Charles Samuel Myers was born on the 13th March 1873 in Kensington, London. He was the eldest son of Wolf Myers, a merchant, and his wife Esther Eugenie Moses and was one of five brothers.

He grew up in London and went to the City of London School where he studied sciences. He attended Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge University, where he received his degree as Doctor in Medicine and trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

During his career he was one of the founding members of the Psychological Society and the National Institute of Industrial Psychology and had many published works.

During the First World War he was commissioned as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Army Medical Corps and in 1916 was appointed consultant psychologist to the British Armies in France. He was the first to use the term 'shell shock' in an article in the Lancet and he tried to save shell shocked soldiers from execution. He became frustrated with opposition to his views during his time in the military, particularly the view that shell shock was a treatable condition. His efforts have been called "a pioneering but frustrating struggle to get psychological evidence accepted".

In 1919 he was appointed CBE, was a member of the Fellowship of the Royal Society and received Honorary degrees from many universities, Manchester, Calcutta and Pennsylvania to mention a few.



The Glebe, Winsford

Charles was remembered for his smile and his ability to make friends easily. He married Edith Babette in 1904 and they had three daughters and three sons and lived at The Glebe in Winsford until his death on 12th October 1946.

Charles Myers died leaving a lasting legacy of research into shell shock and latterly post traumatic stress disorder.



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