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RESEARCHING AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA/ CIVIC GUARD ANCESTORS OF IRELAND



William Geary

REG NO: 938

BORN
28 February 1899

JOINED
02 May 1922

ADDRESS
Clonee House, Charleville, Limerick

PERSONAL INFORMATION

STATIONED
TIPPERARY (Templemore), MONAGHAN (Carrickmacross)

DATE OF DEATH
14th October 2004

RELIGION
Roman Catholic

OCCUPATION/TRADE
Sailor or Wireless Operator

HEIGHT
5ft 8 3/4

CHEST
36, 33

IRISH LANGUAGE
—

MARRIAGE

—

RECOMMENDED BY

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SERVICE & RANK INFORMATION

GARDA RANK

Superintendent

IRA RANK

Private

NATIONAL ARMY RANK

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RIC RANK

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FOREIGN ARMY RANK

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CID/PROTECTION CORPS

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END OF SERVICE & REASON

Dismissed

NOTES & REFERENCES

REMARKS

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FURTHER NOTES

Son of Patrick Geary (a Farmer) and Ellen Walsh. Rpaidly promoted from Sergeant to Inspector and then Superintendent. Was dismissed on charges of Treason and taking bribes from the Clare IRA on 15th June 1928 by Commissioner Eoin O'Duffy. It is only 70 years later he was vindicated of this and his name cleared, after proof showed the IRA planted false intel on him. Geary emigrated to America and arrived in New York on 5th December 1928. Married Margaret Shryane on 8th February 1943 in New York. Served as a Tech Sergeant in the American military stationed in Britain during the Second World War. During his later life he actively involved in the IPA (International Police Association). Was awarded a Knighthood of the Holy Order of the Sepuchre of Jerusalem by the Papacy in Rome in 2000. Died on 14th October 2004, at the age of 104 years. he is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Woodside, Queens County, New York. The Tricolour displayed over the US House of Congress for his 100th Birthday is on display at St. John's Castle in Limerick. There is a book written about his life entitled 'On my honour – One man’s lifelong struggle to clear his name' by William Geary and Brendon Colvert

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