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To the Larkin Family and whom else it may concern:

My name is James Michael Hannigon. As you may know, I am the person who created this website. As instructed by the Larkins, I have made a website about their ancestor, Patrick Larkin. I have taken a trip to Waltham as well as Athenry to make sure my research was as accurate as possible. For those who don't know, Patrick lived in Athenry, Ireland until he was in his mid-twenties; then moving to Waltham, Massachusetts. In my trips, I have found a diary entry written by Patrick as well as a news article that addresses him. I also studied his life as closely as I could, to then create a biography of him. I obtained 2 maps as well, one of Waltham in the 1850s, and one of Athenry in the 1840s (the time period he was in both locations). There is also a family tree of the Larkins displayed for any who wish to view it.

I have spent a year and a half researching and developing this website. As well as Patrick himself, I have gathered quite a lot of information about other topics relating to his life. Such topics include The Potato Famine (Patrick left Athenry 3 years after the worst year of the blight), Blacksmithing in the 19th century (Patrick worked as a blacksmith in both Athenry and Waltham), and the history of the cities of both Waltham and Athenry.

I thank the Larkins greatly for this amazing opportunity. Usually, when I am asked to design a website, it is for a business or blog of some sort. This was actually quite an unusual request. After doing this project, I am now inspired to find out more about my own ancestry, specifically my father who died before I was born. This journey has been amazing, I hope that this website is satisfactory for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Hannigon". The signature is written in black ink and is slanted upwards from left to right.

James M. Hannigon