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Folklife scholars often produce work which is valuable to outdoor museums and historic sites. Folklife scholars deal with functional, contextual, emic, and interdisciplinary studies--all approaches which produce valuable interpretive data for museums and sites. This thesis is an example of folklife work designed for use in the museum field.

Outdoor museums and historic sites are increasingly involved with the interpretation of social and emotional life. Because it is a social and emotional event, dance can be a valuable part of this interpretation.

Sites and museums developing programs of traditional dance interpretation may find it helpful to follow several steps: 1.) determine through research that dance did occur at the site and time period portrayed; 2.) identify the interpretive themes and objectives dance can fulfill; 3.) gather as much information about the site's dance traditions as possible through research employing a wide variety of sources; 4.) learn to perform the dances, identify their interpretive significance, and incorporate them in interpretive programs.

The text includes both descriptions and examples of a wide variety of research sources--primary, secondary, iconographic, material culture, and others. Also included is a checklist of aspects of dance events any or all of which staff members may wish to research and interpret. The closing "Sources and Resources" section is an annotated guide to books, periodicals, organizations, and other sources of assistance in dance interpretation.

CHAPTER ONE: FOLKLIFE RESEARCH AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO INTERPRETATION
AT HISTORIC SITES AND OUTDOOR MUSEUMS

Staff members at historic sites and outdoor museums and the scholars of several academic disciplines are increasingly concerned with the study and interpretation of the everyday life of the common man, or folklife. Among folklorists, interest in the life of the common man can be seen in the rise of folklife study as a discipline. Among historians, this growing interest can be seen in the recent development of the New Social History, an interest in the average man and his social and economic patterns. Historic sites and outdoor museums of the past commonly represented the elite elements of American history: houses of the rich, forts, governmental buildings, and the like. In recent years, however, new sites have been appearing which interpret the life of the common people, or folk.

Books and articles like Don Yoder's "Folklife Studies in American Scholarship" in American Folklife (Yoder 1976:3-18) are indications of growing folklife interest within the folklore field. Richard Dorson's opening to Folklore and Folklife: an Introduction (Dorson, 1972:1-50) is titled "Concepts of Folklore and Folklife Studies" and discusses folklife as a discipline which is related to but independent from the discipline of folklore. The selection of "Folklore and Folklife" (University of Pennsylvania) and "Folk and Intercultural Studies" (Western Kentucky University) as departmental names also indicates an expanding

interest beyond the traditional "folklore" study of texts and oral materials. Dorson cites the 1963 founding of the journal Folk Life by the Society for Folk Life Studies as an indicator of the types of investigations pursued in the field of folklife studies: occupational, architectural, custom, craft, and aesthetic, as well as diverse others (Dorson 1972:3). The United States government, too, recognizes the field of folklife studies with governmental use of the term "folklife." The National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities both fund folklife projects. The government supports a national Folklife Center and sponsors the Festival of American Folklife.

Folklife study deals with all aspects of a group's day-to-day existence. According to J. Geraint Jenkins,

The folklife student's duty is to collect the tools and implements that ordinary people used, and to record details of their life, their skills, their homes, their fields, their customs, their speech, and their leisure activities. The student of folklife searches for the key to the world of ordinary people; he attempts to throw light on their astonishingly ill-documented day-to-day life. (Jenkins 1972:498).

Among historians, the New Social History school of study--founded in 1929 by French historians Marc Bloch and Lucien Febvre--explores the economic patterns and the social behavior of individuals. In contrast to traditional historians' study of the elite and the "history-makers," the New Social Historians study material which is virtually identical to the materials of folklife studies--the everyday life of the common man. British historians such as George Ewart Evans (Tools of Their Trades) and W.G. Hoskins (The Midland Peasant) have joined this recent French school of historical study, and Americans, too, have begun to join the movement. Studies done by Americans which deal with workers, women, family, and occupational groups all reflect the growing American interest in the New

Social History. An American historian, George McDaniel, for instance, recently wrote Hearth and Home: Preserving a People's Culture (McDaniel 1981), a study of Afro-American folk housing and anything but an elitist history.

Folklife museums are becoming increasingly common. J.W.Y. Higgs explains the purpose of a folk or folklife museum in the following way.

A folk museum should preserve a record of the everyday life and culture of the area which it serves; it should mirror the changes in this culture whether they are of the past or currently taking place in order that they may be adequately recorded. People come to a folk museum in order to study the history and background of their own everyday life.... (Higgs 1963:4-8).

In Europe, the first museum devoted to the culture of the common people of a region was Sweden's Museum of Scandinavian Folklore, founded in 1873 by Artur Hazelius, and which later became Skansen, the outdoor folklife museum. The concept of a folk museum spread to Denmark where the Frilandsmuseet was opened in 1901 and to Norway where Maihaugen (May Hill) was opened in 1904 (Alexander 1979:84-85). The concept of a museum devoted to folklife materials spread to America with the founding of Colonial Williamsburg in 1926. Colonial Williamsburg attempts to recreate the activity and life of a major part of a colonial city. Columbia, California, a typical mining town; Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts; Mystic Seaport, a Connecticut sea town; and the Farmers Museum at Cooperstown, New York, all followed in the wide assortment of museums which collect, preserve, study, and interpret the folklife of the American people (Alexander 1979:91-93).

Ellis Burcaw, in Introduction to Museum Work, discusses the changing role of the history museum as museums increasingly turn attention to the preservation of folklife materials. Burcaw says:

The important objects in a history museum are the commonplace, typical, popular, and once-plentiful artifacts of everyday living, but it is precisely this kind of material that is least likely to be stored away in a trunk in the attic eventually to be offered to the local museum. Progressive history museums today accept two somewhat radical ideas: 1) the best history includes a strong measure of anthropology, and 2) collecting from today's world for tomorrow's makes sense. (Burcaw 1975:61).

This concept that the ordinary is the stuff of which history is made is the same concept which is leading to the formation of larger numbers of intentionally and consciously folklife-centered museums.

Historic sites and outdoor museums are becoming involved with this new folklife movement in several ways: through new research being done, through the development of new interpretive programs, and through the development of completely new museums and sites. Much of the research which is being done at history sites and museums illustrates a folklife interest. The research files of Indiana's Conner Prairie Pioneer Settlement, for example, reveal information not on which dances were being done by the rich Conner family but on which dances were typical of any central Indiana village in 1836. The development of interpretive programs which deal with folklife also illustrates an interest in the common man. At Homestead National Monument in Nebraska, interpretation centers on the experiences not of the rich or the elite but of the common man, the homesteader. Completely new museums are being seen, too, the sole aim of which is to interpret folklife. One example is The Homeplace 1850 which portrays the life on a two-generation family farm in Tennessee and Kentucky's Land Between the Lakes region during 1850.

Some folklorists are studying and dealing with information which these "folk" sites attempt to interpret to the public. Both sites and

folklorists are examining the events of daily life: the way wheat was harvested, the songs sung in church, the way crawdads were cooked, who named the children, how people felt about their in-laws, which dances were danced--in short, every aspect of the lives and emotions of the common people.

Folklore and folklife scholars have a special way of examining cultural materials which makes their work valuable to museums and sites which interpret folklife. The folklorist's concern for not only ethnography but the interpretation of context, structure, and function makes folklore work useful in the interpretation of folk culture and life. A museum for the preserving or restoring folk architecture in the Virginia area would find much valuable information in Henry Glassie's detailed study Folk Housing in Middle Virginia; a Structural Analysis of Historic Artifacts (Glassie 1979). If the museum was located in Kentucky, the work of Lynwood Montell and Michael Morse, Kentucky Folk Architecture (Montell and Morse 1976) would offer much data. Sod Walls (Welsch 1968) would be indispensable to a historic site or outdoor museum interpreting the life of Nebraska's settlers who dwelt in sod houses.

Regionalists such as Welsch, because of their in-depth knowledge of a single area, have much to offer the museums and sites which interpret that region. Don Yoder has spent years researching the lives of the Pennsylvania Germans. Yoder's work, although not specifically intended for use by museums, provides much of the ethnographic observation and detail needed to interpret the lives of the Pennsylvania Germans. In England, George Ewart Evans delved into the folklife of a single region, East Anglia, and produced six books of such ethnographic detail that they would be treasures to any museum wishing to interpret the area's folklife.

One of Evans's books, for example, is Tools of Their Trades: an Oral History of Men at Work c. 1900 (Evans 1970). Life and Tradition in the Yorkshire Dales (Hartley and Ingilby 1968) includes many photographs of folklife in Yorkshire which would help make a museum portrayal of this folklife more authentic.

Folklore work dealing specifically with material culture of a people can be a great value to museum interpretation, too. Because museums and sites, unlike sound recordings or collections of tales, deal primarily with the interpretation of tangible artifacts, scholarly studies of material culture will contribute much to a museum's research base. Books such as Allen Eaton's Handicrafts of the Southern Highlands (Eaton 1973) and J. Geraint Jenkins's Traditional Country Craftsmen (Jenkins 1965) contain much data for the museums which study and collect the artifacts of the southern Appalachians or of Wales.

In addition to the folklore work which is incidently useful to museums and sites, some folklore work is designed and done specifically for these organizations. Ormond Loomis, for example, compiled a lengthy bibliography of materials useful to outdoor museums and historic sites. His work is titled Sources on Folk Museums and Living Historical Farms (Loomis 1977).

Among the folklore work which is being used by historic sites and outdoor museums is Jay Anderson's "A Solid Sufficiency: an Ethnography of Yeoman Foodways in Stuart England" (Anderson 1971). This doctoral dissertation was the basis of much of the foodways interpretation which is being done at Plimoth Plantation in Massachusetts. Candace Matelic, a 1977 graduate of the Cooperstown Graduate Program, wrote a manual for planning museum interpretation programs. Her work is titled "Training Programs for Interpreters at Outdoor Museums in the Northeast" (Matelic

1977). Matelic examines the staff training programs of six outdoor museums and concludes with a suggested model program and standards for training. One emphasis of Matelic's work is to assist museum staff members in the development of an understanding of the concepts of folklore and folklife. Maud Lyon's thesis is another example of folkloristic work which is being used by sites and museums. A recent Cooperstown graduate, Lyon prepared a thesis titled "History That Fits: Period Clothing for Living History Interpretation" (Lyon 1981). This work is a practical guide and sourcebook for professionals in the museum field.

Recently, as Don Yoder discusses in "Folklife Studies in American Scholarship" (Yoder 1976:3-18), historic sites and outdoor museums have extended their interest in material culture to include the emotional and social lives of the people of their various locales. Included in the spectrum of cultural material studied by both folklorists and sites is dance. Dance is an interpretive genre which enables a site to illustrate social and emotional behavior, for dance is a social and emotional event. Dance was a vital traditional genre in many of the folk communities which historical sites and outdoor museums portray. In fact, Curt Sachs says, "...we should accept with caution the occasional reports about 'danceless' peoples." (Sachs 1937:11). Dance is a vehicle for the interpretation of the wholeness of the lives of the people of the past, of the folklife sites and museums are seeking to interpret.

Judith Lynne Hanna effectively defines dance in this way:

Dance can be most usefully defined as human behavior composed, from the dancer's perspective, of (1) purposeful, (2) intentionally rhythmical, and (3) culturally patterned sequences of (4a) nonverbal body movements (4b) other than ordinary motor activities, (4c) the motion having inherent and aesthetic value. (Hanna 1979:19).

Like folk sites and museums, folklorists are interested in the social and emotional lives of the people. Much folklore work in the area of dance, however, is either too technical or not academic enough to benefit sites and museums.

The lack of beneficial folklore work in the area of dance is illustrated in the paper "Dancing Through the Journal of American Folklore" (Alm 1981), a survey of the dance articles and reviews of dance books found in the pages of the Journal of American Folklore from 1888 through 1980. The survey shows that the earliest dance information found in the Journal is ethnographic descriptions of American Indian dancing recorded by anthropologists. This information is of limited use to sites because it was recorded by observers outside the culture of the dancers themselves and with little or no attempt to understand the dancing from the dancers' point of view. From the 1910's through the 1930's, dance articles most often were collections of playparty texts with little or no contextual information, music, or instructions for performance included. These missing elements are the information most needed by sites and museums interpreting playparties. During the 1940's and 1950's, reviews of "how to folk dance" types of books comprised the Journal's largest category of dance articles. The Journal's reviews of such "how to folk dance" books reveal the books' general lack of scholarship. Such books were frequently written and intended for recreational folk dancers and are often not academic enough to be of use to sites and museums. At the other extreme lie the articles on such topics as labanotation, a method for recording movement on paper. Articles of this type are frequently too academic and are therefore of little use to site researchers. Dance articles in the Journal of American Folklore have provided little informa-

tion which would be of significant value to site or museum staff members planning a program of dance interpretation.

Because of the way folklife scholars study a subject, their work can be especially useful to folklife museums. The study of contextual data, the field work, the emic studies, the concern with function, and the multi-disciplinary approach employed by folklife scholars all provide the types of information needed by folklife museums as bases for interpretation. In dance, as in other areas, folklife scholars have the tools and techniques to produce studies which will offer folklife museums the information needed to develop accurate programs of interpretation.

Folklorists need to produce accurate, well documented studies of dancing which are intended not only as academic works but as information useful to the professionals in the museum field. If applied to the area of dance, the structural, functional, and contextual studies which folklorists are now producing could be useful to outdoor museums and historic sites. Hopefully, this thesis could serve as an example of the type of study which could be of value to the museum field.

CHAPTER TWO: HISTORICAL ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN TRADITIONAL DANCE
INTERPRETATION

This thesis is designed for people who are responsible for the development and presentation of interpretive programs at historic sites and outdoor museums. In addition, the information included may be useful to those who wish to mount static, indoor exhibits interpreting traditional dance. This work may also aid those responsible for the presentation of traditional dance at festivals and other special events, and it may assist sites in the interpretation of dance without actual performances of the dances.

A historic site is the location at which some event or events considered to be of "historical significance" occurred. There are historic sites located across the country. These sites are commonly houses of the rich, battlefields, court houses, places of political importance, or monuments to the history of society's elite--Independence Hall, for example. In recent years, with increased interest in the everyday lives of the common people, many more historic sites have been developed which commemorate the lives of commoners. One such site is Homestead National Monument in Nebraska, a site which recognizes the hardships and triumphs of the pioneers who homesteaded the American West.

The everyday life, or folklife, of the people is a subject of increasing interest in historic site interpretation. The social life of

individuals and of communities is becoming a major theme. The ways in which people lived and related to one another are being portrayed, and historic sites are becoming increasingly interested in interpreting the totality of life.

Dance is a traditional form of expression which was often important as an event which cut across class, ethnic, occupational, and other divisions. Dancing is an activity which occurred at many of the locations which are now considered historic sites. Portrayal of dance and its context and functions is therefore essential to the interpretation of the totality of life at these historic sites. Dance is also essential to the interpretation of the social and emotional lives of the people who lived at these historic sites. Homestead National Monument, for example, might interpret dance as an illustration of a major social function in the homesteaders' lives. Independence Hall might choose to interpret the balls which were held in the building's second floor ballroom at the time of the writing of the Declaration of Independence--an illustration that the lives of the people were not solely devoted to politics.

Unlike historic sites, outdoor museums are placed in locations which are of no particular historical significance. To form outdoor museums, buildings of a particular time period or region are relocated, restored, or reconstructed at the museum site. The buildings themselves are artifacts exhibited by the museums. The intent of outdoor museums is to represent and interpret the day-to-day lives of the people of a certain region or time period. One outdoor museum is Conner Prairie Pioneer Settlement, a re-creation of an 1830's village in Indiana. Another, Nebraska's Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, portrays an 1880's Nebraska railroad town. Living historical farms are outdoor museums which

interpret rural life, including social life. One aim of living historical farms is to portray rural dwellers not as totally isolated but as a part of a community.

Outdoor museums have from the start represented the folklife of the common people. These museums have been leaders in the interpretation of all aspects of life, including social and emotional facets. Dance events, occasions which cut across many social boundaries and brought many groups into interaction, can be a major tool for social life interpretation by outdoor museums. Georgia Agrirama, an agricultural museum, might choose to portray dancing in an effort to dispel the image of early farms as isolated outposts. The Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer might interpret dance events as a major social function in a pioneer town.

Historic organizations and arts groups may also have occasion to become involved in the interpretation of traditional dance. Encampments, reenactments, and craft shows are popular events commonly sponsored by such organizations. The Tippecanoe County Historical Association of Indiana, for example, each Fall sponsors the Feast of the Hunter's Moon, a re-creation of a 1700's gathering of the French and Indians at a fur trading outpost on the Wabash River. The events includes demonstrating craftsmen, contests of skill, military units, food, and other events and activities--including dance. Dance is an active, visual, and exciting event and is therefore often included in such festival occasions.

This volume is intended as a sourcebook for the interpretation of traditional dance by historic sites, outdoor museums, and other organizations. The following pages include program ideas and suggestions and a research guide to a wide variety of types of research sources. In addition, the annotated "Sources and Resources" section should provide

some starting points for dance research. The chapters which follow are intended to give ideas and to suggest directions and starting points for people working in the museum field who wish to include traditional dance in their interpretive programs.

CHAPTER THREE: VARIETY OF TRADITIONAL DANCE PROGRAMS FOR HISTORIC SITES
AND OUTDOOR MUSEUMS

A program of traditional dance interpretation should support and contribute to a site's overall interpretive program, to the site's goals, objectives, and themes. Like any other interpretive event, dance should be a well-integrated portion of the visitor's experience at a site. In planning for dance interpretation, it will therefore be necessary to determine what the site's overall purpose is and in what ways dance can contribute to the accomplishment of this purpose. Staff members will also find it helpful to decide what the purpose of the dancing itself will be and for whom the dance program will be intended. A dance program should be as serious and well-integrated a part of overall site interpretation as any demonstration of plowing or blacksmithing.

If dance is to be presented for the public, four types of dance programs are possible. The dancing may be an authentic re-creation of a dance event; the site may present a demonstration of one or more types of dancing; the dancing may be an educational event in which the public is invited to participate; the dancing may be a strictly recreational occasion. A fifth possibility is that dancing may be sponsored by a site for the staff alone without public involvement. Any of these programs will require the planning, research, and implementation of the types suggested and discussed in the chapters which follow.

An authentic re-creation for the public. The aim of this type of dance interpretation is to represent the past accurately. This type of program implies first-person interpretation, with individuals and the surroundings all representing an actual dance event from the past. This type of interpretation allows the visitors to view the dancing in the context in which it originally occurred. The appropriate surroundings and even time of day can all be portrayed. Authenticity requires that many considerations be dealt with: clothing, music, instruments, refreshments, location--all in addition to the dances themselves. An authentic re-creation, however, offers the opportunity to interpret much more than the dancers' movements to the music. The considerations above--clothing, music, instruments, refreshments, location--all become a part of the event viewed by the visitors. A scandalized remark between staff members regarding the way in which one dancer holds his partner may tell the visitors more about what was acceptable than an interpreter's lecture would. Authentic re-creation of a dance event may also begin a week or more before the occurrence of the dance event. Baking, practicing music, making decorations, and other related activities may be portrayed at the site in the days preceeding the dance itself. Advance preparations for the dance can also be discussed with visitors before the occasion, giving interpreters plenty of time and material to work with.

Some of the goals which an authentic re-creation of a dance event would achieve include the following:

- Illustrate the celebration of holidays and calendar customs
- Contribute to the interpretation of rites of passage
- Illustrate social cohesion and interaction (To dance, individuals must work together.)

- Interpret the spiritual culture of the people in context
- Portray a sense of community
- Allow visitors to deduce for themselves the similarities to today's dance and community functions.

A dance demonstration for the public. Demonstration of dancing may be done by the staff for visitors. The purpose is to illustrate dances themselves without attempting to portray the context, historical setting, or social functions involved. These aspects of the original dance event, however, may be explained to viewers. Because the intent is not to present a dance event as it actually occurred in the past, a moderator or announcer would not be out of place. Instead, a narrative would serve to increase the illustrative and educational value of the visitor's experience. Demonstrations of dancing may take place at a site as a part of everyday interpretation or may be done as a part of a festival, special event, special evening, or weekend.

Goals in the use of dance demonstrations might include the following:

- Interpret dance as a genre, as art and expression
- Present a variety of types or styles together for comparison (a variety of ethnic groups' dances, for example)
- Present a diachronic view of dance (dance over time)
- Spotlight a single genre outside of its natural context
- Point out to viewers the similarities to today's dance and community functions.

An educational dance program for the public. Dance may be included as one portion of a site's total educational program. An educational dance program may be as brief as one twenty-minute session or as long as a semester-length course, and it may include any single age group or a mixture of ages together. As with any educational endeavor, good teaching technique will be essential. Whatever the format, the goals of an educational dance program would probably include these:

- Teach the dances of specified time(s) or area(s) to the public
- Give information about the dances' original contexts and functions
- If tuition is charged, gain income for the site.

Recreational dancing open to the public. A site or organization may choose to sponsor a dance event for anyone who wishes to participate. The site may simply "hold a dance." In this case, the site or museum would not function as an authentic representation of any historical period or place, but simply as a park--the location for the dance to be held. In recreational dancing, the primary intent of the sponsoring site is not to educate the participants, although education may occur, but merely to have fun.

A site which sponsors recreational dancing will provide music and a dance teacher or caller. Admission may or may not be charged. If admission is charged, recreational dancing for the public could be used as a money-making event for the site.

These are some of the goals which recreational dancing can achieve for a site:

- The primary goal of sheer play, to have a good time
- Opportunity for staff members and the public to interact and meet each other (public relations)
- Creation of additional income for the site
- Approximation of the original functions of the dance event.

This final goal is significant. Recreational dancing most closely approximates the original, authentic functions of the dances as they were done in the past--the functions of relaxation, fellowship, courting, and fun.

Dance events for the staff. Staff dancing provides a shared experience for co-workers and is an excellent addition to staff parties. The visiting, cooperating, and relaxing involved in a dance party can help to integrate new staff, volunteers, members of the "museum friends" organization, and even administrators with the front line, full-time staff members. Families and friends may also be included in an evening of pot luck dining followed by dancing. An evening of dance might also serve as a thank-you to volunteers, board members, and friends of the museum. For staff alone, dancing together can provide a practice for a dance presentation for the public.

The goals of staff dancing might include:

- Getting together to relax and have fun
- Helping new staff or others feel a part of the group
- Re-creation of the feel of a community dance event of the past.

The five types of dance programs outlined above are essentially "pure strains." A site which develops a dance program of its own is likely to develop a hybrid of its own to suit its individual needs, goals, themes, and objectives. Perhaps an authentic re-creation followed by an educational workshop or a recreational dance topped off by a staff demonstration will fulfill an individual site's needs. Variations are no doubt infinite, but the five types outlined above should give site staff members a start designing a dance program to meet their needs and goals.

CHAPTER FOUR: PLANNING A PROGRAM OF TRADITIONAL DANCE INTERPRETATION

Outdoor museums and historic sites wishing to initiate a program of traditional dance interpretation must deal with several initial considerations. If the intent is to interpret the traditional dancing which occurred at a given site during a given time period, the first step will be to substantiate through research that dancing did in fact occur at that site during that time period. Eventually, information will be needed concerning what types of dance events occurred, which specific dances were done, what social functions were fulfilled by the dancing, in what surroundings and context the dancing occurred, and how the individual dances were performed.

The second step is to determine whether a program of dance interpretation is indeed desirable, what the objectives of such a program will be, and what type of program will be appropriate to serve the needs and goals of the site. A major topic of concern will be how a dance program would serve to enhance the site's established interpretive themes and objectives.

Dance is a valuable tool in interpretation because it is non-threatening, neutral, and easy for visitors to relate to. Dance clearly illustrates social systems and the human ecology of living in a community with others. Dance is also one way of interpreting process and activity. An easily-overlooked advantage to the use of dance is the way in which dance interpretation can portray the complexity of the mental abilities of our

predecessors. The viewing of one contra dance with its complex patterns should be sufficient to dispel the "simple peasants" myth from any watcher's mind.

Dance has the potential to convey a variety of different interpretive themes to site visitors. Beyond "this is what dancing looked like in 1847," dance interpretation enters into the communication of social customs, of the celebration of rites of passage, of courtship, of play and leisure, and of community involvement and networks. A site may choose to interpret dance as an activity to balance an otherwise heavy emphasis on work themes, as an introduction to a folk art in context, or as an activity which requires teamwork and cooperation.

Once a site has decided to develop a dance program, the first essential step is research. To achieve any degree of authenticity, a traditional dance program must be well grounded in research.

In the field, at sites, research may be difficult to accomplish due to lack of staff, lack of time, or lack of available research resources. Several tactics may help to accomplish the required research. When selecting an individual staff member to work on dance research, select a person who has an interest in the area of dance and, if possible, some prior experience and expertise. Give this staff member released time from other duties to accomplish the research tasks. A site may also keep a running list of areas in which research is needed. History, folklore, agriculture, or other appropriate departments of a nearby college may be contacted with the request that interested students be allowed to do research projects on the topics which the site need assistance with. For example, Betsy Tyrie, a graduate folklore student at Western Kentucky University, completed a semester-long research project

for the Kentucky Museum. The study contributes to the interpretation of foodways at the museum's log house and is titled "Documenting Early American Foodways: Sources and Annotated Bibliography" (Tyrrie 1981). In addition, Tyrrie's project fulfilled a "Museum Studies" course requirement.

Referring to the source lists and considerations list in the following chapters as well as to the "Sources and Resources" closing section may also expedite research efforts. These sections are all meant to give dance researchers ideas and directions.

In addition to the use of a site's own research library and records, efforts should be made for the researcher to work in other, larger libraries. State or regional libraries, a state historical society, research libraries, manuscript collections, and archives all hold valuable information for the ferreting-out. A vital key to the ferreting-out of information so specific as the dance traditions of a given locale and time period is the use of human resources. Librarians can often save hours of labor by pointing a researcher to just the right bibliography or journal. Dance historians, researchers, and teachers, too, can be of assistance. Anyone who has been in recent contact with potential resources is in a position to save the site's researcher time.

A rapid inventory of available resources will narrow the field of possible sources down to the most helpful from which the researcher can attempt to reconstruct the dancing of the past. If information regarding the appropriate area and time period is scant, information from nearby similar communities may be useable. A knowledge of migration and diffusion patterns may lead the researcher to applicable information from other nearby areas if local information is not available.

Basically, researchers need to find two types of information: evidence that dancing did occur in the area during the time period portrayed and some description of the dance event and its context. It will be necessary to determine what types of dance events occurred (Presidential balls or playparties?). Research will also be needed to reveal who danced, when they danced, and where they danced. Some evidence of which specific dances were done will be needed. How the dances were done may be found in other non-local sources if necessary. An idea of what functions dancing fulfilled in the community will be needed for a full interpretation of traditional dancing. A guide to what information will be needed is this: obtain enough information to answer the questions of the visitors.

Information learned through research will be of greatest value if put into short, easy to grasp, and memorable format for dissemination to staff members. During his work as Chief of Research and Interpretation at Living History Farms in Iowa, Dr. Jay Anderson developed a model for the clear and rapid sharing of research information with staff members. Anderson's format is a one-page capsulization of a single aspect of the research data. The information given includes a contemporary description of the item or event, who, what, when, where, the function of the item or event within the community, and the interpretive significance. All of this information is included in one sheet which can be read and digested in just ten minutes. The name of this format, therefore, is a "1-10." The 1-10 format enables researchers to communicate data to interpreters with maximum ease and minimum time investment.

When using Anderson's 1-10 format, the scope of the data communicated must be limited to a single aspect of an item or event. (Anderson's own first 1-10 dealt with how to tell a Plymouth Rock from a Rhode Island

Red and the importance of each of these poultry breeds to Iowa's early settlers.) A 1-10 for dance interpretation might deal with the food served at a particular Christmas ball, babysitting provisions made for three different dance occasions, how to "read" an iconographic source for needed information, clothing worn for an 1858 playparty, or the history of a single dance. Because each 1-10 covers only a single aspect of a topic, several (or even many) 1-10's might be prepared to communicate all of the important information about a particular dance event.

The following page is an example of the 1-10 format as used for rapid dissemination of information to interpretive staff members. The example is a 1-10 drawn up by a staff member from Living History Farms in Iowa and was distributed to interpretive staff members there.

It is important that site researchers remember that some information is not possible or necessary to obtain. It is not essential to prove that everybody danced all the time. Establish instead what most people did. Which records are lost and which records survive and are available to us years later is often totally accidental. Researchers should find whatever information they can and then move on. Total verification and validation of a dance event and its context is not always possible with available resources and available time. Four or five solid sources which give supporting contextual information may be enough to base a dance program on.

After researching which dances were done and in what context, sites wishing to perform the actual dances will need to find out how to do those dances. Learning to perform traditional dances from books is not a reliable method. "How to folk dance" types of manuals are especially unreliable in terms of music and context and even in steps and instructions.

Visitors coming into the cabin sometimes talk about the predicament of a woman doomed to having one child after another with no means of preventing conception. This is not the case as some methods of birth control have been available for centuries.

Methods Known To Iowa Pioneers: There were two books circulated and accepted during the Iowa pioneer period.

Robert Owen's, Moral Physiology; or A Brief and Plain Treatise on the Population Question, published 1831, included a brief discussion of birth control methods. "Owen recommended coitus interruptus, while arguing that the vaginal sponge [called a pessary in "receipt" books] was ineffective and the skin condom expensive and unaesthetic.

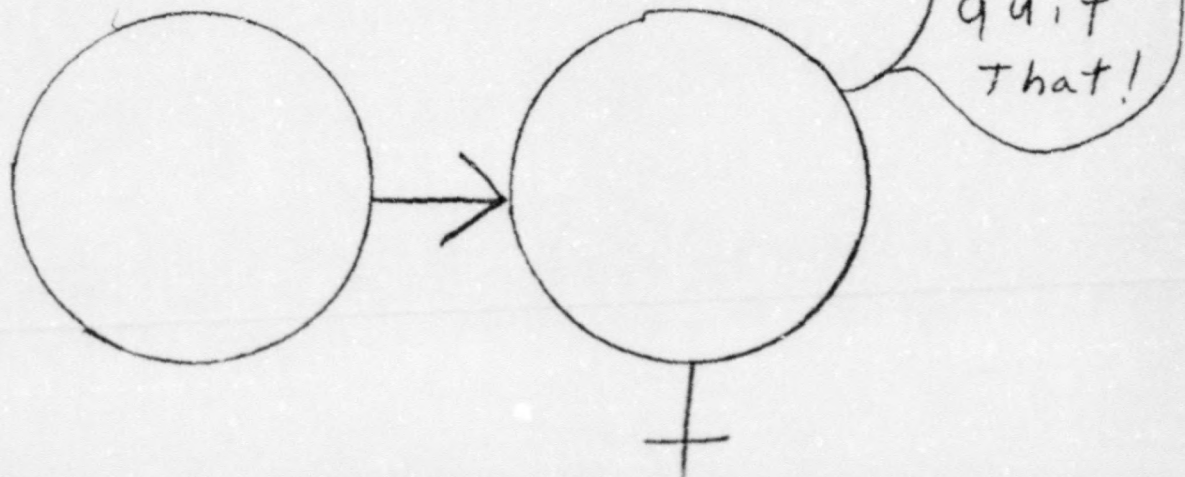
Charles Knowlton, in 1832, wrote Fruits of Philosophy; or, The Private Companion of Young Married People. He recommended the douche to "wash out the semen" and further, "to add something to the water that should not hurt the woman, but yet kill the little tender animacules, or in other words, destroy the fecundating property of the semen.."

Abortion then, as now, is one option chosen by many women. Particularly unfortunate was the lack of medical care which often resulted in infection and death after self-induced abortions.

Some approximate information on the menstrual cycle was known which allowed some preventive success for those with regular cycles. Frederick Hollick, a young physician, lectured on the anatomy and the menstrual cycle and was well received by his audience, mostly women.

What we don't know is how these books and practices were accepted in pioneer Iowa. We do know that "the American birth rate fell throughout the nineteenth century, with a specially large drop between 1840 and 1850."

How Do We Interpret Birth Control?: We could say that successful contraceptive methods result in the lack of children in the cabin. Often a discussion of the number of children in a family leads to a discussion on whether or not a couple had any choice about pregnancy. Of course, abstinence is the most effective birth control and this is the method we will be practicing at the cabin.



Written primarily as recreational guides, "how to folk dance" books usually contain scant if any historical, contextual, or functional information. The music included is often arranged for the piano and may retain little of the flavor of the original renditions or instruments. The steps and instructions given may describe how a revivalist folk dance club does a dance and not necessarily how the dance was traditionally performed. In some cases such "how to folk dance" books may be the only sources available for learning to perform a specific dance. If such sources are used, it is advisable that further substantiating information be added.

Accurate re-creation of a dance from a written description alone is exceedingly difficult. Some experience with that particular dance itself or with related dances will be necessary accompaniment to written dance descriptions. For example, a collection of dances published in Indiana in 1834 gives these directions for a dance called "The Young Widow":

Chasse out side, up, down centre, up, cast off, six circle half round, first and third couples balance, and half right and left, leading couple swing round. (Brouillet 1834).

No music or formation is given. Not even the number of dancers is specified. Although this book is a localized, primary source, site staff members unfamiliar with this dance tradition would have difficulty reconstructing "The Young Widow" from the description given above. On an even simpler level, when learning a dance from a book, how will you know how fast to dance?

At the very least, any site planning a program of dance interpretation will probably find it helpful to contact area dancers and dance groups and ask for assistance. Far better, however, would be to send a staff member to attend a workshop sponsored by a national organization and taught by a professional dance historian and teacher or to bring a professional dance

historian and teacher to the site to teach a workshop for the entire staff.

Sending a staff member to attend an appropriate workshop taught by a professional would be ideal. (If the staff is unsure whether a given workshop's material would pertain to their site, a phone call to the sponsoring organization or to the teacher is an easy solution.) The staff member selected to attend should be someone who is already interested in dance and preferably someone who already has some background in the area. It is also critical that the staff member selected be a good teacher as he will become the site's active tradition bearer responsible to pass the knowledge he gains on to others. A staff member who attends a national workshop should go armed with all the information the site's research has uncovered regarding dance in the area. This information should include the names of any specific dances known to have been done at the site. A workshop is an excellent opportunity to ask the advice and suggestions of the expert or experts present. Workshop attendance has the added advantage of communicating much of the feel and idea of a past dance event to the participants--the fellowship, the sound of the music, the courting, the feel of people working together to accomplish a dance.

A second excellent option is for a site to bring in an expert consultant who can teach the entire staff to do the dancing which is to be interpreted. An intensive weekend workshop, for example, would give a consultant time to review the site's research, work with the staff and the musicians, and offer concrete suggestions. The consultant should be informed in advance regarding which specific dances and what historical and contextual information have been found by site researchers as well as what location and time period the site portrays. This information will allow the consultant time to prepare sufficiently in advance and to consult

sources he knows of and uses. While he is at the site, allow the consultant time to work with the musicians as well as the dancers. Advice and suggestions given to musicians can be as important to the site's dance interpretation as that given to dancers. A site may also request in advance that the consultant follow up his visit to the site with a brief written report. This consultant's report may be a statement of tips, reminders, suggestions, sources and/or historical information. One caution in the use of any other person's research--consultant, workshop teacher, or dance historian--is that staff members should be clear about which information gained is historical assumption or conjecture and which is known fact.

Skills and knowledge of potential consultants vary widely. Site staff members will probably find it useful to contact national or regional dance organizations for assistance in selecting a consultant who can fill the site's needs. The site's needs and goals may also be discussed in detail with the consultant himself to determine whether he can offer the site the assistance required.

Before attempting to perform any dances for the visiting public, it will be necessary to hold a staff training session for interpreters to learn the dances and to discuss the interpretive themes the dancing is meant to convey. This staff workshop may be taught by a staff member who attended a dance workshop or by a visiting consultant. Dance workshops are pleasant because they can serve as recreational time and training in one. The staff's dance researcher should briefly review for the group the information which research has uncovered. Printed summaries of the research information, such as the 1-10's described above, might be handed out at the training workshop so that connections between research data, individual dances, and interpretive themes will be clear to participants. Staff

members should be encouraged to ask questions, give suggestions, and request additional information which they feel will be needed to interpret the dancing to the public. The meaning of the dancing and the entire dance event to the people who originally did the dances at the site might be discussed, and the interpretive significance and themes should be clear to all.

A preliminary workshop for staff members should aim to make everyone as familiar and as comfortable as possible with the dances to be done for the public. Music should be performed by the live musicians who will be performing with the dancers for the public. Practice might also include at least one run-through in costume. Puffy sleeves, tight shoes, or long skirts may alter the way in which the dancers are able to perform. The workshop teacher should be careful not to present too much information. Four or five dances are all a group of inexperienced dancers should be expected to deal with and are enough to base an interpretive program on. A training session for dancing can be treated as a special event for staff members and could be combined with other festivities such as a pot luck to make it especially pleasant. Remember that, in most cases, dancing was originally done as a recreational activity. Authenticity therefore dictates that staff members have fun while dancing.

Some suggestions may be helpful for the staff member who is responsible to teach dancing to other staff members or to the visiting public. The following is a list of hints and suggestions for dance teachers.

1. Know the dances! A file card with notes may be necessary, but know how to do what's on the card.
2. Know the words and tune if the dance is a play-party.

3. Practice and work through new dances before attempting to teach them. Work with a small group to be certain you understand how the dance works.
4. Work with the musicians ahead of time. Agree on the music to be played. Agree on signals to indicate the end of the dance. Give the musicians an idea of the speed of the music before they begin to play.
5. For staff members, give a brief comment on the history and context of each dance to help the dancers understand the meaning of the dance.
6. Ask the musicians to play the music through once before beginning to teach each dance. The music has much to do with the way a dance is perceived and performed.
7. If possible, arrange to have one group demonstrate the dance so the others can see what they're aiming to achieve.
8. Teach each dance a section at a time and then all together.
9. Make your explanations as clear as possible, and demonstrate where necessary or helpful.
10. Call out each move of the dance before the dancers need to begin doing it. Let them know what's coming even while they're dancing. Always prompt the public through the entire duration of the dancing even if staff members cease to need prompting.
11. Be certain the dancers can hear you.
12. If possible, don't dance yourself. It is much easier to spot problems and help with them if you're not dancing.
13. With the public, invite them to join in. Offer them a place after they have seen what will be required of them. Never try to intimidate people into dancing.
14. Always be open, polite, and non-critical--with staff and public alike.

15. Don't be a perfectionist. After all, the goal is to be authentic.
16. Be enthusiastic and enjoy the dancing yourself.

Some sites and museums will encounter special difficulties in the planning of traditional dance interpretation programs. Some will be dealing with the interpretation of groups which left little written record of their lives. Oral traditions or studies by cultural outsiders may be the only sources available to document a particular culture. Those attempting to portray early Afro-American life, for example, may have to consult plantation journals and surviving photographs instead of newspapers and diaries. In the early 1900's, the Bureau of American Ethnology published ethnographic studies of many Native American groups, but accounts given by the people themselves are often scarce. Some Native American groups, however, may include individuals who are still active or passive tradition bearers and who could offer much information and assistance. Other groups, such as immigrants, may also have left little written record. Their portrayal might depend upon ethnographic work such as that done by Upton Sinclair in The Jungle. The example below is part of a detailed description of the food, music, location, guests, and clothes observed by Sinclair at a Lithuanian wedding in Chicago. Suggestions of space, seating, and vigor of dances and dancers are all visible in this small portion of the description.

When Tamoszius and his companions stop for a rest, as perforce they must, now and then, the dancers halt where they are and wait patiently. They never seem to tire; and there is no place for them to sit down if they did. It is only for a minute, anyway, for the leader starts up again in spite of all the protest of the other two. (Sinclair 1950:12).

In the case of newly-arrived immigrant groups which left little written record, it may be necessary to consult the traditions of the country from which the people came. The probability that the immigrants were doing the dances of their mother country is great.

Other problems with dance interpretation may occur as well as a lack of written records. It is possible that a site might lack the musicians or the instruments to perform the necessary music--in the case of the interpretation of the dances of Chinese immigrants, for example. Skilled dancers may be required to perform some types of dances. In this case, a visiting dance group might be asked to handle the performing. A site may also simply lack the number of bodies required to present live dancing. A site with two paid staff members will have to rely on volunteers or films to portray and interpret the dances of its locale and time period. Even though dancing was known to occur, a site may lack the appropriate context or location for an authentic portrayal. For example, the staff of a museum which interprets the lives of lumberjacks might desire to interpret the dancing known to have occurred as a balance to the heavy emphasis placed upon work. The lumberjacks, however, may have actually done their dancing in town. Such a site would be unable to present an authentic setting, but might present the dancing as a demonstration instead.

One enduring difficulty with the study of dance is the inability to accurately put into words or still photographs the actual movements and feel of the dancing. Modern technology's improvement of and increased availability of motion-recording devices is helping to overcome this problem. Video taping, filming, and sound recording devices are all improving the recording of dance events. Keeping well in mind the lack of

information regarding historical dance events which is available today, sites, museums, and scholars of dance could benefit themselves and others by recording now the dancing of today. Popular culture, too, should be collected as representative of today's dancing. Movies like Saturday Night Fever and They Shoot Horses, Don't They? and television shows like American Bandstand are valuable records of our culture. Popular culture books like Wanda Hickey's Night of Golden Memories and Other Disasters (Shepherd 1974) and magazines like Seventeen with their portrayals of present day dancing are full of valuable ethnographic data. We should be consciously producing descriptive records of disco dancing, rock and roll dancing, jitterbugging, today's ballroom styles, and even today's interpretation of historical and ethnic dances. We should be doing the accurate, well-documented contemporary ethnography which will so quickly become valuable to us as records of our own culture.

CHAPTER FIVE: CONSIDERATIONS FOR RESEARCHING AND PRESENTING A PROGRAM
OF TRADITIONAL DANCE INTERPRETATION

Research will be the most difficult part of preparing a program of dance interpretation. This chapter contains a checklist of considerations any or all of which an individual outdoor museum or historic site may wish to research and include in a program of dance interpretation. The type, intent, objectives, themes, authenticity intended, and audience are all factors which will enter into any decision regarding which of the following considerations will be addressed by a site in its interpretive program.

Outline of Dance Event Aspects and Considerations

1. What type of dance event occurred?
 - a. Ball
 - b. Reception
 - c. House party
 - d. Dancing classes or lessons
 - e. Barn dance
 - f. Bee, barn-raising, or other work-related event
 - g. Religious events or activities
 - h. Club or organization function
 - i. Other
2. Which dances were done?
 - a. What were the names of specific dances?
 - b. Were the dances for couples? solo? group?
 - c. What was the make-up of a typical evening's program (the order of dances and other events)?
 - d. By whom were the dances written down and preserved?
 - e. For whom were the dances written down and preserved?
 - f. Why were the dances written down and preserved?
 - g. How new were the dances being done?
 - h. Other
3. Purposes of the dance event
 - a. To accomplish work

- b. Celebration of holidays
 - c. Observance of rites of passage
 - d. Release or escape mechanism
 - e. Religion (communication with dieties, other)
 - f. Fund-raising (by whom for what?)
 - g. Social event (seeing far-away neighbors, other)
 - h. Courtship
 - i. Communication (a chance to share buisness information, gossip, other)
 - j. Function of a club or organization
 - k. Other
 - l. Dancing as a social leveler, shared ground among a variety of people
 - m. Functions may vary among age groups, social groups, other groups.
 - n. Dance events may have structure or functions beyond the the consciousness of the individual dancers (to reinforce the importance of couples, other).
4. Who danced?
- a. Only locals or visitors as well?
 - b. How many people attended?
 - c. How many people danced, and how many watched or engaged in other activities?
 - d. What age groups attended, and how many of each?
 - e. What status divisions were represented?
 - f. What was the economic level of the dancers?
 - g. What groups participated: family? clubs? the social elite? political? slaves? military? other?
 - h. How were partners chosen?
 - i. Who and how many were teachers or leaders or callers?
 - j. Who organized the event?
 - k. What was the balance or imbalance of sexes?
 - l. Would there have been a variety of languages or accents?
 - m. What were the occupations of the people?
 - n. What were the religious backgrounds?
 - o. What were the ethnic backgrounds?
 - p. What individual idiosyncracies might have been visible (non-dancers, other)?
 - q. Other
5. Where was dancing done?
- a. Indoors or outdoors
 - b. In private homes
 - c. In dance halls
 - d. In ballrooms
 - e. In barns or other farm buildings
 - f. In churches
 - g. In community buildings
 - h. Other
 - i. In which rooms?
 - j. What was the layout of the event? (Where was dancing? food? drinks? music? other?)
 - k. Where were any children?
 - l. Where were non-dancers?
 - m. Where were other activities such as card playing?
 - n. Where was sleeping space for anyone who stayed overnight?

- o. What spaces were female territory? male territory? young or old territory? other?
 - p. Other
6. When was dancing done?
- a. Time of day
 - b. Time of week
 - c. Time of year
 - d. Holidays
 - e. Special events
 - f. Other
7. The dance caller/leader/teacher
- a. Who called the dances?
 - b. Who decided which dance would be done?
 - c. How were the dances announced? called?
 - d. How did people learn to dance?
 - e. From whom did people learn to dance?
 - f. Was there a professional dancing teacher?
 - g. What did the dancing teacher, if any, teach? where?
 - h. Was there a dancing school?
 - i. How was the teacher or leader or caller paid?
 - j. Other
8. Music and musicians
- a. What type of music was played?
 - b. Which specific tunes were played?
 - c. Who played the music? (Itinerant musicians? local people? a record player? other?)
 - d. Who led the music?
 - e. How many musicians played?
 - f. What was the musicians' social class? occupation? age? other?
 - g. How were the musicians paid? (Subscription dances? paid "on the corner"? admission fee? not paid? other?)
 - h. How did the musicians learn to play?
 - i. When and where did the musicians practice?
 - j. What were the characteristic playing styles of the time period and location?
 - k. What instruments were played?
 - l. Was any of the music vocal?
 - m. Did the musicians all play together?
 - n. How long did each individual dance tune last?
 - o. Other
9. What other activities occurred in conjunction with the dancing? (It will be necessary to determine who, what, when, where, and what kind for each.)
- a. Bees, bean shellings, quilting parties, corn shuckings, tobacco strippings, barn raisings, or other work events
 - b. Contests
 - c. Storytelling
 - d. Cards or other gambling
 - e. Sporting events
 - f. Picnics or barbeques
 - g. Political events
 - h. Religious functions (or interventions in the dancing)
 - i. Children's activities
 - j. Other

10. Food and drinks
 - a. What dishes, if any, were served?
 - b. By whom were the dishes prepared?
 - c. When was the food prepared?
 - d. Where was the food prepared?
 - e. Where was the food served?
 - f. How was food kept warm? cold?
 - g. What beverages, if any, were served?
 - h. Was alcohol served? What kind?
 - i. To whom and by whom was alcohol served?
 - j. Where was alcohol served? Other beverages?
 - k. Was there a charge for food or drinks?
 - l. Other
11. Clothing
 - a. Was everyday or special clothing worn?
 - b. How much travel was involved for the participants?
 - c. What was the time of year?
 - d. What was the wearer's social level? economic level?
 - e. Were items of clothing homemade? tailored? read-to-wear?
 - f. What fabrics were used?
 - g. What jewelry or other adornment was worn?
 - h. What makeup was worn?
 - i. Specifically what styles and items were worn by men? women? children? Which were omitted (shoes, shirt, other)?
 - j. What accessories were included?
 - k. What range of social levels would have been indicated by clothing?
 - l. Other
12. Additional logistics of putting on a dance
 - a. How much travel was involved for those who attended?
 - b. What transportation was required?
 - c. Did people stay the night after the dance?
 - d. Where were vehicles parked and animals tended? By whom?
 - e. Were special toilet arrangements made? How?
 - f. Was any special lighting provided?
 - g. Any decorations?
 - h. Which, if any, furniture was moved in or out?
 - i. Where were coats and wraps left?
 - j. Was babysitting provided?
 - k. Was there a cost to attend?
 - l. What changes occurred in the dance event over time?
 - m. Other
13. Negative realities a site may wish to interpret
 - a. A mixture of clothing types according to economic level may have been evident. (Don't reinforce stereotypes like the Grand Ole Opry clogger image.)
 - b. Deodorant and other personal hygiene products or techniques may not have been used.
 - c. Afro-Americans may have participated only as servants, on-lookers, or musicians.
 - d. An imbalance between the sexes would have been likely (or intentional as for some coming out parties).
 - e. And many others.

CHAPTER SIX: TYPES OF SOURCES FOR RESEARCHING TRADITIONAL DANCE

The following four chapters contain descriptions of types of sources which a researcher of traditional dance may find helpful. Although lengthy, this listing of source types is doubtless incomplete. The types given and the examples which illustrate them are intended as a point of departure from which individual museum and site researchers can discover those sources which contain the information applicable to their own sites. Much of the information found during research work will vary and even be contradictory, so it will be necessary to piece together from a variety of sources as complete a picture of a site's traditional dancing as possible. These chapters are intended as a guide to types of sources which may help researchers to discover: 1) whether dancing occurred at a given site during a given time period; 2) which dances were done; 3) what the significance, context, and functions of the dances were; and 4) how to perform the appropriate dances.

In research work, full advantage should be taken of all the resources available: the site's own library, historical organizations, state libraries, university libraries, archives, manuscript collections, research libraries, and other organizations and institutions. The potential value of people--human assistance--should not be overlooked. Librarians, dance organizations, dance historians, dance teachers, authors of books, and many others can offer invaluable assistance. The annotated "Sources and Resources"

section at the close of this paper includes addresses, bibliographical information, and other items to assist the researcher.

Because research time is often limited, some sources will be of more value than others. The more localized a source is, in both geography and time period, the more reliable it will be in revealing what dancing took place. The more local the source, the less extrapolation and conjecture is needed to make use of it. A researcher should also be aware who wrote any particular source for whom and for what reason. Knowing the credentials of the author will allow the reader to make some judgements regarding reliability. Intended audience and intended use are just as important. A dance manual written for dance historians may be given more credibility than a dance manual written for elementary physical education teachers because the former is likely to be more technically precise. First person accounts of dancing are the most reliable source of information. Described at the time of the actual event by an eyewitness, a first person account has the added benefit of being unedited. Reprinting and editing of material further reduces reliability, because it becomes impossible for the reader to know what omissions, additions, and rearrangings have been made. An edited, secondary source, however, may include a bibliography which will lead the researcher to other, less-edited sources and even to the original, first person sources used by the author. Remember that even the best of sources are better when backed up by additional information. Bibliographies in books and bibliographic works will often point to additional potential sources of information. Time can become a critical factor for a researcher who selects diaries, newspapers, or other unindexed items as key information sources. When indexed sources are available, they can save the researcher valuable time and effort--hours of pouring over difficult-to-

decipher handwriting from a diary, for example.

The chapters which follow and the examples they contain are a guide to where to begin looking for traditional dance information. The examples are intended to suggest types of sources which dance researchers may find valuable.

CHAPTER SEVEN: A GUIDE TO TYPES OF SOURCES FOR DANCE RESEARCH:

CONTEMPORARY WRITTEN SOURCES

This chapter includes facsimile and reprint editions as well as original sources from the time period in which the dancing described occurred.

1. Collections of Dances

This category includes a wide variety of materials, from books published by dancing masters to notebooks kept by individuals who liked to dance. Collections are not intended to give instructions in how to dance, but simply to record the order of the movements and sometimes the music--with just a few explanatory notes in some cases. Researchers may find the information in these collections of dances hard to decipher without the help of a dance historian. Collections of dances range from local to regional in scope. They are less helpful in matters of context but give specific information on the performing of individual dances.

The example below is from The Scholar's Companion and Ballroom Vade Mecum...With Hints and Instructions Respecting Toilet, Deportment, Etc., Etc. and illustrates the lack of instructions

(1. Collections of Dances)

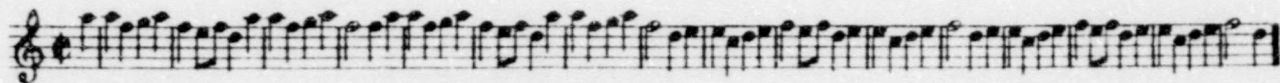
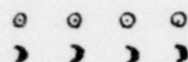
offered for the first two figures of a quadrille (Hillgrove 1857:54).

54	THE ROYAL POLKA SET.
ELEVENTH SET.	
The Royal Polka Set.	
Any Quadrille music will do for this, but a Polka set is preferable.	
FIRST FIGURE.	
Music—Four parts.	
RIGHT AND LEFT.....	8 bars.
WALTZ FOUR (the top and bottom couples waltz round each other to places).....	8 "
LADIES GRAND CHAIN*.....	8 "
ALL WALTZ ROUND.....	8 "
Repeated twice.	
SECOND FIGURE.	
Music—Four parts, repeated.	
FORWARD TWO.....	4 bars.
DOS-A-DOS.....	4 "
SIDES FOUR (same as the minuet).....	8 "
LADIES CHAIN (same as the first set).....	8 "
ALL FORWARD AND BACK; forward again, and turn partners to places.....	8 "
Repeated four times, twice by the head couples and twice by the sides.	

The following example from a reprint version of Playford's famous The English Dancing Master, which was first published in 1650, also might require some assistance in the deciphering, although the symbols and abbreviations used are defined in the book (Playford 1977:29).

(1. Collections of Dances)

Nonesuch

Longways for eight

Leade up forwards and back — That againe, set and turne single, that againe — First Cu. slip just between the 2. Cu. turne your faces to them, put them back by both hands, and halfe turne them, put them back, and set them as they were, turne your own in the 2. place — Doe thus to the last.

Sides all, that againe, set and turne S. that againe — First man slip before, and stand with his face downewards, the Wo. slip before him and stand faces to your owne, the 2. Cu. as much, the third Cu. as much, the last Cu. as much —

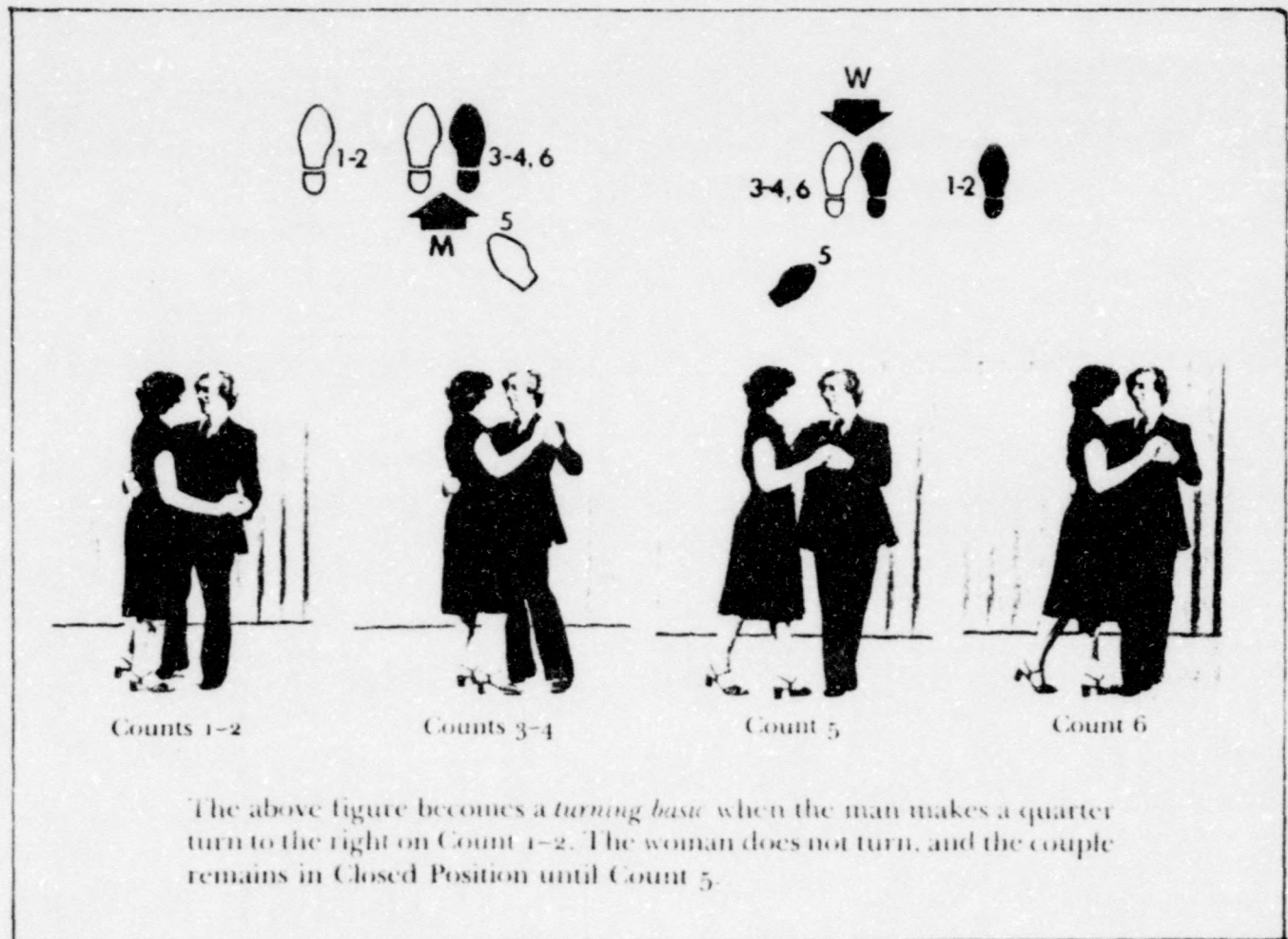
Armes all as you stand, that againe, slip all to the left hand, and back to your places, then as much to the right hand — First man slip to the left hand, and stand the Wo. as much to her left hand, the 2. Cu. as much, third as much, fourth as much — Then the single Hey, all handing downe, and come up on your owne side.

2. Dancing Manuals

These manuals may be more use to site researchers than are simple collections of dances. Dancing manuals give instructions how to actually perform the movements and steps of the dance. Illustrations found in dancing manuals will be of additional help with clothing and setting as well as how dance movements were performed. Often including etiquette and deportment instructions, dancing manuals may offer many keys to the context of the original dance event.

(2. Dancing Manuals)

In this modern example from The Complete Book of Ballroom Dancing, the author explains one portion of the "Single Lindy Basic" (Stephenson 1980:106). Notice that these photographs tell much about clothing, hairstyles, how the dancers hold their partners, the way the dancers look at one another, and the time period during which the Lindy was done. The illustration also tells the reader how to perform the dance step.



3. Sheet Music and Music Books

Books and sheets of music printed during the appropriate time period are key elements in accurate dance interpretation. Some libraries have collections of early sheet music, and bibliographies covering the printed music of specific time periods or regions are often available. Information regarding musical instruments can sometimes be found in or deduced from music sources, too.

If the time period is right, the researcher who uncovers a title such as this one is certain to have struck a goldmine: Musician's Omnibus; Containing Forty Setts of Quadrilles, Including Waltz, Polka and Schottische, With Calls, and an Immense Collection of Polkas, Etc. for the Violin, Flute, Coronet, Clarionette, &c. (Howe 1864). Not only does this source promise music, but it includes dance calls and an indication of appropriate instruments as well.

4. Accounts of Dancing

Accounts of dancing may be found in travelers' records and accounts. Other official and unofficial articles and reports may also include descriptions of dancing which the authors observed. One danger in the use of accounts of dancing is that if the observer and author is not a member of the culture he observes, misinterpretation of aspects of the dance event are possible. Still, an outsider viewing a dance event may include details which to an insider are too insignificant to mention. As with other first person sources, the fact that accounts of dancing are recorded by those who actually

(4. Accounts of Dancing)

observed the dancing themselves makes these resources valuable. The background and intent of the author, however, should be taken into account.

In this example from 1642, a Jesuit missionary observed a Huron Indian dance. His observations are from The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents: Travels and Explorations of the Jesuit Missionaries in New France 1610-1791 (Thwaites 1959: vol. 23, pg. 213).

The dance consisted of three parts. The first represented various encounters of enemies in a single combat,--one pursuing his foe, hatchet in hand, to give him the deathblow, while at the same time he seems to receive it himself, by losing his advantage; he regains it, and after a great many feints, all performed in time to the music, he finally overcomes his antagonist, and returns victorious.

The more closely related his own culture is to the culture which the observer describes, the more reliable his interpretation of the dance event is likely to be. For this reason, a reliable source for America's White society of the 1830's, for example, might be the work of the Englishwoman Mrs. Trollope, Domestic Manners of Americans (Trollope 1832).

Entire bibliographies of travelers' accounts are available and may be of assistance to some sites.

5. Advertisements in Newspapers, Broadsides, and Other Sources

Advertisements may yield valuable information for the dance researcher. In an attempt to sell a product, an advertisement may give considerable information concerning the context and function of the product's use. If the reader must be convinced of the product's value, a complete description and reasons for its usefulness may be included. Advertising may also be seen as an index of what the public of the time period desired. Advertising gives an indication what people were willing to spend their money on (and how much money they were willing to spend). Advertisements of use to dance researchers may be for dance instruction, a dance event, musicians, clothing, and so forth.

These examples from the 1897 Sears catalog reveal not only the names of currently fashionable dances but also the fact that the violin was an important dance accompaniment and that, evidently, anyone might aspire to prompt dances (Sears Roebuck and Company 1968:541). This advertisement also gives the titles of four books which might individually be pursued by the researcher-- through interlibrary loans, for example.

(5. Advertisements in Newspapers, Broad­sides, and Other Sources)

Ball Room Guides and Call Books.

No. 72006. Prof. Clendenen's Fashionable Quadrille Book and Guide to Etiquette. This book contains all the necessary instructions, both with reference to etiquette on the ball room floor, as well as description of figures and calling; 64 pages. Our special price...\$0.25
Postage, 2 cents.

No. 72008. Howe's New American Dancing Master. Containing 400 dances and including 100 figures of the German; all the latest and most fashionable dances are included, with full explanation of the latest and most approved figures and calls for the different changes, as well as rules on deportment and toilet, and etiquette of dancing; 140 pages. Our special price \$0.50
Postage, 4 cents.

No. 72009. Pepper's Universal Dancing Master, Prompter's Call Book and Violinist's Guide. This work is intended as a complete instructor in the art of dancing and prompting. It contains an elaborate description of the steps and figures used in the round, square and fancy dances, including the very latest, such as the "York," "Berlin," "Lomo," "German," etc., etc.; also an appropriate collection of music, easily arranged for the violin and plainly marked for prompter's calls; over 200 pages; board covers. Every violinist should have one of these books.
Our price..... \$0.80
Postage 14 cents.

No. 72012. Revised Edition of Dick's Quadrille Call Book and Ball Room Prompter. This edition is thoroughly revised and illustrated by diagram directions how to call off figures of every dance; also 100 figures of the German, as well as sensible guide to deportment; 200 pages. Our special price..... \$0.50
Postage 4 cents.

The advertisement below is from an 1827 newspaper and offers several items of information. First, there was sufficient interest in Bowling Green, Kentucky, in 1827 to support a dancing school. Additionally, instruction took place at the home of an individual, the instruction was given by a male, the young ladies and gentlemen received separate instruction, and scholars from out of town were expected, too. The ad includes the names of three individuals any or all of which might yield additional information if pursued. (Spirit of the Times 9/15/1827).

(5. Advertisements in Newspapers, Broad-sides, and Other Sources)

DANCING ACADEMY,
E. H. BULL.

BEGS leave to inform the citizens of Bowlinggreen and its vicinity, that he intends opening a SCHOOL, at the house of Mrs. E. Jones, on Friday, the 21st instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of giving lessons to young Ladies: and at 6 o'clock, P. M. for Gentlemen. Those who become scholars, are requested to attend at the commencement of the session, as it is necessary that they should all receive the first lessons at the same time.

For terms, enquire at the Bar of Mr. M. W. Henry.—Sept. 14, 1827. 43-34

Advertising broadsides, too, may contain announcements of the opening of dancing schools, the availability of dancing slippers, or the occasion of a ball.

Library or archive broadside collections may also include broadsides which are not strictly advertisements but which may be of use. Southeastern Broad-sides Before 1877; a Bibliography includes a broadside from the University of Georgia Library enumerating the rules of Savannah, Georgia's, dancing assembly, some of which follow here (Hummel 1971:315). Such a document as this will give the researcher many clues to the context of the dancing which took place.

(5. Advertisements in Newspapers, Broad sides, and Other Sources)

Rules and Regulations for the Dancing Assembly of Savannah...
 Each Assembly to open with Minuets, beginning precisely at
 Half Past Six o'Clock....Every Lady shall stand up when her
 Number is called, and no Lady shall sit down till every
 Couple shall have gone through the Dance....No Gentlemen
 residing in, or within 15 Miles of Savannah, who is not a
 Subscriber, shall be admitted....Any Subscriber introducing
 a Stranger (Lady or Gentleman) shall be answerable for any
 improper Introduction....No Card-playing until the Country
 Dances begin. No Gentleman to be admitted in Boots....
 Savannah, 19th November, 1790.

6. Articles in Newspapers

Newspaper articles about dances often include a great deal of information regarding decorations, refreshments, music, dances done, and clothing. Newspaper articles are intended both to impress those who did not attend and to satisfy those who did. Newspapers of neighboring towns may report each others' social events more thoroughly than their own.

In the example below, the 1880 "Leap Year Hop" of Frankfort, Kentucky, is described. Many state congressmen were in attendance. Portions of a descriptive newspaper article follow (The Daily Yeoman 1/12/1880):

(6. Articles in Newspapers)

THE LEAP YEAR HOPE

Frankfort never enjoyed a more delightful occasion than that of Friday night. The ball room was a blaze of splendor from nine o'clock P. M. until four o'clock A. M. Distinguished gentlemen from all parts of the State were present, and, as it was an event especially devoted to the gentlemen, it gives us pleasure to note how they appeared. There may be some slight faults and omissions in the descriptions of costumes which follow, but as these things often occur, even in reportorial outlines of the less elaborate toilettes of the gentler sex, we will surely be pardoned for any shortcoming. The reporter's design has been to dwell more upon the conspicuously fine garments than upon the prominence of individuals. The titles of gentlemen have been studiously omitted, and, in order to spare the compositor, we give only initials.

It is proper to say that the ladies on this occasion were modestly attired, and each as a hostess behaved very prettily.

The dance was opened in rather a feverish way by his Excellency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, who had for his *vis a vis* the light and graceful Senator from Kenton. The former wore an exquisite saffron dress-coat, trimmed with Yellow Jack buttons, over the breast of which lay six gold medals. At one time in the dance the Senatorial Foote bore rather heavily upon the Executive corn, but a pardon was freely granted upon being politely asked.

With this prelude we enter upon the brief notes:

C. V. McE. (Warren)—A buffalo robe, leather head-dress and moccasins—scalp lock gone.

C. J. A. (Caldwell)—Princeton marble overcoat, oolitic lime stone studs, short-horn ornaments about his neck, and black Berkshire pantaloons. He had a fresh cut near the top of his head.

A. C. (Owen)—Very unique toilette of tobacco leaves, on telephone wire; an argosy collar, held up by turnpike stock.

C. G. (Davies)—Fine garnet-colored Monarch satin underdress, with Fields overskirt in many layers. Only danced the gallop.

R. A. C. (Mason)—Sky-blue independent demitrain, Nile green polonaise, cardinal sash, and pale yellow stockings; a very modest costume. (Remained in the background on account of a corn.)

T. J. (Montgomery)—Beautiful mule-skin vest; Georgian trousers. (Danced a fox-trot.

fair leather boots, dead gold ear-rings.

C. E. K. (Lawrenceburg)—Beautiful Bend Lillard blouse, with McBrayer under-skirt.

I. T. W. (Hart)—Superb red flannel breeches, with point lace trimmings, Byron collar, pearl ornaments.

L. G. F. (Paducah)—Blood-thirsty socks, alligator pumps, canvassed hams, and a little fur cap. A picturesque and unique representation of the old oaken bucket in his back hair.

H. H. S. (Warren)—He represented the God of flowers; wore an enormous bouquet upon his bosom; a Roman toga; Wellington boots and spurs.

S. S. (U. S. A.)—Rich bunting over-dress, striped stockings; star ornaments.

J. A. G. (Frankfort)—Elaborate white Swiss; princesse—hair ornaments.

J. H. B. (Garrard)—Pink and white opera cloak, waistcoat of green satin, navy-blue pantaloons, cut Knickerbocker, head-dress with chenille and grass trimmings.

T. L. T. (Frankfort)—Gold foil toilette, porcelain ornaments.

J. P. S. (Frankfort)—Pink satin tightt,

7. Letters

Personal letters may hold first person accounts of dancing attended or observed. Unless indexed or included as a part of a printed collection, however, letters can be time-consuming to use as

(7. Letters)

source. Pouring through handwritten pages without knowing whether any information is to be found can use up valuable research time.

This excerpt from a letter written in 1788 is found in the Maryland Historical Magazine's article "Letters of Molly and Hetty Tilghman" (Tilghman and Tilghman 1926).

Plays, Balls (yes Balls) visits and serenades, fill'd up both night and day. The vulgar refreshment of sleep, was not even thought of for one Week, and at the end of it, gay ones look'd accordingly, pale and Haggard. (Molly Tilghman, July 7, 1788).

8. Diaries and Journals

Like letters, diaries can involve the researcher in more time than is profitable to spend. If indexed or reprinted, they may be more expeditious to use. In diaries, great variation exists in amount of detail included and accuracy of description. Still, a first person record of any event is more credible than a second or third person retelling.

This example is from the Pennsylvania Magazine of Historical Biography's article "The Diary of William Black" (Black 1877). Beyond the dancing itself, information is offered concerning refreshments, other activities, and the layout of the event.

(8. Diaries and Journals)

...in a Room back from that where they Danc'd, was Several sorts of Wines, Punch, and Sweet Meats, in this Room, those that was not engaged in a Dancing Match might either Employ themselves at Cards, Dice, Back-Gamon, or with a Cheerful Glass.... (Annapolis 1774).

The above two examples are both taken from Jim Morrison's book Twenty Four Early American Country Dances, Cotillions, and Reels For the Year 1976 (Morrison 1976) and are an example of the usefulness of other researchers' work. Quotes, sources, and bibliographic entries may all lead to material the researcher is seeking.

9. Etiquette Guides

Guides to etiquette are not only found as entire books but as chapters or sections of other books such as dancing manuals as well. Etiquette instructions are of interest in that they reveal not only what the social elite were doing (the instructions on what to do in order to be proper) but also what the common people were doing (the instructions on what not to do in order to be proper).

The following example is from The Etiquette of New York To-day, published in 1906 (Learned 1906:43).

(9. Etiquette Guides)

An awning and a carpet are always at the street entrance on the occasion of all dances; men-servants are employed to attend to calling carriages; maids are in the ladies' dressing room to care for wraps.

10. Legal and Religious Records and Publications

Because of early religious stands against dancing, religious publications may offer helpful descriptions of what exactly was considered to be sinful--what people were doing that the church felt the need to speak out against. In locations and periods in which law was in the hands of the church, official regulations may reveal penalties which were handed out with a description of the offense, an indication of what was actually being done by at least some segment of the populace.

In "An Arrow Against Mixt Dancing," Increase Mather reveals that the sinfulness of dancing lay largely in its involvement of both sexes together (Marks 1975:31).

But our question is concerning Gynecandrical Dancing, or that which is commonly called Mixt or Promiscuous Dancing, viz, of Men and Women (be they elder or younger persons) together: Now this we affirm to be utterly unlawful, and that it cannot be tollerated in such a place as New-England, without great Sin. (1865).

Laws against dancing in some cases remain on local law books to the present day. Older legislation may be sought through courthouses and legislatures or through articles such as "Dance

(10. Legal and Religious Records and Publications)

Regulations of 1747" found in the Rhode Island Historical Collection, Volume 23, April 1930, pages 56-59.

A bibliography of anti-dance books published from 1685 through 1963 is found in the book The Mathers on Dancing (Marks 1975: 79-91). It is important to note, however, that not all religious or legal records involving dance will necessarily be negative. Some church records, for example, might reveal that a dance was sponsored by the congregation.

11. Military Records and Accounts of Military Life

Accounts of military dancing may occur in official military records, in diaries and letters of servicemen, or in the records left by those who had dealings with the military. The staff of a site which interprets the life of a military organization will find specialized records which apply to their site but not necessarily to the general surrounding populace.

This diary excerpt is from a manuscript in the Kentucky Library's manuscript collection and was written by a young woman who was glad the Union forces had arrived and captured Bowling Green, Kentucky. Even this scrap of description tells the reader who sponsored the dance, where it was held, that the lighting was bright, that spirits were gay, and that the event was called a "hop." (Nazro n.d.:n.p.).

(11. Military Records and Accounts of Military Life)

It is a curious thing how war and gaiety go together. The sound of "revelry by night"--bright lights shining "over fair women and brave men"--might have recalled Waterloo to some, last night at the pretty hop--given by the officers at headquarters. (Josie L. Nazro, April 1, 1862).

12. Magazine Articles and Stories

Magazine stories may give the researcher helpful information. Dances themselves as well as context may be revealed. It is necessary, however, to remember that in fictitious stories, the reader has no way to know where fact and fiction divide. In factual articles, the information given may be better relied upon. The researcher will still need to be aware of the writer's expertise and intent.

In an article titled "The Public Dance Halls of Chicago," Jane Addams addressed the readers of the Ladies' Home Journal. The article is a goldmine of detail not about the dances themselves but about the context of the entire dance event. (Addams 1900:22).

The clever investigators, two young married couples, found that eighty-six thousand people frequented the 328 dance halls on a Saturday night; that of these the majority were boys between the ages of sixteen and eighteen and girls between the ages of fourteen and sixteen....In one case the investigator saw a young girl held while four boys poured whiskey from a flask down her throat, she protesting half laughingly all the time that she had never had anything to drink before. An hour later she was seen intoxicated.

(12. Magazine Articles and Stories)

Further information in the same article shows that one dance hall owner wished to improve his establishment. This single sentence tells much about the dance halls' physical design (Addams 1900: 22).

He was told he must close his saloon, abandon his wine room, separate the toilets for men from those for women, and put in drinking fountains.

13. Club Minutes

In times and places where dances were sponsored by clubs, club minutes may contain information about the planning and the details of the occasions: decorations, music, refreshments, expenses, and so forth.

The Bowling Green, Kentucky, Rotary Club minutes found in the Kentucky Library include information about "Allen Albert Rotary Night" which included a speaker and a soloist followed by dancing to "Billy Whiteman and His Collegians." The event took place on May 26th of 1936 at 7:00 p.m., and admission was one dollar.

14. Autobiographies and Autobiographical Stories

Books in which the author deals with occasions and situations which he himself has experienced may be classified as first person sources. Although autobiographical accounts may be fictionalized

(14. Autobiographies and Autobiographical Stories)

to a degree for the purposes of the story being told or due to the workings of memory, these accounts still have the advantage of being first person retellings.

Home Grown includes the account of a dance held in southeastern Michigan. Along with detailed descriptions of clothing, furniture, dance calls, and other contextual items, the following paragraph is found (Lutes 1937:263-264):

He murmured stilted words, and she got up and went with him to the other room. Cory and I were thrilled. It was a strange thing--and sweet--to see them go around and around that way, slowly, not very close together, their bodies hardly touching, William's one hand supporting Jennie's back, the other clasped in Jennie's--lifted high. They did not speak. They looked very solemn. I thought Jennie looked as if she might cry. William's face was set and stern. When the waltz was over, they walked back to where she had been sitting, he bowed and left her, and went out of doors to where some of the other men and boys were standing.

The seemingly unhelpful paragraph above contains many items of interest to the researcher. Clues reveal the number of rooms involved, that the dance was a waltz, that the waltz was slow, how the partners held each other, that their solemnness was not the norm, that women were generally indoors and men were generally outdoors. Such seemingly uninformatinal paragraphs as the one above often yield helpful information.

CHAPTER EIGHT: A GUIDE TO TYPES OF RESOURCES FOR DANCE RESEARCH:

RETROSPECTIVE WRITTEN SOURCES

This section includes sources from time periods later than the period during which the described dancing occurred.

1. Scholarly Journals

Journals of dance, music, folklore, anthropology, or sociology may contain information relating to dance events. Indexes often make the information in these journals accessible, but the articles themselves may be so esoteric as to be of little value to a site.

"Play, Role Reversal and Humor: Symbolic Elements of a Tewa Pueblo Navajo Dance" in Dance Research Journal describes a dance Pueblo Indians perform as a humorous mimick of their Navajo neighbors. Although dealing with Pueblo dance, this article would be of little value to the researcher attempting to uncover typical Pueblo dances for interpretation. (Sweet 1980:4-5).

Also, "couples" occasionally left the line to dance in the waltz position or to have their pictures taken by a friend. These antics caused the Pueblo audience to laugh uproariously because...they consider such actions typical of the Navajo but improper for the Pueblo.

(1. Scholarly Journals)

On the other hand, the article "The Missouri Play-Party" from the Journal of American Folklore (Ames 1911:295-318) discusses the author's recollections of playparties popular in the 1880's-- church taboos, how invitations were spread, individual texts, and more. This article may be of considerable value to a researcher.

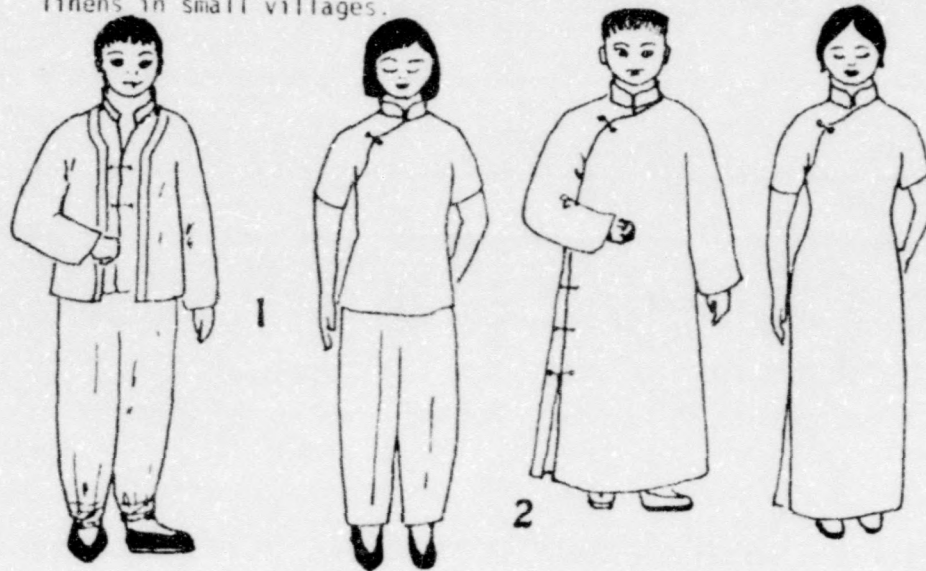
2. Popular Dance Journals

Dance journals which are intended for the enthusiast rather than the dance scholar cover a wide range of dance fields ranging from Western square and round dancing to international folk dancing. The reliability of journals and articles can be ascertained only by knowing the credentials and intent of the author of each individual article.

This portion of an article called "Chinese Costume and Embroidery" from Let's Dance gives costuming information for Chinese ethnic dance groups, but the authority of the author is unclear (Bacon 1981:5).

(2. Popular Dance Journals)

The Chinese perfected the art of reverse embroidery using a fine one stranded silk on a silk ground, one needle and two embroiderers sitting on either side of a vertical frame, passing the needle between them, creating identical patterns on each side. Other embroidery stitches used were the long and short stitch, voiding, which is rows or areas of satin stitch divided by very narrow open spaces, couching of two metal parallel threads into coils or designs, or a heavier yarn or thread couched into a background or large flat area, the Chinese or Peking knot, and less seldom seen the cross-stitch roundels used on linens in small villages.

3. Social Histories

A history which concentrates upon the social or cultural institutions of a group of people may be a source of information regarding that group's dance events.

Burt Feintuch's article "Dancing to the Music: Domestic Square Dances and Community in Southcentral Kentucky, ca. 1880-1940" in the Journal of the Folklore Institute includes this example

(Feintuch 1981:59):

(3. Social Histories)

The public responsibilities--providing music and calling--were virtually exclusive male domains, as were the tasks of moving furniture out of the room in which the dancing was to be held, building fires outside, and other chores which might have been considered physical (as opposed to domestic) labor.

4. State, Regional, or Local Histories

In general, the more localized these sources are, the more help they will be to the researcher. Good documentation is also essential to making the sources useful. Bibliographies in regional or localized sources may lead the researcher to additional information. During the 1930's, writers for the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration compiled local and state histories and bibliographies which sites may find useful.

This illustration and caption from the book The Settlers' West (Schmidt and Brown 1955:161) would be a source of contextual information if only the authors had given the reader the date and location of the photograph and the sources and time period for the caption information.

(4. State, Regional, or Local Histories)

*LIGHT FANTASTIC TOE*

"Methodist feet" was an affliction that troubled few persons when a social was in progress. Dances were held on the slightest provocation, or on none at all. In frontier society where women were scarce, men organized stag dances, either with designated partners, or on a solo basis. River raftsmen (*above*) were noted for their fiddling and prancing. Lewis and Clark's boatmen danced for the edification of the Indians.

In Iowa: A Guide to the Hawkeye State, the following very localized information is found (Federal Writers' Project 1938:427). Although the term "formerly" is not given specific meaning, the information is based on oral testimonies, and the reader may infer that the term refers to the memory of the interviewee. One does learn that

(4. State, Regional, or Local Histories)

dancing is still occurring in 1938 and is considered to be old-fashioned.

In Onawa, as in other communities in Iowa, old-time dancing is still a favorite recreation that had its heyday in early Iowa. Formerly Saturday afternoons were devoted to washing the buggy, polishing the harness, and fastening rosettes into the mane of the driving mare, preparatory to an evening's dancing of waltzes, square dances, quadrilles, and schottisches. If the dance was held in a barn, lanterns were hung in an empty oat bin. The fiddlers sat in the loft, their music drifting above the heads of the dancers, young and old, as the rhythmic beat was stamped out on the wide board floor.

5. Histories of Dance

As with other sources, dance histories vary with the knowledge, skill, and intent of the author. The more first hand, first person sources the author has used, the more reliable his own accounts will be. Information ranging from contextual details to instructions for individual dances may be found in various dance histories.

In this example from World History of the Dance, Curt Sachs offers some discription of the performance of the galliard (Sachs 1937: 359).

To begin with, the galliard had also a tendency toward the pantomimic. The dancer traversed the hall once or twice with his partner, released her, and danced in front of her; she retreated dancing to the opposite end of the hall; the dancer here surpassed his previous performance, and so it went on with increasing intensity, until the musicians laid down their instruments....

6. Dissertations and Theses

Works written by students of dance, folklore, music, and other related fields are usually well-documented and composed with the aid of contemporary source materials. In addition, they may contain bibliographies of useful works. Subjected to the scrutiny of scholars, theses and dissertations are generally well-researched and reliable sources of information.

The Itinerant Dancing and Music Masters of Eighteenth Century America, a dissertation written in 1963, includes the following information regarding a particular dancing master in the vicinity of Williamsburg, Virginia (Benson 1963:48).

Stagg sometimes gathered the children of both families into one house for the dancing lessons. Stagg was considered a guest, and it was not unusual for him to stay two or three days before going on to his next students. Music for dancing was normally furnished by the dancing master who was almost always a violinist or a French horn player.

7. Record Sleeve and Jacket Notes

In addition to providing music, sound recordings may include information regarding dance steps and context. If written by an authority, these notes may add to the researcher's fund of information. If the author is not identified, the authority of the company which produced the recording may give some indication of the reliability of the information.

Although the writer is not identified, the following notes are

(7. Record Sleeve and Jacket Notes)

found on the jacket of Popular English Country Dances of the 17th and 18th Centuries (CDS-7), and the knowledge that the recording was produced by the Country Dance and Song Society of America suggests that the information is reliable.

Country dances, contrary to what the name may imply, were as commonly found in the elite ballrooms of London as they were in rustic settings in 17th and 18th century England. Along with minuets and reels, they were standard fare at balls and dancing schools throughout the British Isles, America, and parts of Western Europe.

8. Biographies

Biographies of people who were involved in dancing may give the researcher information not only on dancing and its contexts but on the feelings of those involved as well.

In addition to giving some description of clothing worn and the frequency of parties, the following excerpt from Peggy gives the reader a clear picture of the feelings of Peggy Shippen, a neutral in Philadelphia during the Revolutionary War (Duncan 1970: 88-89).

November 26th was the day the American forts along the Delaware fell and the British fleet landed in Philadelphia.... The moment they landed, the city seemed to awake from the dead....I have been to parties every night this week so far, and tonight there is a ball at the Smiths', as there is every Thursday, and I have a new silk to wear and the gayest hat of colored feathers and, of course, we all wear hoops.

9. Oral Histories and Oral Interviews

Especially if the person interviewed is discussing his own experiences or observations, oral testimonies may be of use to the researcher, whether he does the interviewing himself or uses information from a printed interview source. Interviews with dancers, dance callers, and dance musicians themselves may be the most helpful of all.

This example is from a printed source, The History of the County of Huntington and of the Seigniories of Chateaugay & Beauharnois From Their First Settlement to the Year 1838 and Revised to the 1900's, based on oral testimonies. Even this brief description is full of information: nationality of the community, location of the event, duration of the occasion, musicians, beverages, and distances traveled by guests (Sellar 1888:435).

A great many Highlanders were engaged in the woods and among them was Archie McMaster, whose people lived in what he called the Scotch Settlement, in Dundee. He married and settled down on lot number 61. I remember the wedding-feast as if it were yesterday. A sort of covering was made with boards and bushes between the house and the barn, and there the dancing and feasting was kept up for three days. Besides a fiddler they had a piper, liquor was served round like water. The people came from far and near.

In a personal interview with Carl Bowman (June 19, 1981, in Lafayette, Indiana), who grew up in Chicago, it was revealed that the dance halls of Chicago's Swedish communities during the 1910's provided a group of live musicians, served alcoholic beverages, and were housed in large, open rooms. Further, the parents of a boy with

(9. Oral Histories and Oral Interviews)

whom Bowman was acquainted worried that their son was leading other youths into corruption by suggesting that they all visit the dance halls. An interview with Bowman's daughter, Lenore Alm, (June 20, 1981, Lafayette, Indiana) showed that thirty years later those same dance halls were the scene of square dancing, served no alcohol of which Alm was aware, and offered an accepted place for single people in their early twenties to meet. These two interviews offer the researcher a view of changes in dance traditions over time.

10. Novels--Regional, Local Color, Romantic

Novels, especially those in which the author describes occasions and events in which he himself participated, may include dance descriptions which will be of use in dance interpretation.

Louisa May Alcott, for example, includes several dance events in her book, Little Women. This section suggests that bare shoulders, silk boots, and a silver bouquet holder were in style (Alcott 1968:83).

A cluster of tea rosebuds at the bosom, and a ruche, reconciled Meg to the display of her pretty white shoulders, and a pair of high-heeled blue silk boots satisfied the last wish of her heart. A laced handkerchief, a plummy fan, and a bouquet in a silver holder finished her off....

11. Children's Books

Just as much as adult books, and with the same cautions regarding

(11. Children's Books)

the expertise and intent of the author, children's books may offer the researcher useful views of dance events.

This example is taken from Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House in the Big Woods. This description of a step dancing competition reveals that not only was step dancing done in their location and time period, but women as well as men participated. (Wilder 1971:148-149).

Laura clapped her hands in time to the music, with all the other clapping hands. The fiddle sang as it had never sung before. Grandma's eyes were snapping, and her cheeks were red, and underneath her skirts her heels were clicking as fast as the thumping of Uncle George's boots....Everybody was excited. Uncle George kept on jigging and Grandma kept on facing him, jigging too. The fiddle did not stop. Uncle George began to breathe loudly, and he wiped sweat off his forehead. Grandma's eyes twinkled.

12. Studies of Musicians

In addition to studies about dancers, studies concerning musicians may tell the researcher pertinent information regarding dance activities. In addition to important information about tunes and styles played, the researcher may learn about the composition of dance bands, instruments played, the ways music was learned, payment of dance bands, and other such information of value to the site planning a program of dance interpretation.

(12. Studies of Musicians)

The book Rhode Island Music and Musicians, 1733-1850 (Mangler 1965), for example, was written from information gleaned from newspapers of the time period and is certain to contain information of use to a site in Rhode Island or a nearby area.

13. Museum Monographs and Research Done at Other Museums

Each museum must do research in order to produce and develop its exhibits and programs. Often the research done by site staff members remains in the files of that site alone. To mutual advantage, neighboring sites may choose to share research findings with one another. Such sharing could greatly reduce the hours and the duplication of energy required in doing research for museum interpretation. In some instances, museum research findings are published and so become available in printed form. Museum and site research is often done from first person sources, possibly in the collections of individual sites. The specialized nature of research done at sites and museums (the types of information sought) often serves to make the research useful to other sites as well.

A research paper compiled at Williamsburg, Colonial Virginians at Play, is the source of the following example. In addition to giving information which might be of use at other sites, the quote reveals the use of travelers' accounts in the author's work. (Carson 1965:21-22).

(13. Museum Monographs and Research Done at Other Museums)

In the composite picture drawn by travelers, their Virginia hostesses were not always beautiful and accomplished, lively and graceful, amiable and industrious. But all of them loved to dance, and they gave formal balls on the slightest excuse--or none at all. While Philip Fithian was living at Nomini Hall, he attended a ball at Lee Hall which lasted from Monday through Thursday, and even then Colonel Richard Lee entreated the wearied-out guests to stay another day.

14. Books on How to Teach or Do Dances

These books are distinguished from dance manuals in that they attempt to instruct the reader how to perform dances which are not of the reader's own culture. These books, because they give directions how to actually perform the dances, may be some of the most useful materials to site staff members developing a dance interpretation program. At the same time, however, these books may be the most difficult to substantiate. The knowledge of the author, the author's cultural background, the intended purpose of the book, the book's intended audience, the age of the book, the age of the dances, and the sources used by the author should all be taken into account by the researcher. In some cases, the author of the book may himself have a sufficient reputation as a dance scholar to permit the unquestioning use of the materials. Even in such cases, however, additional information is advisable and helpful. If the background of the author himself is unknown, the reputation of the publisher may suggest reliability or unreliability. When the author's own authority is questionable, books the stated purpose of which is recreation and books on the

(14. Books on How to Teach or Do Dances)

dance of a culture other than the author's own should be further substantiated. Sources with obvious mistakes are best avoided. In any book, a consideration of the work's bibliography may reveal strengths or weaknesses and may also lead the researcher to additional materials of use.

To give an example, the Teachers' Dance Handbook: Rhythms, Song Plays, Play-Party Games, Folk Dances, Squares, Contras, Mixers, With Notes Indicating Variations, Historical and Background Information, and Teaching Suggestions is admittedly intended for school teachers. Although the book may contain the directions for a dance the site staff wishes to perform, the researcher has no way to know whether the author's material is based on authentic performances of the dances and how much the dance and/or the music may have been edited for the use of school students. The dance excerpt below also illustrates the somewhat cumbersome instructions given in some books (Kulbitsky 1959:159).

(14. Books on How to Teach or Do Dances)

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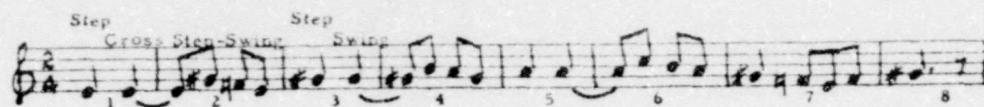
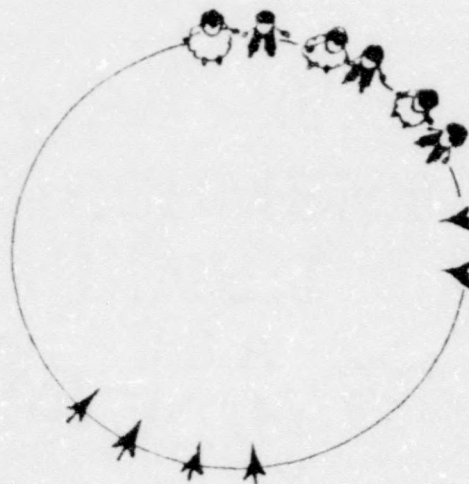
Traditional Israeli Circle Dance
Record: Folkraft #1116A

Formation—

Single circle facing center, no partners.

Starting Position—

Arms extended sideward, hands on neighbor's shoulders, Left foot free.



CIRCLE CLOCKWISE repeating the following pattern:
Cues
"Step, Cross, Step-Swing, Step-Swing"

Measures--

1. 2 STEP SIDEWARD LEFT on Left foot (count 1 and),
CROSS AND STEP on Right foot in back of Left (2 and),
STEP SIDEWARD LEFT on Left foot (1 and),
HOP ON LEFT FOOT AND SWING RIGHT ACROSS IN FRONT
of Left (2 and).
- 3 STEP SIDEWARD RIGHT on Right foot (1 and),
HOP ON RIGHT FOOT AND SWING LEFT ACROSS IN FRONT
of Right (2 and).

Books about the dances of other nations and ethnic groups may also leave the researcher unsure of the author's background and knowledge. In this example from Dances of Belgium, the original was published in French, and the translator was Violet Alford, a well-

(14. Books on How to Teach or Do Dances)

known name in the field of folk dancing. On the other hand, music is included, but the words of the original language are omitted. This leaves the English-speaking dancers wondering just when to do the required turning on "et non-na!" (Pinon and Jamar 1953:28).

MARI DOUDOUYE

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Region Court-Saint-Etienne; Walloon-speaking Brabant; round Namur and in the region of Entre-Sambre-et-Meuse.

Character Lively and amusing giving an opportunity for all to meet, sing and process.

Formation A procession of couples; in some places it has become a single file chain dance. The leader sings the verses, dancers and onlookers join in the refrain. The men dance with bare feet, the women wear shoes.

Dance

A swaggering walking step, bodies swaying. At the words 'et non-na!' every dancer must make a complete turn or pirouette. (Those who fail to turn on the exact beat are fined. With the fines the dancers pay for a litre of liqueur which is passed round as a loving cup. If a woman refuses to drink, a dummy soaked in the liqueur is forced into her mouth. These dummies are love charms which girls wear hung round their necks.) The 'promenade' continues ad. lib.

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<p><i>Great big turnips To fill her white baskets And then we plant out our potatoes With you, Mari Doudouye, with you Mari Doudouye—oh no! We promise you Mari Doudouye—oh no!</i></p>	<p><i>Now in our village And in your hamlet, See us all feasting On our potatoes As we praise Mari Doudouye. Then there is dancing, They're dancing barefoot In honour of Mari Doudouye On the red flagstones.</i></p>
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(14. Books on How to Teach or Do Dances)

Some books on how to do or how to teach dances are quite helpful. They contain music, clear instructions, and some contextual data as well. If taken from dancers who know the dances as a part of their own cultures, all the better. The example below is from such a book, Handy Play Party Book. (Rohrbough 1940:97).

Irish Trot

Hands all up in the i-rish trot. Hands all
up in the i-rish trot, Hands all up in the
i-rish trot, Way down be-low.—

2. Turn right back in the Irish trot. (3)
Way down below.
3. Rights and lefts in the Irish trot. (3)
4. Treat them all alike in the Irish trot (3)
5. Once and a half in the Irish trot . . .
6. We'll get married in the Irish trot . . .
7. Get a little pep in the Irish trot . . .
8. Almost home in the Irish trot . . .

Note: Omit or repeat any of the verses to correspond with the action, which depends on the size of the circle.

1. Join hands high in a single circle, with girls facing out, boys facing in, and go around clockwise.
2. Circle counter-clockwise.
3. Partners face and do the grand right and left until they meet; (girls face left and go counter-clockwise, boys face right and go clockwise in and out, giving right then left hands.)
4. Double L swing (boys progress around circle as in grand right and left swinging each girl with both hands completely around once and a half to boy's right.)

Harriet N. Rogers, Commerce, Texas

(14. Books on How to Teach or Do Dances)

Although the partial dance example below is from The Country Dance Book, Volume 3 by Cecil Sharp, the well-known scholar of traditional music and dance, the researcher could still use additional substantiation. Sharp's instructions to Playford's dances in The English Dancing Master are now seen as Sharp's interpretation of Playford's instructions and not necessarily the definitive description. Any scholar's reconstruction of the dances of the past which is based upon written records is probably going to include some assumptions and guesswork. (Sharp 1912:68).

THE MERRY CONCEIT.	
For four; in three parts (3rd Ed. 1665).	
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">2</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">2</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">1</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">1</div> </div>
Music.	MOVEMENTS.
FIRST PART.	
A	<p>1—2 The two couples move forward a double and meet (r.s.).</p> <p>3—4 All turn single, men clockwise, women counter-clockwise.</p> <p>5—6 Couples fall back a double to places (r.s.).</p> <p>7—8 All turn single, women clockwise, men counter-clockwise.</p>
B1	<p>1—4 Each man four slips to his right in front of his partner, and four slips back to his place behind his partner, keeping his back to her.</p> <p>5—8 Each man arms the contrary woman with the right.</p>

(14. Books on How to Teach and Do Dances)

The source of the following example includes the name of the original collector but of no editor or compiler. The knowledge that the publisher is the English Folk Dance and Song Society lends much credibility to the work. If additional information regarding authenticity was desired (for example, "Was Miss Lambert an eyewitness to this dance?"), the publishing organization could always be contacted to provide the information needed. The example is from Community Dances Manual Number 5. (Community Dances Manual 1977:2).

1. STOKE GOLDING COUNTRY DANCE

As noted by Miss Lambert of Stoke Golding, Leicestershire.

Music Any brisk continuous reel, gradually accelerating. "Keel Row", "Fairy Dance" (CDM 4), "Mason's Apron", etc.

Form Longset for 4 or 5 couples.

1st man swings bottom girl. Crossed hands advised.

Bottom man swings 1st girl.

1st couple strips the willow to the bottom. Start *right*.

1st man inside, 1st girl outside the set, he hands her up over the girls and down over the men

and into the swing with the new leading man to start Round Two.

This is traditionally danced unphrased, the length of swing, etc., being ad lib., but beginners may find it easier to do it first of all as a timed dance for 4 couples.

In the following example, Jim Morrison as editor and the Country Dance and Song Society of America as publisher both give reliability to the source. In addition, the book contains fascinating first person accounts of dancing. A look at Morrison's bibliography reveals the impressive array of first person sources used in the

(14. Books on How to Teach and Do Dances)

text, giving a good indication of the author's expertise. The example is from Twenty Four Early American Country Dances, Cotillions and Reels For the Year 1976. (Morrison 1976:33).

AABB

Money in Both Pockets



- A1 1st couple *set* to 2nd lady (8 beats), and *circle 3 hands round* with her.
 A2 1st couple and 2nd gentleman the same.
 B1 1st couple *down the middle*, back and cast off.
 B2 1st and 2nd couple *right and left*.

(Duple minor.)

15. Poetry16. Folk Tales17. Song Texts

Any of the three above source types may reveal helpful information if they are of the proper time period and location and if they are

localized enough. Naturally, care should be taken to avoid using a poetic description of a New England dance to base an Arizona dance interpretation on.

18. Dance Dictionaries and Encyclopedias

Although usually not helpful with specific information or details, these sources may be helpful in answering more generalized questions. A researcher might, for example, use a dance dictionary or encyclopedia source to find the definition of some term found in a first person source.

This example is from The Dance Encyclopedia by Anatole Chujoy. (Chujoy 1949:503).

Jitterbug, a generic term now almost obsolete for unconventional, often formless and violent, social dances to syncopated music, generally in 4/4 time. The best known forms of jitterbug were the Charleston, Black Bottom, Shag and Lindy Hop, dances of the 1920's and 1930's.

19. Dance Indexes

Indexes of various sorts may be useful to the researcher: indexes of dance tune sources, finding lists for dances, indexes of dances by country or region of origin, and others. The use of indexes may lead the researcher to exactly the information which he seeks.

From Country Dance Index: An Index to Sources of English and Amer-

(19. Dance Indexes)

ican Country Dances, this example indicates the dance's name (Mr. Isaac's Maggot); when and where the dance was first published (England 1695); dance formation (longways duple); musical form (Trip A,12--refer to abbreviations list in the book); and where the researcher can find recorded music (R line), instructions to the dance (I line), and printed music (M line).

MR ISAAC'S MAGGOT	ENG	1695	ENG DUP	* TRIP A,12
K	CD 17	TAPE		
I	COUNTRY DANCE	BOOK 4, P 84		
M	COUNTRY DANCE TUNES	6, P 5		

20. Dance Bibliographies

Bibliographies on specialized dance topics as well as dancing in general can be found. The use of bibliographies can lead to much useful information. If books and materials listed in bibliographies are not held in local libraries, the materials can be borrowed through interlibrary loan or purchased by contacting publishers.

The example below is taken from a specialized dance bibliography, Sources on African and African-Related Dance. (Drewal 1974:21).

(20. Dance Bibliographies)

Thompson, Robert F. "Dance in the Urban United States: Africanisms in Harlem Dancing." Paper presented at the 10th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. New York, November 1967.

The New York City public library publishes a ten-volume (plus supplements) bibliography of its massive dance archive collection. Although the bibliography contains only those items in this single library's collection, the library's holdings are extensive, and the bibliography may be of considerable assistance to some researchers. The source of the sample entries below is the Dictionary Catalog of the Dance Collection (New York Public Library 1974:752). In addition to keys to locating material in the New York Public Library, entries include publication information which may allow location of the material in local or nearby libraries.

BARN DANCES.*Works about*

Anderson, John Q. Frolic, social dancing on the southern frontier. A delightful, serious study of pleasin' an' shufflin' an' cuttin' the pigeon's wing, an' sech [Parts 1 and 2] (In **[*MGZA Dance magazine, New York, pt 1, Oct 1956,]** p 14-16, 83, 85; pt 2, Nov 1956, p 35, 80-81; illus. NN 71 220827)

The barn dance (In **[*MGW Coll, Charles J. Dancing made easy, New York [c1922]]** p 139) Discussion: NN 71 98395

Barn dance (Saint John and vicinity) (In **[*MGS (Canada) Fols, Lois S. Swing your partner (Saint John, New Brunswick, 1939,)]** p 67) Discussion: NN 71 28285

Cross, Elizabeth. Old-time dances in the states, where the barn dance still survives (In **[*MGZA The dancing times, London, June 1935]** p 255-256; illus) Includes directions for a barn dance, "The mouse." NN 71 464645

21. Other Bibliographies

In addition to bibliographies covering only dance sources, bibliographies of manuscripts, regional publications, private collections, and other sources may be of value in the search for dance information. Materials which contain important descriptions of dance may primarily deal with entirely different topics and therefore not appear in bibliographies dealing strictly with dance.

A Guide to the Principal Sources For American Civilization, 1800-1900--in the City of New York: Printed Materials is the source for the sample entry below. The book is a guide to the collections of libraries in New York City, and the capital letters at the close of each entry indicate which libraries hold the material listed. The book is highly organized by topic including "personal records," "religion," and other headings which might be useful to a dance researcher. The entry below is found under "Description and Travel" (Carman and Thompson 1962:129).

<p>Michaux, Richard Randolph. Sketches of Life in North Carolina—Embracing Incidents, and Narratives and Personal Adventures of the Author during Forty Years of Travel. 1894: NYPL NYHS CU.</p>

A helpful feature of The Gilcrease-Hargett Catalogue of Imprints is that within each topic, the entries are listed by date. The catalog lists many of the resources in the collection of the Thomas Gilcrease Institute of American History and Art which concentrates on materials about the country west of the Mississippi

(21. Other Bibliographies)

River. Thus, for a Western site seeking information from a particular date, this particular specialized bibliography may be of considerable value. (Thomas Gilcrease Institute of American History and Art 1972:381).

1887

BRISTOL, S.

The Pioneer Preacher. Incidents of Interest, and Experiences in the Author's Life. Revival Labors in the Frontier Settlements. A Perilous Trip across the Plains in time of Indian wars, and before the Railroads. Three Years in the Mining Camps of California and Idaho. Twenty-one Years' Residence in Southern California, etc. By Rev. S. Bristol. San Buena Ventura, Cal. Illustrated by Isabelle Bloof. Chicago and New York, [1887].

330 p. 19 cm.

The "Historical Records Survey" of the Works Progress Administration compiled bibliographies of materials printed in particular states or particular regions during given time periods. These bibliographies (and others found under "name of state--bibliography" in library card catalogs) may reveal sources useful to the dance researcher. The entry below is from Check List of Kentucky Imprints 1811-1820, a Historical Records Survey project which lists sources by date of publication. (McMurtie and Allen 1939:31).

(21. Other Bibliographies)

Clark, Christopher.

A Shock to Shakerism: or A serious refutation of the idolatrous
 divinity of Anne Lee, of Manchester, (Eng.) [Double rule] By
 Christopher Clark. [Double rule] [6 lines, quotation] [Thick-thin
 rule] Richmond, Kentucky, Printed by T. W. Ruble & Son for the author.
 [417]
 1812.

11 x 19 cm. 2 leaves, iv, 114 p.

Note at the end: "Finished at Danville by the same printers."

Another edition appeared at Russellville, Ky., in 1816; see no. 583, below.

DLC.

One key source for researchers to be aware of is The National Union Catalog; Pre-1956 Imprints (1973) which is a catalog or bibliography of the holdings of major libraries in the United States. Each entry, like the example below, includes the information found on the main entry card (author if known, or title) of standard library cataloging. The final line of each entry includes abbreviations indicating which libraries hold the volume in their collections. With this information, a researcher can discover exactly which major libraries contain copies of a particular book sought. Traveling to a library which includes the volume or obtaining the work through interlibrary loans then becomes possible. Because The National Union Catalog; Pre-1956 Imprints is over 725 volumes in length, it is not usually found on shelves accessible to library patrons. Researchers should ask a librarian for assistance.

22. Festival and Dance Directories

The use of directories may allow researchers to visit in person locations at which dance events are occurring. The opportunity to observe dances in person and to seek assistance from experts attending may be of help to the site staff members responsible for planning dance interpretation.

The Book of Festivals in the Midwest, 1980 and 1981 contains the example below (Akin and Fingerhut 1980:35-36). A visitor to this festival could expect to find not only dancing but clothing, foods, and other information which might be of value to a site or museum.

(22. Festival and Dance Directories)

Lafayette Feast of the Hunter's Moon

dates in 1980: Sept. 27-28; 1981: Oct. 3-4; hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

location: 4 miles southwest of Lafayette on South River Road [C2]

theme: recreates the eighteenth-century gathering of the French and the Indians at a fur-trading outpost on the Wabash River

contact persons for 1980 & 1981: Fern Martin or Carol Waddell; phone: (317) 742-8411

1979 attendance: 50,000; 1978: 45,000; date of first such festival: 1968; historic or cultural significance: emphasis on our French heritage from the voyagers and post inhabitants who were the first Europeans to settle the area

admission fee: adults \$2.50 in advance, \$3 at gate; under 12, 75¢ in advance, \$1 at gate (subject to change)

DESCRIPTION AND ATTRACTIONS OF FESTIVAL

main attractions: craftsmen demonstrating eighteenth-century skills, blanket traders

secondary attractions: French & Indian dance, foods prepared over open fires

special attraction: military units performing precision drills

for sale: craft items, French & Indian foods, replicas of 18th century goods

contests and prizes: canoe races, muzzle loading reliability contests, tomahawk throwing; 18th century items

ATTRACTIONS NEARBY

motorboats, rowboats, canoes, fishing, picnic areas, national, state, county parks, Tippecanoe County Historical Museum, Fort Ouiatenon Museum, Battle Ground Historical Museum, battlegrounds, national or state monuments, horseback riding, theatres

ACCOMMODATIONS AND BOARD NEARBY

campgrounds, hotels/motels, groceries nearby, restaurants nearby

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE AT FESTIVAL

crafts, eighteenth-century items, food; contact person and deadline: same; May 1



The People's Folk Dance Directory (Hovorka and Steele 1981) is a useful source for events, dance-related businesses, and dance teachers. Published by The Texas International Folk Dancers, the directory is an attempt to compile information regarding where folk dancing regularly occurs, what kind of dancing is done, and who may be contacted in various locations for information.

CHAPTER NINE: A GUIDE TO TYPES OF RESOURCES FOR DANCE RESEARCH:

ICONOGRAPHIC SOURCES

Iconographic, or visual, sources can give the researcher information beyond that which is included in many written descriptions: hairstyles, clothing details, refreshments served, layout of a dance event, number of musicians, and so forth. Although drawings and still photographs cannot impart an understanding of the movements of the dance, many contextual details can be gathered from these sources. As with written sources, iconographic sources must include time and place documentation in order to be useful. A photograph which might have been taken anywhere in the Southwest between 1900 and 1920 will be of limited use to a site which portrays the life of a particular Zuni village, regardless of the detail it includes. As with written sources, a knowledge of the creator's authority and intent will help determine the reliability of a particular source.

1. Drawings and Paintings

This painting by Pieter Bruegel (also spelled Brueghel or Breughel), a Flemish painter from the 1500's, tells the observer much about clothing, one particular musical instrument, village layout, one type of fence, some dance movements, the number of people and balance of sexes in attendance, and refreshments served. This example is taken from All the Paintings of Pieter Bruegel (Denis 1961: plate 154).

(1. Drawings and Paintings)



Plate 154. THE PEASANT DANCE, Vienna, Kunsthistorisches Museum

2. Artists' Sketchbooks

Sketchbooks may be as useful as finished paintings and drawings to the dance researcher.

The sketch which follows was a preliminary sketch for the painting Jolly Flatboatmen in Port, 1857 by George Caleb Bingham. Clothing detail is the greatest insight to be gained from this particular example. This portion of the sketch comes from the book The Drawings of George Caleb Bingham With a Catalogue Raisonne (Bloch

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1975:245).



3. Regional Art

The work of regional artists can be an excellent source for information regarding context and detail. An artist who worked in a single region over a period of time and produced art dealing with that region is sure to have developed a first hand knowledge of the area and the people where he worked. This intensified concern with a single region can increase the value his work has for sites and museums.

George Caleb Bingham was a Missourian who painted from his own experiences and observations. Among other scenes, Bingham painted the flatboatmen he saw along the Mississippi River. The portion of a painting shown below, from Jolly Flatboatmen in Port, 1857 in The Drawings of George Caleb Bingham With a Catalogue Raisonne offers information on dancing, musical instruments, clothing, the dancer's and observers' feelings, and more. (Bloch 1975:240).

(3. Regional Art)

4. Folk Art

The work of folk artists can offer as much information about detail and context of a dance event as the work of highly trained artists.

This painting with accompanying notes by Lewis Miller is from Lewis Miller: Sketches and Chronicles (Miller 1966:67). The

(4. Folk Art)

picture is dated 1808 and depicts dancing at the home of an individual. In addition to number of people present, clothing, type of dancing being done, and number of musicians, the instruments played are revealed: a violin and a hammered dulcimer. In such an undetailed portrayal, it would not be safe to make assumptions such as number of guests in attendance, balance of sexes, or balance of onlookers versus dancers.

5. Sculpture

It is possible that a site or museum researcher may find pieces of sculpture which suggest information about dancing. As with other visual art sources, a documentation of time and place and some knowledge of the artist's expertise and intent will help the researcher to determine the reliability of the source.

6. Slides and Photographs

State historical societies and other libraries often maintain photographic archives. Like artwork, photographs which cannot give a description of the dancing itself may still offer information regarding detail and context. Also like artwork, documentation of time and place will make the photo useful to the researcher. Unlike artwork, photography has the advantage of offering the certainty that everything pictured was really there at the time the photo was taken--and was not the result of the artist's imagination or desire for embellishment. (It is possible, however, that an entire situation may be the result of the photographer's fancy and be completely posed.)

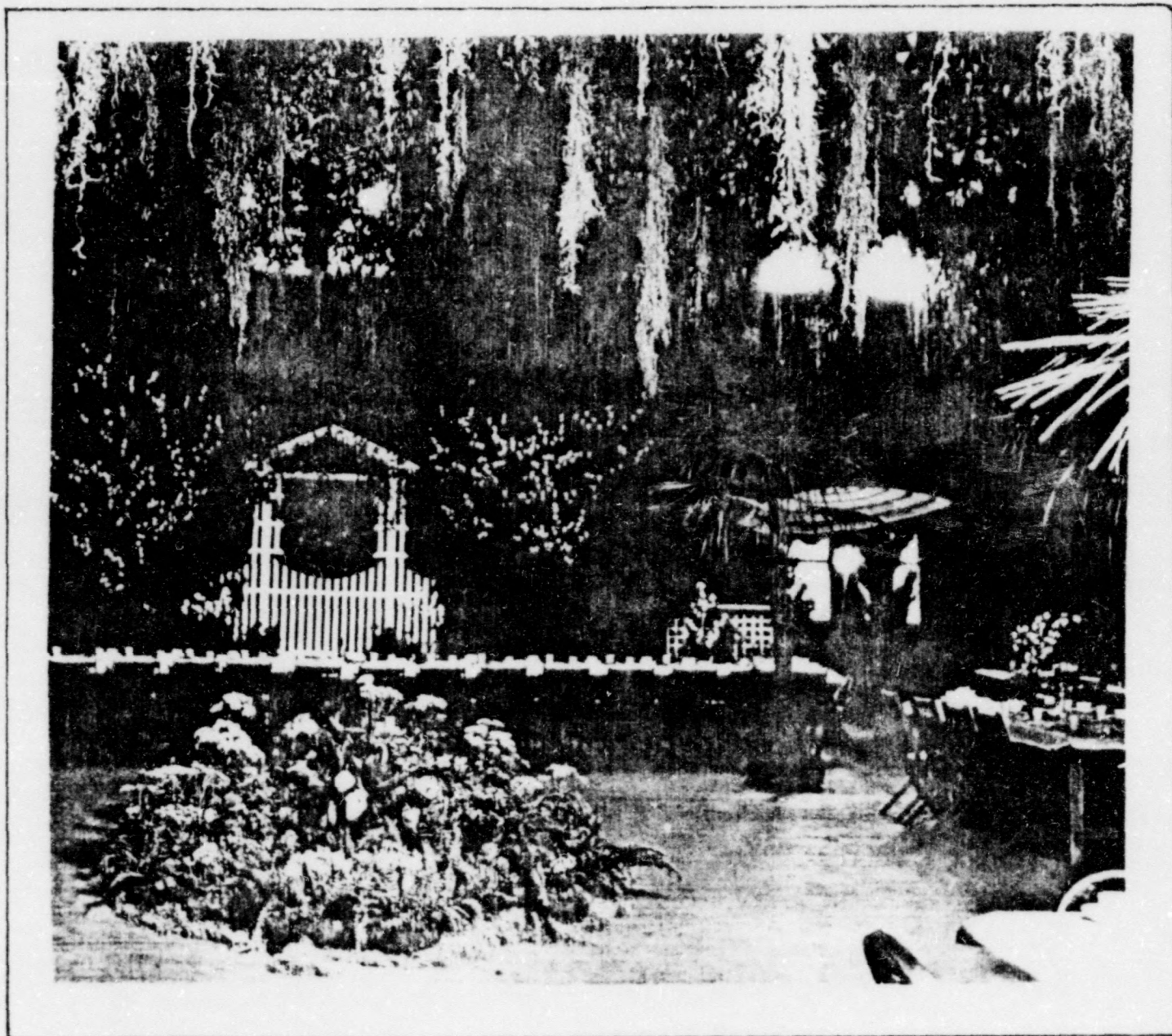
The following example is one portion of a photograph found in the Kentucky Library. The photo captures the decorations for the Bowling Green, Kentucky, Rotary Club dinner and dance held annually at the armory. Unfortunately, the date of these particular decorations, complete with live palms, is unknown.

Copies

May Not
Film

Well!

(6. Slides and Photographs)



7. Films and Video Tapes

In addition to capturing detail and context, films and video tapes can reveal the way in which particular dances were performed and the spirit of the dance event. Films which might be of use in

(7. Films and Video Tapes)

planning dance interpretation range from anthropological and folklife studies to popular culture movies depending upon the dance to be interpreted. Media review publications such as the periodical Previews will enable researchers to locate potentially useful media materials. Catalogs and mediographies will also lead researchers to helpful materials.

Examples of potentially useful dance films include Iroquois Social Dance and Full of Life A-Dancin'. Iroquois Social Dance was put out by Green Mountain Cine Works of Staten Island, New York, in 1980. The work includes two eighteen minute reels and a teacher's guide. Social and political background is included in the teacher's guide, and the films themselves are intended to teach the dances. Full of Life A-Dancin' is the work of Phoenix Films, New York, New York, and came out in 1978. The film is a study of a clogging team, the Southern Appalachian Cloggers, and might be of use to some Southern sites. As with other types of sources, films and video tapes require verification of their reliability as sources. Team cloggers, for instance, have greatly embellished the traditional forms of step dancing from which their art is derived. A film about clogging is therefore not necessarily helpful to a site interpreting traditional forms of step dancing.

8. Popular Magazine Illustrations

Illustrations from popular magazines, such as the illustration

(8. Popular Magazine Illustrations)



shown here at the left can, again, reveal information about context and detail which written sources do not. Depending upon the subject of the illustration, information may be gained about decorations, refreshments, clothing, hairstyles, transportation, and other topics. Remember, however, that popular magazines frequently portray things not as they are but as people wish they could be. A suggested fashion may never have actually come into style.

At the left is an illustration from "My Idea of the Dance Dress" by Mrs. Vernon Castle. The article appeared in the Ladies' Home Journal and included an offer of patterns for the four dresses pictured. A discussion of styles and fabrics suited for dancing was also included. (Castle 1914:31).

9. Book Illustrations

Books of many kinds may be illustrated with items helpful in dance research--dance histories, dancing manuals, photographic works, social histories, and others. As with other iconographic sources, time and place of the illustration must be known in order for the illustration to be as useful as possible. If an illustration rather than a photograph, the expertise of the artist will help to judge the material's reliability.

Even a cartoon, such as the one below from A History of Dancing From the Earliest Ages to Our Own Times, first published in 1898, offers information on lighting, musical instruments, type of dance, clothing, number of musicians, and decorations. (Vuillier 1977:430).



(9. Book Illustrations)

In addition to the original purpose of this illustration--to instruct the dancer in the movements of the dance--the modern researcher can gain clothing information from the illustration below. This example is from The Dancing Master first published in 1725 (Rameau 1970:145).

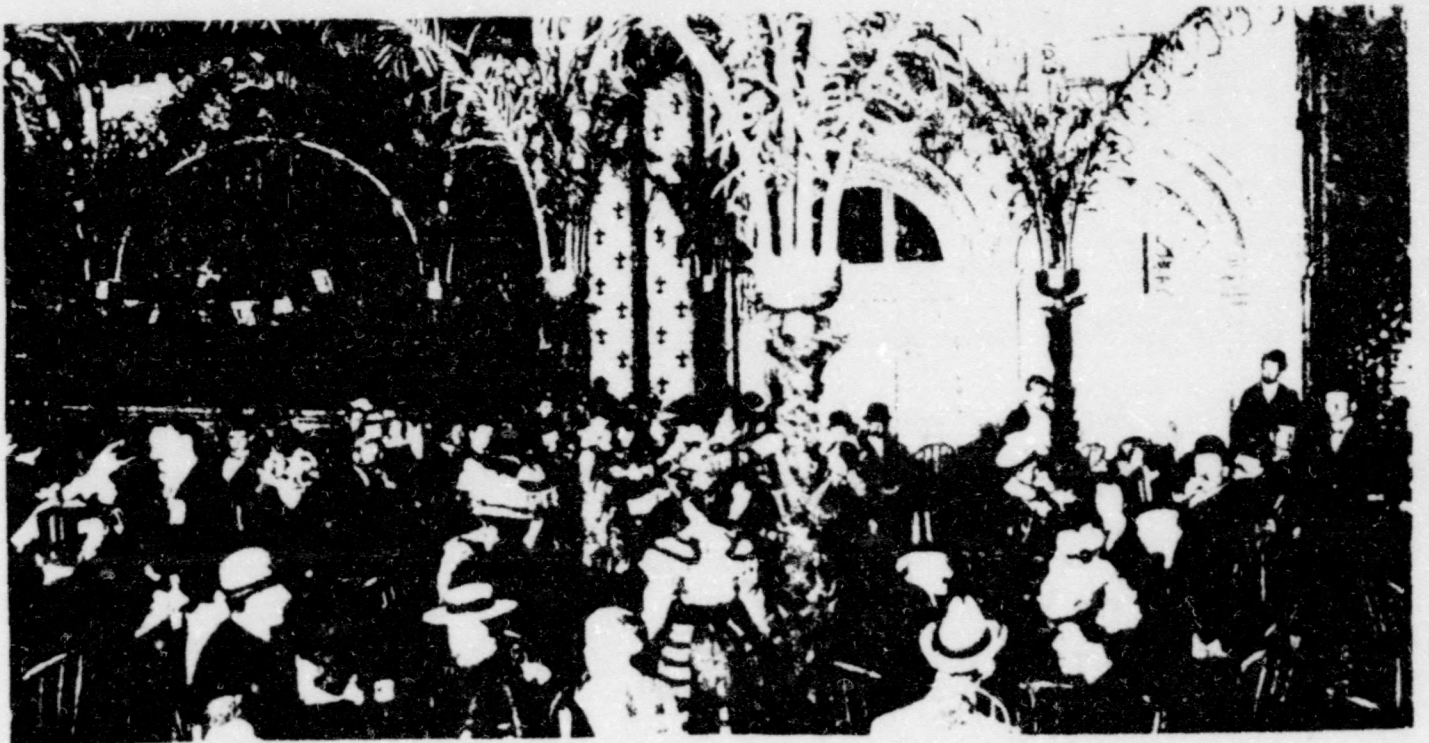


Fig. 56. Second Posture in a Contretemps de côté

(9. Book Illustrations)

The example below, from Dance Fever, could offer the researcher information about decorations, size of the crowd, balance of the sexes, decorations, musicians, and furnishings. The author, however, identifies few of his photographs with their definite locations, and dates are suggested only by the decade which is covered in each chapter--here 1890-1899. (McDonagh 1979:15).

A roofgarden restaurant in New York with the band and dance floor at the year



10. Newspaper Illustrations

Like other illustrations, newspaper photos and engravings can give the researcher information on the contexts of dance events. Because newspapers generally report only those events which are presently occurring, research on past time periods will necessitate returning to past newspapers for data. One convenience is the clarity with which dates are established using newspaper sources. In pre-photographic newspapers, engravings will necessitate the usual concern for the artist's expertise, knowledge, and intent.

This example from the Louisville Courier-Journal Magazine might be useful to a site interpreting either the dance of the 1950's or the development of Western square dancing.



11. Advertising Illustrations

Like written advertisements, advertising illustrations show what people want to buy. Illustrations and the accompanying text often emphasize those features which were considered the most significant. The advertisement's audience will suggest the regions in which the products were originally used.

The two examples below are from the 1897 Sears Roebuck Catalogue (Sears Roebuck and Company 1968:195, 200).

Ladies' Vici Kid Strap Sandals.



No. 3814 Made from the finest selection of vic kid, hand turned, very flexible sole, has the new gentle toe and handsome satin strap at the instep, with elegant silver buckle. The heel is medium high.

We can assure you that this is one of the most handsome slippers for house or dance wear ever put on the market. Sizes, 2 1/2 to 7; widths, A, B, C, D and E.
Per pair (Postage, 12c) \$1.00

Men's Patent Leather Oxfords.



No. 31076 Made from good grade of patent leather, medium hand turn or slipper sole, and shoe which is very neat and at the same time easy and serviceable. This shoe is used principally for dancing and for dress wear. Sizes, 5 to 11; widths, D, E and EE. Weight, 20 oz. Per pair \$1.75

CHAPTER TEN: A GUIDE TO TYPES OF SOURCES FOR DANCE RESEARCH:

MATERIAL CULTURE AND OTHER SOURCES

MATERIAL CULTURE SOURCES

Artifacts, the actual items used in association with a dance event, may suggest helpful data to the dance researcher. Documentation regarding where, when, on what occasions, and by whom specific items were used will allow the researcher to make full use of material culture artifacts in museum and personal collections. Many details and pieces of information may be detected through the examination of artifacts. Additional information may be found in museum or related personal records. This information might include skirt lengths, woods used in dulcimers, styles of handmade furniture, fabrics and colors preferred for dancing attire, size of dancing rooms, and so on. Especially if the artifact is to be reproduced for on-site use, an in-person look at any artifact will probably be helpful.

1. Women's Attire

Museum collections often include women's fancy dresses and accessories. These may be of particular use if the events to which the clothing was worn are known. Type of event and age of the original wearer will also tell the researcher what the clothing was originally designed for.

The Kentucky Museum collection includes a dress known to have been

worn at the Bowling Green "Fair Hop" around 1893. In addition to viewing the dress, the researcher can find the following information and more in the museum's accession records.

Dress.

Cream color china silk with yellow pansy and daisy motif. Pointed bodice (a) has boat neckline edged with ruffle, elbow length puff sleeves, pleats in front and back. Trailing skirt (b) with large pleats, finished with ruffle. Made by Mrs. A.H. Taylor (Carrie), ca. 1893 to wear at Bowling Green "Fair Hop."
 a) L 400 mm. b) L 1170 mm.
 Gift, 1970.

2. Men's Attire

Less often surviving the years than women's clothing, men's attire may suggest information about styles and fabrics, too. The nature of the events to which the clothing was worn, the age of the wearer, and other information found in museum records may be of use to the dance researcher.

The collection of the Kentucky Museum includes a man's suit about which, unfortunately, little is known. Still, the size of the suit suggests an adult wearer, thus limiting the age span of the style and material to about fifty years. The geographic location also narrows the scope of the suit's possible use. In the absence of better documented pieces, this suit may be of some help to the

researcher. The museum's records show the following, along with other information.

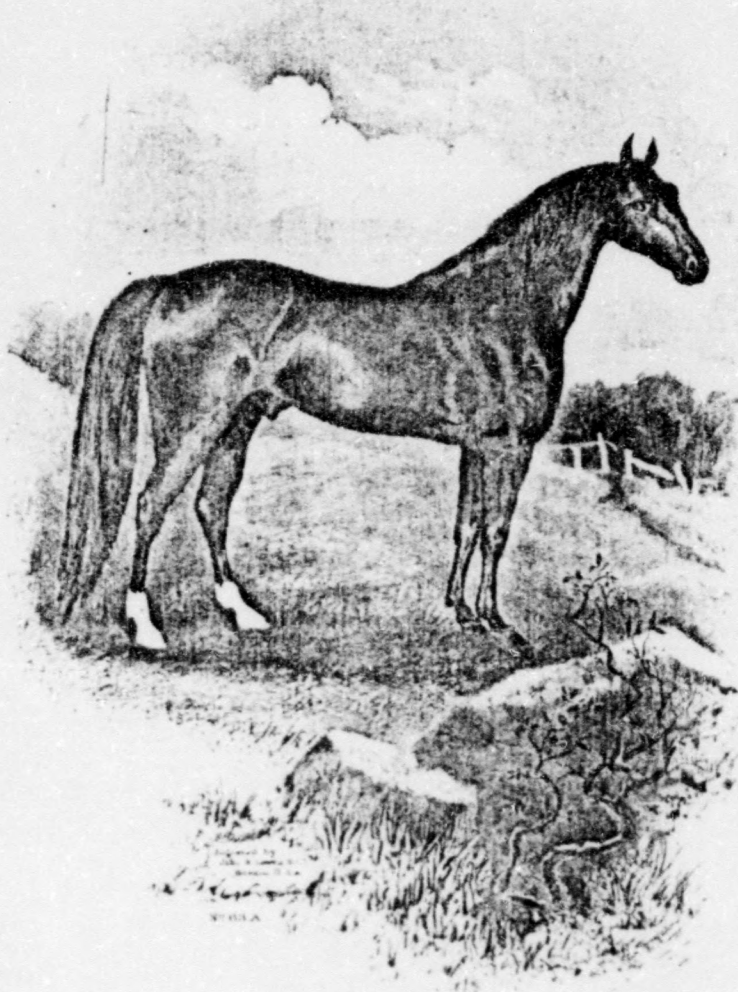
Object: Suit.
 Description: Four pieces; coat, vest, trousers, and suspenders; black serge, vest and trousers lined with cerise sateen; coat is Prince Albert style.
 Date received: August 10, 1943.
 Original owner or maker: Donor's brother; born 1848--died 1919.
 Address of owner or maker: Nashville, TN, and Bowling Green, KY.
 History and remarks: No history known.

3. Dance Cards, Tickets, and Programs

Artifacts from a dance event may reveal the location of the event, the date and time of day, what type of music was played by whom, who attended, how formal the event was, which and how many dances were done and in what order, what refreshments were served, and more.

The "Annual Fair Hop" program which follows suggests a formal event. Information included gives all of the items mentioned above with the exception of refreshments and dances done. The dance card reproduced next, on the other hand, tells a great deal about what types of dances were done, how many dances were performed, and in what order the dances occurred. In addition, examination of the signatures on the dance card reveals not only which partners danced with the card holder most often but what she thought of two of them. The dance card is from a dance sponsored by the Bowling Green Guard, a military group, in 1880. Both of these examples are from the Kentucky Library collection.

•ELEVENTH•
•ANNUAL FAIR HOP,•
September 4th. 1883.



•BOULDING • GREED, • BEDFORD, •

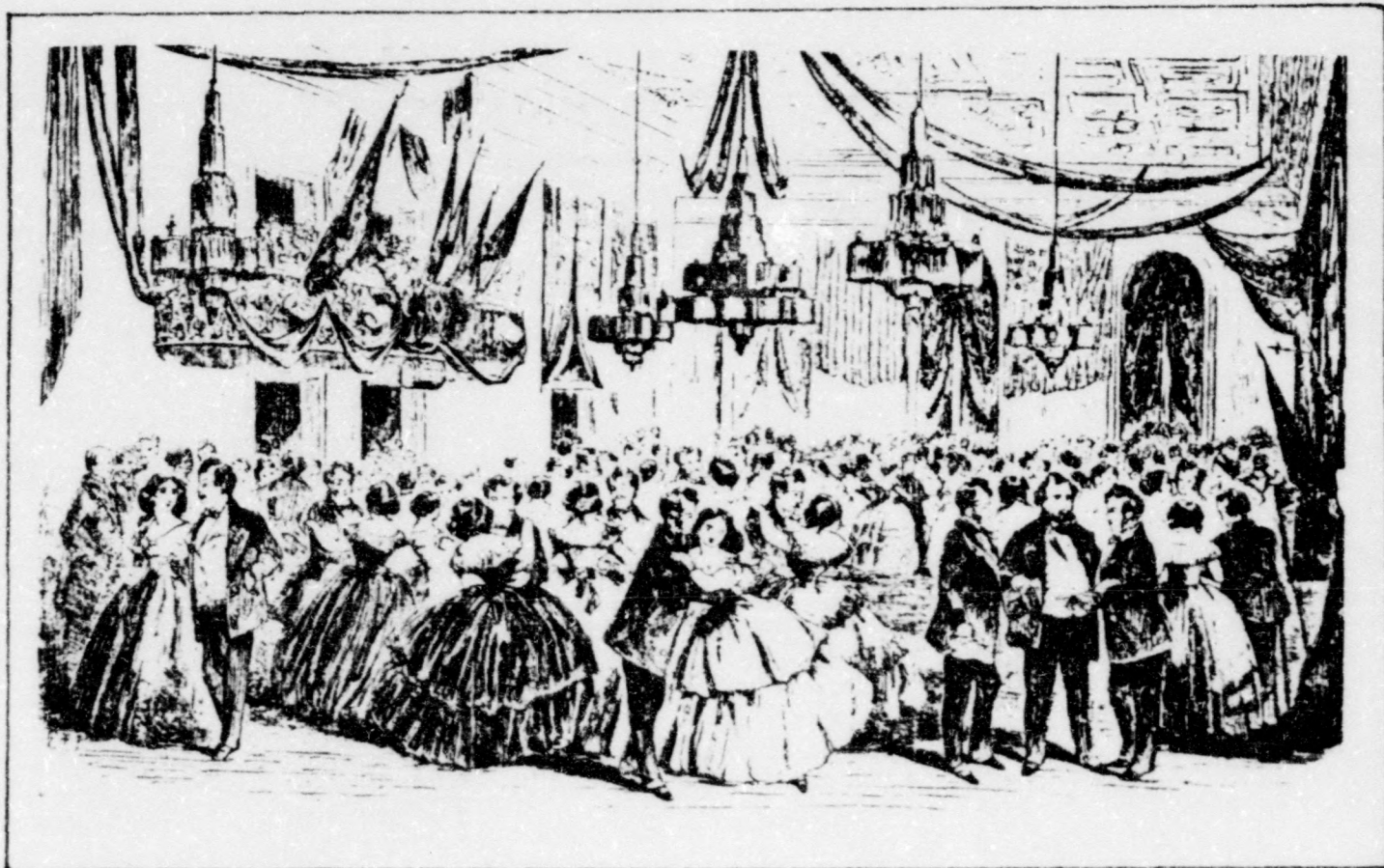
PROGRAMME.		DRILL BY B. G. O.	
	Opening March at 9 o'clock, P. M.		
1	Quadrille... <i>Carlus C.</i>	3	Quadrille... <i>Guides Lute.</i>
1	Waltz... <i>Carlus</i>	2	Waltz Quadrille... <i>Carlus</i>
1	Lancers... <i>James Hohman</i>	2	Lancers... <i>L. Graham</i>
2	Waltz... <i>Talente</i>	5	Waltz... <i>Weyfer</i>
1	Waltz Quadrille... <i>Covington</i>	1	Galop... <i>Carlus</i>
2	Quadrille... <i>Asbath</i>	3	Waltz Quadrille... ..
3	Waltz... <i>Potter</i>	2	Schottische... <i>Valente</i>
1	Schottische... <i>W. Putney</i>	4	Waltz Quadrille... <i>Sutte</i>
4	Waltz... <i>Carlus</i>	4	Quadrille... ..

4. Architecture

Examination in person or through floor plans or illustrations of buildings in which dancing was known to occur may assist a researcher in discovering information about the layout of a dance event (where the dancing was and where the food was, for example), the amount of space considered to be necessary, the flooring material used, and so forth. For example, a look at a nearby house in which dancing is known to have occurred may suggest some information for the site staff wishing to interpret dance in their

site's own house.

Taken from the book Let's Dance, the illustration below is of a yacht club's annual ball in 1859 (Buckman 1979:119). The height and other dimensions of the room can be estimated from the illustration. In addition, the ceiling and window design are evident, as is the balcony. Lighting fixtures are also clearly visible.



ORGANIZATIONS AS SOURCES

Organizations involved in dance research or activities can be of assistance to site staff members planning dance interpretation. Organizations provide a variety of services which may include production or sponsorship of books, recordings, workshops, classes, dances, research libraries, speakers' bureaus, newsletters, conventions, meetings, and catalog sales of dance-related items. They may also be able to direct sites and museums to individuals with expertise valuable to the site--dance historians, musicians, and teachers. A selection of dance-related organizations is listed in the "Sources and Resources" section of this paper.

CLOTHING SOURCES

Sources for appropriate period clothing fall into two major categories: books about clothing and sources for the purchase of clothing patterns or actual period clothing reproductions. In using either of these types of sources, researchers will need to corroborate information with additional sources and to compare styles and fabrics with information from local sources of the time period.

Books on costume and dress are many. The book Costume in Detail, Women's Dress 1730-1930 is a well-documented and useful sourcebook with illustrations drawn from actual items of clothing. The example below gives an indication of the book's detail (Bradfield 1968:235).

1870-75

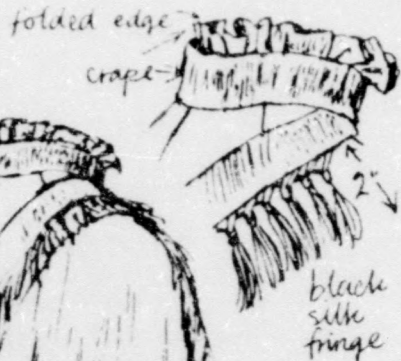
Black silk mantle edged in black crape over corded silk with fringes and tassels of black silk with black satin bow. Unlined. Shaped to wear over a bustle; inner tape tie at waist.

1860-70 black satin shoes with heel, black satin bow.
Snowhill Collection

1876 gold and black mourning ring.
T. Stanley Brown



from T. Stanley Brown's family photographs 1870



silk braid

black silk fringe

black crape over corded silk

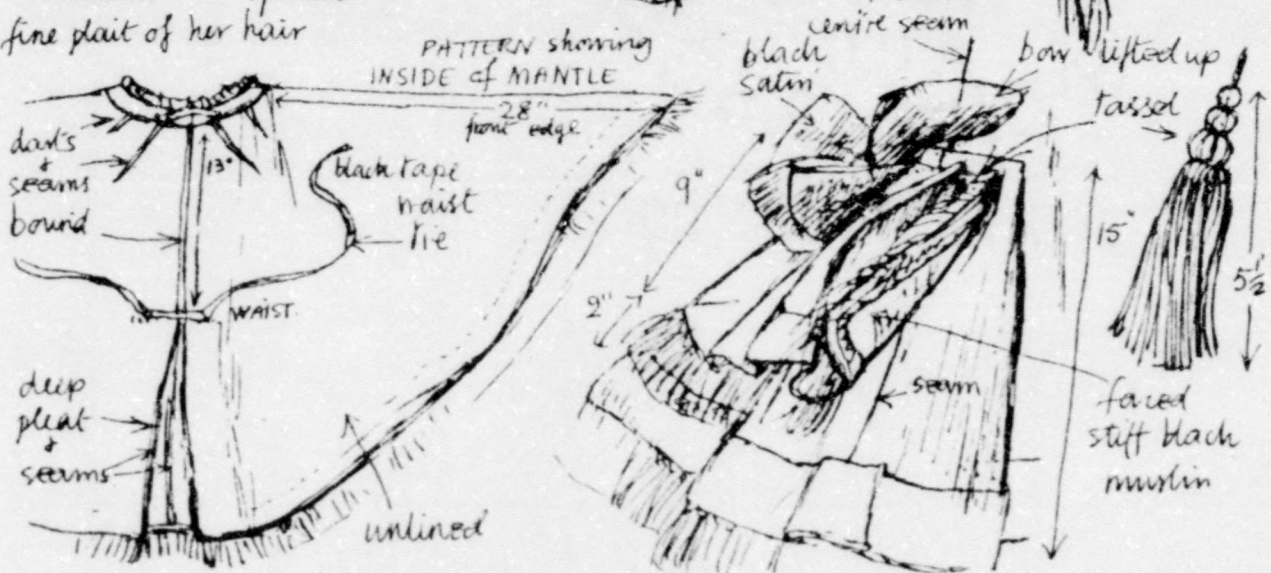
also GOLD RING with black enamel at front with 5 pearls & tiny gold beads



MOURNING RING for a daughter who died in 1876 Alice Bertha Hall



fine plait of her hair



The mantle of medium-heavy dull-surfaced silk has been very much worn. The crape on the front facings was probably removed because of wear. It is more than likely a widow's mantle, which, when new, had the fashionable fringe, tassel trimmings, and bow over the

The State Historical Society in Wisconsin is one example of a source for period clothing patterns. This group is publishing a set of clothing patterns made from actual period garments. All are women's dresses in sizes 10, 12, and 14. Currently the set includes eight patterns ranging from 1835 through 1896. A total of thirty patterns is planned. Included are contemporary notes and engravings.

Gohn Brothers, a mail order business in Middlebury, Indiana, serves the Amish and incidently offers fabrics, shoes, men's trousers, and other items which approximate some items of period clothing. Gohn Brothers is one example of a source for actual clothing items.

MUSIC SOURCES

Music for traditional dancing is found in a variety of printed and recorded sources. Consultation with musicians who play for historic dances or those who are themselves traditional players should not be overlooked as valuable sources of information. Sheet music collections in libraries, early music collections such as Howe's Musician's Omnibus (Howe 1864), and bibliographies of early music are all important sources for printed music. For recorded music, dance organizations and record dealers and producers who specialize in traditional music (such as Folkways or Andy's Front Hall in Voorheesville, New York) may be helpful sources. Comparison with other sources for verification of authenticity is still needed, and the researcher should be aware that arrangements found in printed and recorded sources are not necessarily authentic to past time periods.

CHAPTER ELEVEN: CONCLUSION

The purpose of any program of dance interpretation is to portray an event--a cultural, social, and emotional activity of importance to the people portrayed. The context of a dance event is as important as the dances themselves in learning about the people of another time period.

The major steps in planning a program of dance interpretation are these: 1.) identify the interpretive themes and objectives of the site and the ways in which dance interpretation could serve these overall goals; 2.) conduct research to establish that dancing was indeed done at the site and during the time period portrayed; 3.) establish through research the types of dance events which occurred, which specific dances were done, and what the contexts and functions of the dance events were; 4.) plan, practice, and then incorporate the traditional dance interpretation into the site's program; 5.) continue to develop and substantiate the dance interpretation through ongoing research; and 6.) evaluate the dance interpretation and make improvements whenever possible.

The most important work in the process of developing and presenting a dance interpretation program is research. Research is the basis for all information presented to the public--dance steps, musical instruments, clothing, foods served, attitudes about dancing, and every other detail included in the outline of considerations found in Chapter Five.

As with any other area of interpretation, some compromise of detail

will be unavoidable. While necessary due to gaps in available information, compromises should be recognized as such. Ongoing research may later bring to light the information needed to eliminate the compromises made.

Interpretation of traditional dance involves more than the portrayal of movement across the floor, through space and time. For the watching public, dance interpretation reveals the functions of dancing in the lives of the dancers and watchers, the surroundings in which the dancing took place, how individuals felt about the dancing and about their neighbors, the community interaction and teamwork involved in performing a dance, how members of the opposite sex related to one another, and a thousand other unspoken facts, concepts, and ideas. Every detail of the surroundings and every movement of the interpreters contributes to the humanness of the portrayal. The goal of the portrayal of traditional dance is to interpret meaningful human activity.

SOURCES AND RESOURCES FOR THE RESEARCH OF TRADITIONAL DANCE

The following pages contain sources and resources which may be of value to individual dance researchers. This source list is in no way complete or definitive but includes sources used in the preparation of this paper and sources which may be valuable for the information they include or for the additional sources they might lead the researcher to. The entries include bibliographic as well as other sources of information and are divided into the following categories.

Folk Studies, Historic Preservation, and Museum Work

The entries in this section include both theoretical works and practical works either written by or useful to folklorists or museum staff members.

The next three sections include works of scholarship in the area of dance. Social Scientific Studies Involving Dance

Anthropological, sociological, and ethnographic studies are included in the entries in this section.

Theses and Dissertations on Dance

This section lists master's theses and doctoral dissertations dealing with dance and music.

Dance and Movement Notation Systems

This section includes works dealing with systems of graphically recording dance and movement.

Bibliographies, Indexes, Dictionaries, and Encyclopedias

Reference books on dance, music, and some historical topics are included here.

Dance and Historical Organizations

These entries include organizations which may provide site staff members with research assistance, names of teachers and consultants, and other help. Most entries are adapted from the Encyclopedia of Associations (Akey 1980).

Dance and Related Journals and Magazines

Magazines of dance groups, social scientific journals, ladies' magazines for clothing and contextual data, and some ethnic magazines are in this sections. Most entries are adapted from Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory (Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory 1980).

Directories of Festivals and Dance Events

This section includes sources listing dance events and related festivals.

Dance Manuals and Collections

These entries include collections of dances and instructions for dancing which were written for dancers performing the dances of their own cultures and time periods. These works may well be useful to site staff members because they are from the time period and the culture in which the dancing described was done. For the same reason, however, these works may provide scant explanations of dance instructions.

How to Folk Dance Instruction Books

These books were written for individuals who wish to perform the dances of a culture or time period other than their own. These works may be useful to site staff members because they include instructions how to perform the dances. The intent of the author of each work will influence the value of the work, and additional substantiation of the information included is advisable.

Historical Studies Involving Dance

These works deal with the historical settings or development of traditional dance.

Religious and Ethical Commentary on Dance

Legal and religious concern over dancing is represented in this section's entries.

Literary Sources

Examples of sources of dance information found in literature are in this group. The primary aim of these sources is to describe dancing, not to give instructions in how to dance.

Iconographic Sources

These sources include illustrations which portray dance and may suggest elements of the dance event to researchers.

Dance Music Sources

This section includes a sampling of the types of sources available for locating dance music. Some entries in the "Bibliographies" section also include music sources.

Clothing Sources

Clothing is a major portion of the portrayal of traditional dance, and this section suggests a few sources for period clothing information, patterns, and articles.

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1976 Interpretation of historic sites. Nashville, American Association for State and Local History.
Basic introduction to interpretation techniques.
- ALEXANDER, EDWARD P.
1979 Museums in motion; an introduction to the history and functions of museums. Nashville, American Association for State and Local History.
- ALM, JAN
1981 Dancing through the Journal of American Folklore. In the collection of the Western Kentucky Folklore, Folklife and Oral History Archives.
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1911 The Missouri play-party. Journal of American Folklore 24:295-318.
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- ANDERSON, JAY
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1975 Introduction to museum work. Nashville, American Association for State and Local History.
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1968 A bibliographic inventory of the folklore of the state of Missouri. Bloomington, Folklore Archive, Indiana University.
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- CARSON, CARY
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1965 Colonial Virginians at play. Charlottesville, University of Virginia Press.
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- DE LABAN, JUANA
1954 Movement notation: its significance to the folklorist. *Journal of American Folklore* 67:291-308.
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1977 In small things forgotten: the archaeology of early American life. Garden City, New York, Anchor Press/Doubleday.
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- MONTELL, WILLIAM LYNWOOD AND MICHAEL LYNN MORSE
1976
Kentucky folk architecture. Lexington, University of Kentucky Press.
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AMERICAN DANCE GUILD

1133 Broadway, Room 1427
New York, New York 10010 (212)691-7773

Includes teachers, performers, historians, critics, writers, and students in various dance fields. Publishes monthly newsletter and quarterly journal, Dance Scope. Publishes books and bibliographies on dance. Maintains speakers bureau. Sponsors conferences, workshops, master classes, concerts.

ASSOCIATION FOR LIVING HISTORICAL FARMS AND AGRICULTURAL MUSEUMS

Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C. 20560

Umbrella organization for farm and village outdoor museums and living history sites and programs. Publishes bi-monthly newsletter and proceedings of annual meeting.

COUNTRY DANCE AND SONG SOCIETY OF AMERICA

505 Eighth Avenue, Room 2500
New York, New York 10018 (212)594-8833

Promotes present day use of English and American folk songs, dances, and music. Maintains a reference library. Sponsors workshops and summer camps. Publishes monthly newsletter and annual journal, Country Dance and Song. Also publishes books and issues records. Catalog sales of dance books and recordings.

DANCE NOTATION BUREAU

505 Eighth Avenue
New York, New York 10018 (212)736-4350

Documents and preserves dance works through the use of graphic notation and visual recordings. Researches movement related analysis techniques and programs. Maintains library on dance and movement notation. Offers courses in movement notation. Publishes quarterly newsletter and semiannual Teachers Bulletin. Publishes dance scores and notation books.

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EXOTIQUE DANCERS LEAGUE OF AMERICA

2317 South Pacific Avenue
 San Pedro, California 90731 (213)547-0117

Organized to "promote and improve the image of a fine old American tradition; to fight the trend of pornography." Collects historical photographs, playbills, books. Maintains burlesque hall of fame and museum. Maintains speakers bureau. Presents annual "Fanny" award. Publishes newsletter.

FOUNDATION FOR ETHNIC DANCE

17 West 71st Street
 New York, New York 10023 (212)877-9565

Provides advisory, consulting, and reference work on ethnic dance. Conducts seminars and workshops. Maintains library and biographical archives. Compiles statistics. Services of the organization are by appointment only and may be subject to a fee.

INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL DANCE STUDIES

24 West 57th Street
 New York, New York 10019 (212)757-6660

Provides facilities and staff to instruct teachers of social dance. Maintains reference library of books, films, tapes, recordings, prints, and other artifacts.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF KINETOGRAPHY LABAN

554 South Sixth Street
 Columbus, Ohio 43206

Organization of dancers, teachers, and others using the laban notation system for recording dance movements. Guides the unified development of the use of the laban system and encourages consistent standards of practice.

LABAN ART MOVEMENT GUILD

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 Stroud, Gloucestershire GL6 7EA, England

Organization of individuals who use laban notation in the fields of professional and recreative dance in education, industry, and therapy. Publishes semiannual magazine and triennial list of members.

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LLOYD SHAW FOUNDATION

2217 Cedar Acres Drive
 Manhattan, Kansas 66502 (913)539-6306
 Teaches the folk rhythms of the American people in dance, music, song, and allied folk arts as a tribute to the memory of Lloyd Shaw (folk dance scholar and teacher). Conducts workshops, produces records, provides mail information and consultation service, maintains library. Publishes workshop and curriculum materials. Annually published The Long Shadow; quarterly publishes The American Dance Circle.

NATIONAL CLOGGING AND HOEDOWN COUNCIL

600 Parkview Drive
 Durham, North Carolina 27712 (919)477-2417
 Works to preserve the many regional forms of mountain dancing; promote communication among the many clogging groups; establish a written vocabulary of clogging terminology; compile information and history of clogging styles; establish judging standards. Sponsors festivals and exhibitions. Produces workshop videotapes. Biennially publishes Toe Tapping Talk.

SACRED DANCE GUILD

P.O. Box 177
 Peterborough, New Hampshire 03458
 Works to stimulate interest in the dance as a religious art form and to provide a means of communication and training for dance choirs. Supports and encourages workshops. Conducts local, regional, and national workshops for training in dance technique, religious theme and application to worship services and religious occasions. Conducts research into sacred dance styles. Publishes a journal three times per year and an annual membership list. Also publishes helps and guidelines.

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 New York, New York 10028

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5th Avenue at 82nd Street
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ENGLISH DANCE AND SONG

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HEMBYGDEN (Swedish folk dance and folk music)

Began: 1922; six issues per year.

Svenska Ungdomsringen foer Bygdekultur
Box 4030
S-102 61 Stockholm, Sweden

HORA (Israeli folk dance)

Began: 1976; three times per year.

American Zionist Youth Foundation
515 Par Avenue
New York, New York 10022

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK AND MAGAZINE (Ladies' magazine)

Published: 1830-1898.

Published by Godey's Lady's Book and Magazine, Philadelphia.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING (Ladies' magazine)

Began: 1855; monthly.

Indexed in Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature.

Hearst Magazines
959 Eighth Avenue
New York, New York 10019

JOURNAL OF AMERICAN FOLKLORE

Began: 1888; quarterly.

The American Folklore Society
1703 New Hampshire Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20009

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- HARPER'S BAZAAR (Ladies' magazine)
 Began: 1867; monthly.
 Indexed in Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature.
 Hearst Magazines
 717 Fifth Avenue
 New York, New York 10022
- LABAN ART OF MOVEMENT GUILD MAGAZINE (Dance notation)
 Began: 1948; semiannual.
 Laban Art of Movement Guild
 51a Surbiton Road
 Kingston-upon-Thames
 Surrey KT1 2HG, England
- THE LADIES HOME JOURNAL (Ladies' magazine)
 Began: 1883; monthly.
 Indexed in Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature.
 Downe Communications, Inc.
 641 Lexington Avenue
 New York, New York 10022
- LET'S DANCE, THE MAGAZINE OF INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING
 Annual index in December issue.
 Let's Dance
 1275 "A" Street, Room 111
 Hayward, California 94541
- LET'S SQUARE DANCE
 Began: 1953; monthly.
 British Association of American Square Dance Clubs
 2 Tolmers Gardens
 Cuffley
 Potters Bar
 Herts EN6 4JE, England
- MANISQUARE
 Began: 1970; nine issues per year.
 Square Dance Federation of Manitoba, Eastern Division
 1177 Corydon Avenue
 Winnipeg, Manitoba R3M 0X5, Canada
- MIXED PICKLES; THE MAGAZINE OF FOLK DANCE, FOLK LORE, AND RELATED ARTS
 Began: 1976; monthly, July through October.
 Folk Dance Association
 Box 500
 Midwood Station
 Brooklyn, New York 11230

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NEW ENGLAND SQUARE DANCE CALLER

Began: 1951; monthly.

New England Caller, Inc.
80 Central Street
Norwell, Massachusetts 02061

NEW ROUNDUP

Began: 1948; monthly.

Formerly: Roundup.

Square Dance Federation of Minnesota
330 Lilac Lane
St. Paul, Minnesota 55112

NORTHERN JUNKET

Began: 1950; bi-monthly.

Ralph Page, Editor and Publisher
117 Washington Street
Keene, New Hampshire 03431

NOTATION NEWS (Dance notation)

Began: 1974; semiannual.

Movement Shorthand Society
Box 7344
Newport Beach, California 92660

ONTARIO FOLKDANCER

Began: 1969; monthly, ten issues per year.

Ontario Folk Dance Association
43 Cynthia Road
Toronto, Ontario M6N 2P8, Canada

PETERSON'S MAGAZINE (Ladies' magazine)

Published: 1842-1898.

Published in Philadelphia and New York City.

Formerly: Lady's World of Fashion, Lady's World, Artist and Lady's
World, Ladies' National Magazine, Peterson Magazine, New Peterson
Magazine, Argosy.

SQUARE DANCING

Began: 1948; monthly.

Sets in Order American Square Dance Society
462 North Robertson
Los Angeles, California 90048

DAS TANZARCHIV (German dance and folklore)

Began: 1953; monthly.

Verlag das Tanzarchiv
Postfach 27 03 42
5000 Cologne 1
West Germany

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- VILTIS MAGAZINE (International folk dancing)
Viltis Magazine
Box 1229
Denver, Colorado 80201
- WEST COAST DANCE CALENDAR (Folk and other dance forms)
Began: 1974; monthly.
Formerly: West Coast Dance.
San Francisco Bay Area Dance Coalition
Fort Mason Building 312
San Francisco, California 94123

DIRECTORIES OF FESTIVALS AND DANCE EVENTS

AKIN, RONALD AND BRUCE FINGERHUT (eds.)

1980

The book of festivals in the Midwest, 1980 and 1981.
South Bend, Indiana, Icarus Press.Includes Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and
Illinois. Festivals of all sorts listed.

FOLK DIRECTORY

1977

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Society.

HOVORKA, SUE AND JOHN STEELE (eds.)

1981

People's Folk Dance Directory. Austin, The Texas
International Folk Dancers.Lists places where folk dancing of all types regu-
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related businesses.

LA BARBERA, RAYMOND (ed.)

1980

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A collection of cotillions, Scotch reels, &c. introduced at the dancing school of M.B. Brouillett, Logansport, Indiana, 1834. Logansport, S. Lasselle, Printers.

CASTLE, MR. AND MRS. VERNON

1914

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CLEVELAND, C.H.

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1731

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Anonymous.

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1923

Complete guide to dancing; a complete guide to all modern dancing steps, also to the dances of the past generation. Chicago, Regan Publishing Corp.

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DODWORTH, ALLEN

1885

Dancing and its relation to education and social life; with a new method of instruction, including a complete guide to the cotillion (German) with 250 figures. New York, Harper & Brothers.

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- FRENCH, J.A. (ed.)
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TABOUROT, JEHAN

1925 Orchesography, a treatise in the form of a dialogue whereby all manner of persons may easily acquire and practice the honourable exercising of dancing. London, C.W. Beaumont. (First published in 1588.)
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1950 Classical dances and costumes of India. London, A. and C. Black.
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1948 Dances of Portugal. New York, Chanticleer Press.
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1940 Dance and be merry, volume one. Chicago, Clayton F. Summy Co.
Thirty-one dances mostly from Eastern and Central Europe, including music.
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Sixteen European dances. Includes music.
1955 Merrily dance. Delaware, Ohio, Cooperative Recreation Service.
Dances of Lithuania.
- BERK, FRED (ed.)
1975 The Chasidic dance. New York, American Zionist Youth Foundation.
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- BOSSING, ED AND ELSIE BOSSING
1955 Handbook of favorite dances. Chicago, H.T. Fitzsimons Co.
Emphasis on American couple dances. Folk and round dances included.
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1963 The American play-party song. New York, F. Ungar.
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1918 American country dances. New York, G. Schirmer.
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- CLARK, SYBIL
1964 Swing partners. Sevenoaks, Kent, England, Novello & Co. Limited.
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