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RESEARCHING AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA/ CIVIC GUARD ANCESTORS OF IRELAND



## Thomas Dowling

REG NO: 5708

**BORN**

05 July 1896

**JOINED**

26 March 1924

**ADDRESS**

High Street, Ballyragget, Co Kilkenny

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**STATIONED**

CLARE (Fanore)

**DATE OF DEATH**

28 December 1925

**RELIGION**

Roman Catholic

**OCCUPATION/TRADE**

Carpenter

**HEIGHT**

5ft 8.1/4

**CHEST**

34 36.1/2

**IRISH LANGUAGE**

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**MARRIAGE**

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## SERVICE & RANK INFORMATION

### GARDA RANK

Garda

### IRA RANK

Sec Commander

### NATIONAL ARMY RANK

2nd lieut

### RIC RANK

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### FOREIGN ARMY RANK

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### CID/PROTECTION CORPS

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### END OF SERVICE & REASON

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## NOTES & REFERENCES

### REMARKS

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### FURTHER NOTES

Having previously worked as a carpenter, he had been involved in the struggle for Irish Independence and subsequently joined the National Army achieving the rank of Lieutenant. During his military service he was wounded in an ambush near Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. Son of John Dowling (a Labourer) and Bridget Murphy. On 28th December 1925, Garda Dowling, in the company of another member, was returning to Fanore Garda Station after some hours on cycle patrol duty in the neighbouring District, when passing Craggagh graveyard a volley was fired into them, resulting in the death of Garda Dowling. The killing of Garda Dowling was believed to have been in reprisal for his enforcement of the illicit distillation laws. He is buried in Ballyouskill Graveyard, County Kilkenny.

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