

Miss Addie Robinson, Crake Terrace, Penny Bridge, Greenodd, N. Lancs, c. 55.

In pursuit of ~~the~~ programme, we visited Miss Robinson the following evening after our visit to Miss Roberta Robinson. Miss Robinson very kindly allowed us to borrow it, together with a photograph of her grandfather.

Miss Robinson's grandfather was Robert Casson Robinson, the R.C. Robinson mentioned on the programme. He was born in 1833 in the same house as herself in Penny Bridge, and died at the age of 55 in 1888. Her great-grandfather was the highway surveyor for the district, and he used to take RCR with him to carry the chains, etc., and the boy ~~got~~ became so heartily sick of this that he took up dancing instead. It would seem that RCR was a full-time teacher, at least in his early years, for on Miss Robinson's father's birth certificate in 1866 RCR gave his profession as "Professor of Dancing". When RCR got on in ~~his~~ years, he may have had a part-time job as a rate-collector - this was Miss Robinson's father's profession.

Miss Robinson's father died in 1957 at the age of 91, and most of her knowledge of RCR is derived from him, though she has met people in her younger days who attended his classes, at Milloim, and near Barrow. RCR was a fiddler, but did not teach the violin. He had classes as far away as Crosthwaite, for ~~her father~~ in later years he had a weak heart, and her father used to walk to Crosthwaite with him to make sure that nothing happened to him. According to her father, his classes lasted a quarter. Both ~~her~~ her father and her uncle learnt the local step-dancing from RCR, and her father also learnt Horse to Newmarket from him [it is not mentioned on the programme]. Her father did Horse to Newmarket at a ball, with another boy, and used to tell Miss Robinson about this, how "the two whips sounded as one". She has never heard her father mention the names of the local steps.

According to her father, RCR studied dancing in London, but Miss Robinson does

not know when this took place.

Miss Robinson has her family tree far many generations back, and she can state quite definitely that R.C.R. was definitely not related to old Jas Robinson of Lakeside (note that old Jas. was only 5 years younger than R.C.R.).

Miss Robinson has heard of the schools closing for the dancing-master, but does not know whether this ever took place for her grandfather.

JUVENILE BALL

MR. R. C. ROBINSON

Respectfully announces to the Inhabitants of Finsthwaite and Neighbourhood, that his
JUVENILE BALL

WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE
 LARGE NEW ROOM OF MR. JOHN JACKSON,
 On Friday Evening, Feb. 27th, 1863.

PART FIRST

March	Dance
Contra Dance	Dance (B)
Dance (G)	Highland Four Reel
Polka, Rose of The Valley	Dance (G)
Dance (B)	Waltz
Lancers' Quadrilles	Dance (B)
Dance (G)	New Polka
English Reel	Dance (B)
Dance (2G)	New Double Quadrille
Schottische, Second Class.	Highland Fling (2G)
Dance (B)	Dance (G)
Hoop Dance (2G)	Cottagers
Highland Fling (2G)	

PART SECOND

La Tempete	La Varsouviana
Dance (B)	Dance (G)
Dance (G)	Schottische, First Class
Polka Mazurka	Dance (G)
Dance (G)	Quadrilles
Holly Berry Contra Dance	Dance (B)
Dance (B)	Highland Dance
Garland Dance	Dance (G)
Scotch Lilt (2G)	Polka
Sailor's Hornpipe	Dance (3B)
Dance (G)	

B = Boy, G = Girl
 Original gives names
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DANCING TO COMMENCE AT EIGHT O'CLOCK

Tickets One Shilling each, to be of Mr Robinson, at Mr Clark's, Innkeeper, Finsthwaite.

Dancing after the Ball, for Visitors

William Kitchen, Printer, Market Street, Ulverston.

Dear Miss Robinson,

I enclose your old ball programme and your grandfather's photograph which you very kindly lent me, together with one of the copies which I have had made of the photograph. We eventually succeeded in finding few of the old programmes, one older than yours, and two of c. 1900. Thank you very much indeed for your help in this matter - we are most grateful.

Yours sincerely

T. M. J. F. Fleet

59 Sharp St.

Asham. in - Dur.

Lanes. Oct 11th 1902.

Dr Flett,

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter.

I have been over to my friend
Mr Everett, now he does not know
Jose Robinsons wife's maiden name,
but he knows young Josies widow
& he has a cousin that was married
into the Robinson family. Now, he
is going over to Back-Barrow
shortly, I have given him your
letter to see if he can get any
information for you. All the best.

I remain

Yours Truly.

Tom Barnes.

Penny Bridge,
Greenodd,
Ulverston.

30th Oct 1962

Dear Dr & Mrs Flett.

Forgive me for being so long in writing to thank you for returning the photograph so promptly & also for your kindness in sending me one of the copies - it is much better than the original!

I was away from home for a few days about the time your letter arrived but did not realize until now that I had been quite so long in acknowledging it - please accept my apologies.

I am pleased that you were able to find other old programmes.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,
A. A. Robinson.