



Name: P.J. Kerrigan

Reg No: 1A

Address: County Mayo
Date Of Birth: 12 September 1892
Date Of Joining: 21 February 1922
Where Stationed-
DISTRICT(Place): -
Garda Rank at end
of service: -
Occupation Or
Trade: -
By Whom
Recommended: -
Religion: Roman Catholic
IRA Rank: -
Rank In National
Army: -
RIC Rank: Ex-RIC
Foreign Army
Rank: -
If In Cid Or
ProtectionCorps: -
Knowledge Of
Irish Language: -
Height: -
Chest: -
Remarks: Dismissed

Further Notes: Patrick Joseph 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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