

Mr & Mrs Fred Coward, The Grables, Hawkshead.

80, 77.

Both taught by Jos. Robinson at Ambleside, and they identified the photograph as the one who taught them. Mr Coward went ~~out~~ first at the age of 10 c. 1892. Mrs Coward started a little later.

But Mrs Coward's father, who died at the age of 73 ~~at~~ in 1931, was taught as a lad by ⁷³ Stanton Robinson. This S.R. was better than Jos as a dancer, & her father was a marvellous dancer - he had better steps than Jos did.

Old Jos comes here every year - & the classes carried on after they left.

Dances

Grand March, Wavers, Quadrilles, Cossack O, Cottagers, Square Eight, Six Reel, Three Reels.

They both danced a 3 Reel 20 years ago, with a lady of some age taught by Jos. R. in Langdale.

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Three Reel:

Centre man sets to L lady, 2nd in on shuffle off, then reel ("polka" round), then sets to 2nd lady, reel, & so on.

Columbus polka step:

Sidestep was double crooch to R, to L, single crooch to RT L, R, & shuffle off.

Hagstrom crooch:

This shuffle off had just the lead beat. First crooch was toe L, toe 2, heel 2, ~~heel 2~~¹. But his father's crooch was Diddy Dooie.

Eighth Reel: The shuffle off came in this, by sides just as tops were ending, & vice versa

Top — Start straight off here

Tops RH & LH ~~star~~

Sides

Tops polka round with partner

Sides

All go round polka round in a ring

Then repeat

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In Six Reel, they stayed within the set. Forward & back, forward & men exchange partners & back, & repeat. Then man polkas round with RT lady, then with LT lady.

Repeat the whole

In local repertoire Heel & Toe C.D., Triumph, Haste to the Wedding, No Long-8 Reel. No Five Reel.

Sword dance definitely taught by Jos. Robinson, one pair of swords, one dancer according to Mrs. C. Mr. Coward thought there was two dancers on the one pair of swords.

He taught it several years.

Mr. Coward went 2 years.

Mr. Coward went c. 1894 & then for 2 or 3 years.

Clippings - only one they knew of was at Whiburn - taken up by Threlmire - when they ~~were~~ were young. There was a sing-song & a do.

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Cissie Wilson,

confirms that Joe & Tom

Sword Dance - boys only ≥ 1 . for each set of
swords, 2 or 4, boys, 2 or 4 swords.

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Mrs Evelyn Pickthall, Castle Cott, Kendal, 71

Only member of her family, except for Mrs Keith, left alive

No memory of Five Reels

Sword dance: 4 ~~boys~~^{boys}, but each with separate
pair of swords. X 3 This was at one of her father's
classes, but doesn't know where.Went to her father's classes at age of 5, & then every
year, until her father died when she was 11 or 12.Margaret Anne died at age of 14; she went to
Preston for lessons - she was a beautiful dancer - she
did a Spanish dance with castanets & a Skirt dance.She & her sister went all over to most of his classes.
Came to Kendal & as far as Milnthorpe.Can't remember whether old Tom kept up the dancing
or whether he took it on again after SBR died.Only one way of doing the hoop dance - cap on
like a jockey, waistcoat with little saddle