



**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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