FINDLATER CASTLE

32 bar Reel for 3 couples in a 4 couple set

Dedicated to the Banffshire Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society in honour of their 75th Anniversary.

Bars

- 1-8 1st couple cross down one place giving right hands; 2nd couple step up on bars 1-2. 1st couple, facing out on the sidelines, join hands with their corners. All balance in line. 1st couple turn their first corner with right hand, turn partner with left hand ³/₄ round to finish facing out on own sides in second place.
- 9-16 Reels of three on own sides. 1st lady giving left shoulder to 2nd lady, 1st man giving left shoulder to 3rd man. At the end of the reel (Bar 16) 1st lady finishes facing up and 1st man finishes facing down to give left hands in passing ready for:
- 17-20 1st lady with 2nd couple and 1st man with 3rd couple right hands across once round, opening out to finish 2nd 1st and 3rd couples all on own sides facing clockwise.
- 21-24 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples chase clockwise ½ way round the set.
- 25-32 Set and Link for three as follows:

All three couples, joining hands, set. First corners (at the left end of lines) dance to right end and curve round into place; 3rd lady finishes in third place on the men's side facing up while 2nd man finishes in top place on the ladies side facing down.

1st couple (in the middle of lines) pull right shoulders back and cast clockwise to finish with 1st lady in the middle of the dance in top place facing down and 1st man in the middle of the dance in third place facing up.

Second corners (at right end of lines) pull right shoulders back and cast clockwise, following 1st couple, to left end of old line; 2nd lady finishes in top place on the men's side facing down while 3rd man finishes in third place on the ladies side facing up.

Set and Link to finish on own sides in the order 2, 1, 3.

Repeat from second place.



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Findlater Castle is now a ruin. It was built in the 16th century and was once home of the Ogilvies who were Earls of Findlater. It is situated two miles east of Cullen (Banffshire).