

Twelve Country Dances

11. Dutchess of Devonshires Reel

Ignatius Sancho
(c. 1729-1780)

Hpsd.

Musical score for Harpsichord (Hpsd.) in common time (C) and one sharp (F#). The piece is a 16-measure reel. The melody in the treble staff features a repeating eighth-note pattern in the first three measures, followed by a melodic line that ends with a repeat sign. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment of quarter notes and eighth notes, also ending with a repeat sign.

Ignatius Sancho (c.1729-1780) was born on a slave ship and was the earliest documented composer of African origin to publish music in the West. His works include songs, minuets, country dances, and a theory of music. Sancho also appeared briefly on the London stage and opened a grocery and oil supply business.