

THREAVE REEL

8 x 32 bar Reel
3 couple

Tune:- Helen's Reel (Pat Clark)

Bars	Description
1- 4	1st couple turn right hand once round and cast off one place. 2nd couple step up on bars 3-4.
5- 8	1st couple turn left hand once round and cast off one place. 3rd couple step up on bars 7-8.
9-16	2nd, 3rd and 1st couples dance a grand chain, to begin, 1st couple cross over at the bottom, 2nd couple face down and 3rd couple face up.
17-18	3rd and 1st couples set.
19-22	1st couple, with nearer hands joined, dance up to the top and cast off into 2nd place. 3rd couple step down on bars 21-22.
23-24	2nd and 1st couples set.
25-32	2nd and 1st couples dance Rights and Lefts.

Repeat having passed a couple.

Devised by Helen Brown.

Threave Castle stands on the River Dee near Castle Douglas in Galloway, and was the haunt of Archibald the Grim, 3rd Earl of Douglas.

Visitors to the castle have to pass through a series of kissing gates before arriving at the moat which they have to cross by getting into a boat and being rowed across. All that remains of the castle is the square keep. (The dance commemorates a memorable family visit)