

Miss Mary Oversby, Cage Farm, Dentdale, Yorks, aged 79.

Born and brought up in Dentdale, and came to Cage Farm at the age of 12. Has danced only in Dentdale.

When Miss Oversby was about 18, her brother attended dancing classes held by Pop John Mason in the outroom of the George & Dragon Hotel in Dent - up the outside stairs. The doors were locked, and the blinds drawn down to prevent outsiders from seeing what was happening. Miss Oversby was not an actual member of the class, but went down on a Wednesday evening to the classes with another girl and got in for an hour - this was all the time her friend had off that evening.

These classes were held "several years". Most of Pop John's pupils were aged 15-20 (and he himself was then aged ca 40). He taught the boys how to ask a girl to dance, and how to escort them back to their seats, and he taught them properly how to dance, for example, how to set & how to waltz.

The dances which Pop John taught included

Quadrilles	Lancers	Waltz Collier
Square-8	Swinging-6	Turn-off.
Cottagers	Waltz	Polka
Schottische	La Vampiroiana	Ban Dance

She does not know whether he taught the 3-Reel.

The classes took place from 8-10 p.m., and were held only during the winter months. Her brother certainly paid a fee, though she didn't.

Miss Oversby does not know where Pop John learnt to dance.