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Mrs. Richard M. Nixon meets Katherine Naughton, left, her second cousin, in Ballinrobe, Ireland. Girl is unidentified.

Her Irish Relatives Hail Mrs. Nixon

BALLINROBE, Ireland, Oct. 4 (AP)—Mrs. Richard M. Nixon found "more cousins than I knew about" today on a six-hour Sunday morning tour of the Irish homeland of her grandparents. She was greeted with tears of excitement, gifts of crystal vases, a cup of Irish tea and homemade raisin bread.

Her helicopter frightened the cattle, sheep and chickens into a stampeding run in the peaceful green pastures fenced with gray stones as she flew on a rainy morning to visit the Ryans and McHughes, descendants of her grandparents.

She hasn't a mini on her, either, she's nice and modest that lady," said a woman in the welcoming crowd as Mrs. Nixon, the former Patricia Ryan, stepped from the helicopter to the village green.

Mrs. Nixon said she was delighted to come here because she remembered "tales my father used to tell me." Her father, William Ryan, always longed to come back to such warm-hearted people," she said but the depression came in America and he never made it.

Standing in the one-story stone cottage where her grandfather, Patrick Sarsfield Ryan, was born, now a cattle barn, Mrs. Nixon was asked if she would like some day to retire and come to Ireland to live.

"No," she replied, "I don't think so. I'm an American.

My loyalties are to my country."

Mrs. Nixon visited an ancient burial ground, overgrown with tall grass, to see the graves of her grand-uncle, Patrick McHugh, and his wife Bridget. A crowd of local neighbors and relatives followed along.

Mrs. Nixon's first meeting with her Irish cousins, at the home of 71-year-old Katie Naughton, was warm-hearted.

"This is your cousin Katie," said Ned Sullivan, Mrs. Nixon's American cousin from Mount Kisco, N. Y.

Delighted to have you," said Katie, dressed in a blue suit and a tan felt hat for the occasion.