

THE BORDER MORRIS by E C Cawte November 1958

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Cawte visited Shropshire and Herefordshire in 1957. He saw 6 dancers and 13 others who were witnesses and others who knew of its existence.

1 NORTHERN AREA- based on Coalbrookdale in mid-Shropshire.

met George Walters who joined Much Wenlock about 1917 (29.v.57) dance came from Homer about 1888

also Nick Rowlands who joined in 1897 (29 & 30.v.57)

Team stopped about 1935 then one performance in 1949 when called Westwood Dance - cross over & stick tapping only

Tune - "Not for Joe"

Broseley, A Lloyd (20.v.57) - much as Wenlock.

Team stopped 1914 - children a few years ago.

Madeley Wood - remembered about 1900.

Dawley - Karpeles found a team

2 WESTERN AREA - in south Shropshire and North Herefordshire

Leominster - Tom Poston joined 1906 (29.v.57) danced till 1920's. A Hodges (29.v.57)

Brimfield - W Griffiths (28.v.57) - dancers in a longways set - leader called out figures - especially remembered a "rounds" figure. Stopped about 1914.

Fred Hamer once found evidence of a dance at Richards Castle.

3 EASTERN AREA - White Ladies Aston to Bromsberrow

E Bishop - P Kennedy recording BBC REL 18695

Upton Snodsbury - Karpeles found dance by 3 men consisting of alternate heys & sticks