

26th Oct. '59.

126, Railway St.
Nelson. Lancs.

Dear Dr. Stett.

I am interested in clog & step dancing & have done some collecting locally of steps & information.

I have met a Mrs Gunstone who lives in Burnley but hails from Edinburgh and who comes of a dancing family. She learned the 'Lancashire Hornpipe' from a Miss Barry, who, she gives me to understand, was a well known teacher of highland dancing. The steps appear to me similar to those Dan Howison picked up in the Lake District from one of Joss Robinson's pupils; not the same but of the same genre. It was Dan who said you

might be interested, hence this letter.

It occurs to me that this is a type of dance that was taught at local academies but perhaps you can put it in a better perspective

Mrs Gunstone also does a "Dutch" dance, which I believe is fairly well known, & learnt the schottische & Irish jig as well as the Highland & Country dances.

If there is any more information that would be of interest to you and that I can get I shall be pleased to do so.

Yours Sincerely,

Julian Pilling.