

Visits from America

Mary Ellen Manley nee Pollinger, a great great granddaughter of Michael Carrucan, and her husband John spent 3 weeks in Ireland in 2006. They landed in Dublin and traveled all around the city seeing the sites. They rented a car and drove through the beautiful countryside and stayed at the Waterford Castle and in Kinsale, Killarney, Lisdoonvarna, Mayo and Sligo. She writes:

When we arrived in Fanore, Ballyvaughn, we stayed with Anna Carrucan. It was amazing to see the homestead right there on Galway Bay! What a sight! To think that Ellen Carrucan once walked on the very land that we walked on is just breathtaking! These are memories that we will hold forever and ever! During our stay with Anna, we attended a family wedding and met the youngest “Carrucan” to be born! Nonetheless, it was a very eventful trip!

In February 2009, they returned to Ireland and brought Mary Ellen’s son, John DiSabatino, and his girlfriend Holly Charles. They stayed in Dublin then drove to Fanore via Cork and Waterford, staying with Anna Carrucan for a week. John re-acquainted himself with his cousin Delia Ryan, since they had not seen each other since they were both young children, when Delia and her brother Daniel and their mother Anna Carrucan had visited with with Betty and John Pollinger. Delia introduced John to his other cousin, Neil Toher, in Dublin and the three became as one! They spent the next days sharing stories of their lives and “exploring” Dublin as only young adults should! Many an enjoyable time was spent with our relatives in Fanore and Ballyvaughan once again.

In February 2011, John Di Sabatino returned to Dublin and stayed with his cousin Neil, the son of Noela and Tony Toher who live in England. John then rode the bus to Fanore and stayed with Anna Carrucan and Delia Carrucan Ryan for the remainder of his trip. John keeps in touch with his cousins Neil and Delia and enjoys the conversations and laughs and time spent with them! He plans to keep open the line of communication that his grandparents Betty and John Pollinger, Sr. started so many years ago!