Another Clements visits Ireland

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Thanks to my sisters who had pioneered contact with the Carrucan clan at Fanore, I visited Jim Carrucan and his wife Nancy in November 1969 and stayed at their humble abode for four nights.

Their residence was over the road from the remaining ruins of Faunarooska Castle which was in the middle of a farmland occupied by sheep.

My vivid memory was the evening meals consisting of black sausage which had been preserved in a barrel outside.

The hospitality came directly from the heart and I was proudly introduced to the locals as their distant cousin from Australia.

I even attended the wake of an elderly lady who coincidentally resided next to the Lisdoonvarna hotel so after paying our respects we toasted her health at this inn.

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