

Ellwood Family.

List of names/ information from CM's notes.

Jimmy Ellwood.

Identified as a teacher in Stanley by John Surtees. Said, in an undated letter (c1935) that he won his first championship in the Fosters Concert Room, Stanley Hotel, Stanley in 1888. He won a purse of twelve silver 3d pieces. Ivy Sands said he was in the 1935 competition. Entered the 1935 competition, danced 1st house, Tuesday 25th June 1935, against his son Tom and Mr S. Smith from Stanley. Claimed to have beaten T. Bland, E. Taylor, Geo Fenton, T. Gallon and Bob Golightly (probably in this competition).

Johnson Ellwood.

John Surtees told CM and Julie Jarman on 14/9/80 that he had been to school with Johnson Ellwood. He has learned one hornpipe step from him. Sam Bell said that JE attempted to make a go of a double act with Stevey Craggs when they were about 16 but it didn't work. Asked Ivy Sands to judge at a competition in the 1960s. She judged beats. Ivy Sands said (11/10/80) that Johnson Ellwood had stolen part of one of her steps. Entered the 1935 competition, danced at the matinee, Wednesday 26th June 1935, against his J. McSparron and H. Charlton, however according to Angus Cattenach he did not actually dance. Said to have won a junior championship in 1912. Obituary ED&S Vol 39 p111.

R. Ellwood.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935. He was Jimmy's son.

Tom Ellwood.

Said by Sam Bell to have danced in the 1935 Stanley competition. Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935 – Tom was Jimmy's son. Entered the 1935 competition, danced 1st house, Tuesday 25th June 1935, against his father Jimmy and Mr S. Smith from Stanley.

Mary Jamieson.

Daughter of Johnson. Danced in a competition in the 1960s judged by Ivy Sands and Alan Brown (of Monkseaton MM), and three others. Mary did not win. Won the 4 Northen Counties Championships in 1953, 1954 and 1955.

Raymond Lowson.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935. Jimmy Ellwood's grandson.

Joe Abbott.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935. Jimmy Boyd (who learned from Joe Abbott) said on 24/4/82 that Abbott had probably learned from Jimmy Ellwood. Joe was a bus conductor who had eight children, some of whom, including his two daughters, learned to dance.

Fred Anderson.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935.

Bella Barker.

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Kitty Barnes.

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Sammy Bell.

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Peter Brown.

Taught by Johnson Ellwood. Won novices competition in 1976. Material collected by CM and others in late 1970s. Still dancing regularly.

Jack Burrell.

Identified as a teacher in Stanley by John Surtees. Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935. Lily Farrell told me 10/1/81 and 4/4/81 that Dickie Farrell had taught him. Emigrated to the USA. Consolation prize in the 1908 contest.

Lizzie Burrell (or Birrell).

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Cissy Carlyle.

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Angus Cattenach.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935. Runner up in the 1935 competition. Danced in that competition against John Surtees, and R. Golightly, 1st house, Wednesday 26th June 1935. Interviewed 19/2/81. Originally learned from Johnson Ellwood, at that time a fireman in Whitley Bay, who eventually passed him onto Jimmy Ellwood, who he eventually beat in the 1935 competition.

George Collins.

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Cissy Cook.

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Irene Cowie.

Pupil of Johnson Ellwood. Interviewed 25/2/81. Born c 1946. Ist competed in the Four Northern Counties Championships aged 8 in 1954 (in Durham). In 1962 began to dance semi-professionally with Hylton Pomeroy under the name "Ellwood and Daley". Made up steps herself. Founder member of the Northumbrian Traditional Group.

Stevey Craggs.

Said by Sam Bell to have attempted to make a go of a double act with Johnson Ellwood when they were about 16 but it didn't work. Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935.

..... Dixon.

Sisters. Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935.

Noreen Drummond.

Pupil of Johnson Ellwood. (per Mary J, 2/12/81).

Johnny Doyle.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935. Said in the Ellwood MS to have taught Warren Doyle.

Jean Dufton.

Ellwood pupil. Won novice competition in 1954 and team clog in same year and in 1955.

George Fenton.

Mary Jamieson said, 2/12/81 that he had been taught by Jimmy Ellwood. Judged the 4 Northern Counties Championships at some stage.

Rose Fletcher.

Pupil of Johnson and Mary Ellwood? Won the novices competition in 1978.

Jacky Graham and brother.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935. "Of music hall fame" – Ellwood MS.

Mabel Green.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935.

Brian Hayden.

Pupil of Johnson Ellwood. University student. Taught Geoff Hughes. Now living in Somerset? Alive in 2005.

Charley Haynes. (or Haines)

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935. 3rd place in the 1935 competition. "Of the New Britons" – Elwood MS.

Bella Harrison.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935.

Doris Hawkes.

Pupil of Johnson Ellwood. Learned ragtime steps from her father and perhaps waltz. Winner of championship in 1977, 1978 and 1979 and the pedestal in 1979.

Tiny Peggy Hepple.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935.

Harry Hughes.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935. "Of concert fame" – Ellwood MS.

Jacky Irvin.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935.

Jean Johnson.

Pupil of Johnson Ellwood. (per Mary J, 2/12/81). Won team clog competition 1954 and 1955, pedestal competition in 1955 and 1956, main competition in 1956 and 1957

J. Laidler.

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Bella Liddle.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935.

Ned Long.

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Ralph Lumsden.

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Joss Mellor.

May have learned from Johnson Ellwood in the 1950s. University student.

Jimmy Mills.

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Cissy Morie.

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Carrie Mulvaney.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935.

Bob Oakley.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935.

Bobby Oliver.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935. Mike Cherry has a framed photograph of him which he will supply. CM has a reasonable copy of what may be the same photo.

J. Oliver.

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A. Pearson.

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Hylton Pomeroy.

Pupil of Johnson Ellwood. Nephew of Joe Daley (champion 1935 and 1936). In 1962 began to dance semi-professionally with Irene Cowie under the name "Ellwood and Daley". Made up steps himself.

Arthur Quinn.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935.

Jokker Richardson.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935. Entered the 1935 competition (as Jack Richardson) – danced 1st house 24th June 1935 against J.B. Bell and J. Graham.

Harry Robinson.

Identified as a teacher in Stanley by John Surtees. Jimmy Ellwood claimed, in an undated letter (1935), to have taught him. Ivy Sands entered a competition he ran in Stanley during WW2. Two of his pupils may have been M. Smith and T. Keirs. Consolation prize in the 1908 contest. Lily Farrell told me 4/4/81 that Dickie Farrell had taught him

Jack Tucker Scott.

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Joe Sedgewick.

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Bobby Surtees.

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John Surtees.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935. Went to school with Johnson Ellwood. Said he had learned one hornpipe step from him. Learned most of his material from Jack Burrell. Brother of Bobby Surtees.

Joe Steele.

Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935.

Jimmy Teasdale.

Information from a woman in a club in Newbiggin (11/10/80) that he was a clog dancer from Stanley. On TV about 1965. Said he was a champion.

..... Temple.

Two sisters. Jimmy Ellwood claimed to have taught him in a list compiled in 1935.

Brenda Walker.

Pupil of Mary Ellwood. Won the novices competition in 1979 and the Four Northern Counties Championship in 1980 and 1981. Still teaching.

Jim Walvin.

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Cissy Wilkinson.

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Gladys Wilson.

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Competitions.

1908. Held Queen's Theatre, Gateshead, late June 1908. Won by Warren Doyle. Full report Newcastle W. Chronicle. 4/7/08 p10 col3.

1912. Junior championship won by Johnson Ellwood.

1918-1939. Dickie Farrell judged a competition at the Grand in Byker.

1934. Contest organised in Stanley by Harry Robinson – Stanley News 1/2/35, p8 col4.

1935. The championship belt showed that the competition was on 29th June 1935, won by Joe Daley of Blaydon. Advance warning, Stanley Advertiser 24/5/35, p2 col 4 (incl list of dancers), 28/6/35, p8 col6/7, 21/6/35 p3 col 3 (incl list of dancers). Full report in the Stanley Advertiser, 5/7/35 p3 col7. Held at the New Victoria Theatre, Stanley.

1935. Junior championship also to be held at the New Victoria Theatre, Stanley, early September 1935. Stanley News 2/8/35 p8 col7. Postponed – Stanley News 27/9/35, p5 col2.

1936. The championship belt showed that the competition was on 11th September 1936, won by Joe Daley. Held at the Palace Theatre, Durham. Reported in the Durham Chronicle 18/9/1936, p8 col 3.

1937. The championship belt showed that the competition was on 3rd December 1937, won by Warren Doyle of Low Fell.

1938. The championship belt showed that the competition was in December 1938, won by Warren Doyle.

1935-39. I was shown a press cutting by Ivy Sands about a competition from this period. Competition in Gateshead. Won by Warren Doyle, who won his first championship in 1938. The competition was the "Northumberland and Durham Championship". Priscilla Spencer (of Newbiggin) was 5th and Ivy said she would have been about 18 at the time.

Late 1930s. Tiny Allison entered a competition at the Essoldo Theatre (where?)

1940s. Jimmy Boyd (24/4/82) entered a competition in the Victoria Cinema, Stanley. Two judges – Jimmy Ellwood and Dickie Farrell. Eight steps and a double shuffle. 7-8 entrants.

1953. First Four Northern Counties Championships. Gateshead. Main competition and pedestal competition won by Mary Ellwood.

1954. 6th November. Four Northern Counties Championships in Durham (St Margarets). Judges W. Miller, J. Riley, J. Hardy (Gateshead), B. Lindsay (Witton Gilbert). Main competition and pedestal competitions won by Mary Jamieson. Novice – Jean Dufton. Team clog – Jean Dufton, Jean Johnson, Mary Ellwood. Waltz in taps – Jean Dufton, Jean Johnson, Mary Ellwood.

1955. Four Northern Counties Championships in Boldon Colliery Miners Hall. Judges – Billy Liscombe, Ethel Gout, Ben Lindsley, Jim Ford, May Nixon. Main competition won by Mary Ellwood. Pedestal – Jean Johnson, team and waltz as previous year..

1956. 3rd and 10th November. Four Northern Counties Championships in Trinity, Newcastle. Judges – Ben Lindsley, Billy Lipscombe, Clara Watson, Mrs E. Cleminson. Main competition and pedestal won by Jean Johnson.

1957. 9th November. St John's, Grainger St, Newcastle. Judges – Ben Lindsley, J. Latchem, Mrs McElduff. Won by Jean Johnson.

? Late 1950s.

Ivy Sands said (18/10/80) that she danced in a competition organised by Johnson Ellwood in Boldon Colliery. Many classes for kids and it was four hours before she danced. The only competitors were herself, Mary Ellwood and a very old man. Mary won by ½ point and she was second. She gave the impression that the whole thing was a vehicle for Mary to win.

1960s. Information from Ivy sands (18/10/80) – judged competition for Johnson Ellwood (beats) with four others including Alan Brown. Entrants all pupils of Johnson or his daughter Mary, plus some students. Held in a hall in the Westgate Road, Newcastle.

1976. Four Northern Counties Novices. Won by Peter Brown.

1977. Novices won by Trevor Dines, championship by Doris Hawkes.

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1979. Novices won by Brenda Walker, pedestal and championship by Doris Hawkes.

1980. Novices won by Val Allsop, pedestal and championship by Brenda Walker.

1981. Novices won by Carole Wilson, pedestal and championship by Brenda Walker.