

Dances for March 10, 2025

Ardbrae Dancers of Ottawa

Video: THE IRISH ROVER

THE IRISH ROVER

TWENTY-TWO SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCES by James B. Cosh and TWO OTHERS

(Reel – 32 Bars)

1 – 8 First couple lead through third couple, cast up one place on own side; first woman wheel right hand with second couple, first man wheel right hand with third couple.

9 – 12 First couple dance half reels of four with first corners, then

13 – 16 half reels of four with second corners. At end of reels first couple turn left hand in centre ready to

17 – 24 give left shoulders to person in first corner's position for two reels of three across the dance. First couple finish in second place, own side.

25 – 26 First couple change places with person in their first corner's position (i.e. first lady right hand to third lady and first man right hand to second man).

27 – 28 Change left hands on sides; first lady with second man, first man with third lady. (First corners now back in original places.)

29 – 30 First lady changes places, giving right hand to third man (in second lady's position), while first man changes places, giving right hand to second lady (in third man's position).

31 – 32 First and second ladies and first and third men change places, giving left hands on own side of the dance. The order is now 2, 1, 3, 4.

Repeat from second place.

Tune – “The Irish Rover”

Video: Charles Stuart

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Miss Milligan's Miscellany of Scottish Country Dances

32-bar strathspey for three couples in a four-couple longwise set

1 – 8 1st couple set and, giving right hands, cross over, cast off below 3rd couple, lead up the middle and cross to original places.

9 – 16 1st couple lead down the middle and up and cast off one place to face first corners. 2nd couple step up on bars 15-16.

17 – 24 1st couple turn first corners with the right hand, partner with the left hand, second corners with the right hand and, giving left hand to partner, cross over to second place on own sides.

25 – 28 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples advance one step and retire one step twice.

29 – 32 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples, giving both hands, turn partners once round.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Ladies' Pocket Book, 1794.

Customary tune: any strathspey