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RESEARCHING AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA/ CIVIC GUARD ANCESTORS OF IRELAND



Patrick Kerrigan

REG NO: 1A

BORN
12 September 1892

JOINED
21 February 1922

ADDRESS
Fairgreen, Westport, County Mayo

PERSONAL INFORMATION

STATIONED
—

DATE OF DEATH
15 March 1946

RELIGION
Roman Catholic

OCCUPATION/TRADE
—

HEIGHT
—

CHEST
—

IRISH LANGUAGE
—

MARRIAGE

—

RECOMMENDED BY

—

SERVICE & RANK INFORMATION

GARDA RANK

Sergeant

IRA RANK

—

NATIONAL ARMY RANK

—

RIC RANK

Ex-RIC

FOREIGN ARMY RANK

—

CID/PROTECTION CORPS

—

END OF SERVICE & REASON

Dismissed

NOTES & REFERENCES

REMARKS

Dismissed

FURTHER NOTES

Patrick Jospeh Kerrigan is considered to be the first Civic Guard to enlist. Son of Patrick (Postman) and Mary Ellen Fennerty. He temporarily left the RIC and joined the Irish Guards and was promoted to the rank of Corporal. He is believed to have worked as a physical training instructor. Married Molly Finnegan and had four children. He was dismissed after several months after striking a prisoner in custody. After leaving the Civic Guards, he joined the DMP (service number 12521), he played the clarinet with the DMP band. He resigned voluntarily from the force on 20 February 1926. He emigrated to Liverpool, Canada and then to United States, where he settled in New York and had another family. He died 15th March 1946 and was buried in St Agnes' Cemetery in Albany, New York. He was remembered by the Gardai and people of Westport in 2022 as part of the Garda Centenary events, where a plaque was unveiled at his homeplace and his families from Ireland and America got to meet for the first time.

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