

The Whatel - A Retreat

(The Wattle? - Drops of Brandy)

Buttrey Manuscript # 12
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Even 200 years after Mr. Buttrey wrote this tune out, many people would still recognize it as "The Drops of Brandy".

His title name for it, which looks like "The Whatel" doesn't seem to actually be a word - at this point, anyway. He may have meant "wattle," which can mean either a fence or wall made of bent saplings, (i.e. "wattle and daub") or the dangly bit or flesh that hangs off a roosters' or turkey's chin. (your call)

The Drops of Brandy is still known and played in Scottish, English and Irish traditions and is mentioned in other early Canadian sources.