Bourrée Croisée du Val de Loire

(France)

From the Sancerre area, this bourrée croissée has many interesting features: alternating "avant-deux" and typical Upper-Berry style for men.

Pronunciation: boo-RAY krwah-ZAY doo VAHL duh LWAHR

Cassette: Hébert - Stockton '93 Side B2 3/8 or 3/4 meter

Formation: Quadrette: a couple facing a couple, W to R of ptr.

<u>Meas</u> <u>Pattern</u>

8 meas <u>INTRODUCTION</u>.

- I. AVANT-DEUX ALTERNES. (Fwd and back; switching ptrs)
- A 1-4 Facing ptr (W on their R), M move fwd and back with Avant-deux from Upper-Berry steps.

W back up and go fwd with regular Avant-deux droit steps.

On the last ct, ptr execute a 1/4 turn to face the opposite ptr (M turn L; W turn R).

- 5-8 Repeat meas 1-4 facing the opp ptr. At the end, M turn R and W turn L to face orig ptr.
- 9-16 Repeat meas 1-8, alternating ptrs. End facing ctr of quadrette.
 - II. CROISEMENT. (Crossing over)
- B 1-4 M cross over using steps of Croisement from Upper-Berry. W do the same starting 2 meas later, using the first 2 meas to adjust their pos before crossing using 2 Branciller steps.
 - 5-12 <u>M</u>: Repeat meas 1-4 of the Croisement from Upper-Berry twice.
 - W: Dance meas 3-4, 1-2 of Croisement from Upper-Berry. Repeat.
 - 13 <u>M</u>: Pivot full turn in place, turning CCW on L.
 - <u>W</u>: Continue with the Croisement from Upper-Berry pattern (meas 3).
 - 14 <u>M</u>: Stamp on R (ct 1); hold (cts 2-3).
 - <u>W</u>: Continue with the Croisement from Upper-Berry pattern (meas 4).
 - M move away from each other while W are crossing for the last time (meas 1-2 of Croisement from Upper-Berry).

Note: M will cross over 3 times and a spin.

W will cross over 4 times, no spin. Since they have started 2 meas late, the last 2 meas of their croisement become the first meas of the Avant-deux.

Repeat from the beginning.

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