

This record of the Country dances performed at Castle Menzies in 1749 is copied from a manuscript of four pages, which was found amongst papers at Cardross at the sale of that place in 1922. The m^{ss}. consists of directions only without the music. The Country dances are of interest from several points of view, any records of local Perthshire dances at that date being very rare. Also a most interesting point is in the Jacobite titles of the airs, at a time when all public allusion to Prince Charles was prohibited. The owner of Castle Menzies was then Sir Robert, 3^d baronet of that Ilk (1706-1786). He married Lady Mary Stewart only daughter of James 3^d Earl of Bute. She was born in 1713 & died 1773.
