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RESEARCHING AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA/ CIVIC GUARD ANCESTORS OF IRELAND



Francis Hand

REG NO: 2810

BORN
12 June 1896

JOINED
07 December 1922

ADDRESS
Gibbstown, Navan, Meath

PERSONAL INFORMATION

STATIONED
TIPPERARY (Newcastle), LONGFORD (Ballymahon)

DATE OF DEATH
19 April 1972

RELIGION
Roman Catholic

OCCUPATION/TRADE
—

HEIGHT
5ft 9¾

CHEST
39 / 36½

IRISH LANGUAGE
—

MARRIAGE

Nora Tierney (25 August 1925)

RECOMMENDED BY

—

SERVICE & RANK INFORMATION

GARDA RANK

Garda

IRA RANK

Company Quartermaster

NATIONAL ARMY RANK

—

RIC RANK

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FOREIGN ARMY RANK

R.E. (Royal Engineers) 1915 - 1919

CID/PROTECTION CORPS

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END OF SERVICE & REASON

09 January 1956 (Retired)

NOTES & REFERENCES

REMARKS

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FURTHER NOTES

Son of Bernard Hand (a Gardener). He first secured work in a steel mill as smelters in Manchester. During the First World War eventually enlisted with Royal Engineers and assisted in constructing huge earthen embankments along the west coast of England for fear of possible invasion. He was then sent to the Middle East and demobilised in Damascus on 26th June 1919. During the War of Independence he was a Volunteer with the Clongill Company of the IRA. In March 1922 he joined the new national Army and was posted to Millmount Barracks in Drogheda, County Louth. He was discharged from the army to take up a career as a Civic Guard. Married Nora Mary Tierney on 25th August 1925 in St. Michael and Johns Church, Dublin. Retired on 9th January 1956. Died on 19th April 1972. He is buried in Deansgrange Cemetery, Dublin.

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