

Origins of the Playford Dances

A Compendium Showing the Timeline of Renaissance and Baroque Dance

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Part 1: Origins of Playford Dances

All in a Garden Green (1651)

Music referred to as far back as: 1584 - A Handfull of Pleasant Delites

Cuckolds All a Row (1651)

Dance referred to as far back as: late 15th C - The Cuckwolds Dance

Cushion Dance (1686)

Dance referred to as far back as: circa 1601 - A Woman Killed with Kindness

Dargason (1651)

Dance referred to as far back as: 1605 - Isle of Gulls

Music referred to as far back as: circa 1590 - A lute manuscript at Cambridge University MS Dd.2.II

Greensleeves (1686)

Dance referred to as far back as: 1596 - Have with you Saffron-Walden

Music referred to as far back as: 1580, when it was registered at the London Stationers Company

Half Hannikin (1651)

Dance referred to as far back as: 1622

Hearts Ease (1651)

Music traced referred to as far back as: 1597 - Romeo and Juliet

Kemps Jig (1651)

Dance referred to as far back as: 1580

Parson's Farewell (1651)

Music referred to as far back as: 1612

Pepper's Black (1651)

Dance referred to as far back as: 1596 - Have with you Saffron-Walden

Put Thy Smock a Monday (1670)

Dance referred to as far back as: circa 1601 - A Woman Killed with Kindness

Row Well Ye Marriners (1651)

Music referred to as far back as: 1584 - A Handfull of Pleasant Delites

Sellenger's Round (1657)

Dance referred to as far back as: 1548 at St. Legders Palace in Ireland.

Music referred to as far back as: 1575 in an unnamed manuscript in the private collection of Michael d'Andrea

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Shaking of the Sheets (1670)

Dance referred to as far back as: 1577 - The School of Abuse

Trenchmore (1653)

Dance referred to as far back as: 1564 - A Dialogue, both pleasant and pityfull...

Part 2 - Undocumented English Country Dances

Several dances have been found in literary references that were not recorded in the books published by Playford.

They are:

- ☞ All the Flowers of the Broom
- ☞ The Hey
- ☞ Irish Hay
- ☞ John, Come Kiss Me Now
- ☞ Lusty Gallant
- ☞ Peggy Ramsey
- ☞ Rogero
- ☞ Trip and Go

Part 3 - Other Undocumented Dances Located in English Sources

English Country Dances are not the only dances found in English sources. This is a short list of dances, from countries other than England, which I have found within English sources.

The following dances illustrate this:

- ☞ Hey de Guise (French)
- ☞ Quarter Branle (French)
- ☞ Unknown Branle 1 (French)
- ☞ Unknown Branle 2 (French)
- ☞ Unnamed Basse Dance (Burgundian)