

Mrs A Johnston, Tyrone, Hawkshead, aged ca 55

One of Dan Howison's sources.

Mrs Johnston comes from Blackburn. When she was aged ca 7-9, she had lessons in dancing from two Miss Hindleys, who ran a dancing academy in the Preston New Road, Blackburn [so far as Mr Johnston knows, they are both dead now]. Most of the dancing she learnt from the Misses Hindley was Scotch and Irish step-dancing and the like, but they also taught a certain amount of clog-dancing.

Mr Johnston did a certain amount of amateur entertaining in Blackburn, and she picked up various stage steps from different sources. She cannot now be certain which of the steps she now knows were taught to her originally as clog steps, except in the case of one step, which she is quite certain was a clog step. This is as follows.

Hampipe time (dotted?)

1. 1& Double beat with ball of RF in semi 4th position
- 2 Step on RF on spot
- 3&4 Perform '1&2' contrariwise
2. 1&2 As in bar 1
- 2&3 Double beat with ball of LF in semi 4th position
- 4 Step on LF in near 3rd position, but with feet straight
- 4 Step on RF in 3rd position, but with feet straight.
3. 4 Perform bars 1, 2 contrariwise
5. 6 Repeat bar 2, then perform bar 2 contrariwise
7. 1 Jump forward about 6" to land on both heels
- 2,3,4 Step back on RF, step back with LF to 1st pos, 4 step on RF in 1st pos.
8. 1 Hop on LF and take RF out to 4th low aerial position
- 3 Beat RF on the ground.

Mr Johnston's memory is that clog-dancing was very flat - close to the ground.

She recommends that we get in touch with

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(to mention her by her maiden name of Miss Eckenley). He is an old Blackburn resident with an interest in amateur entertainment.