Charlie Mulvihill's Reel

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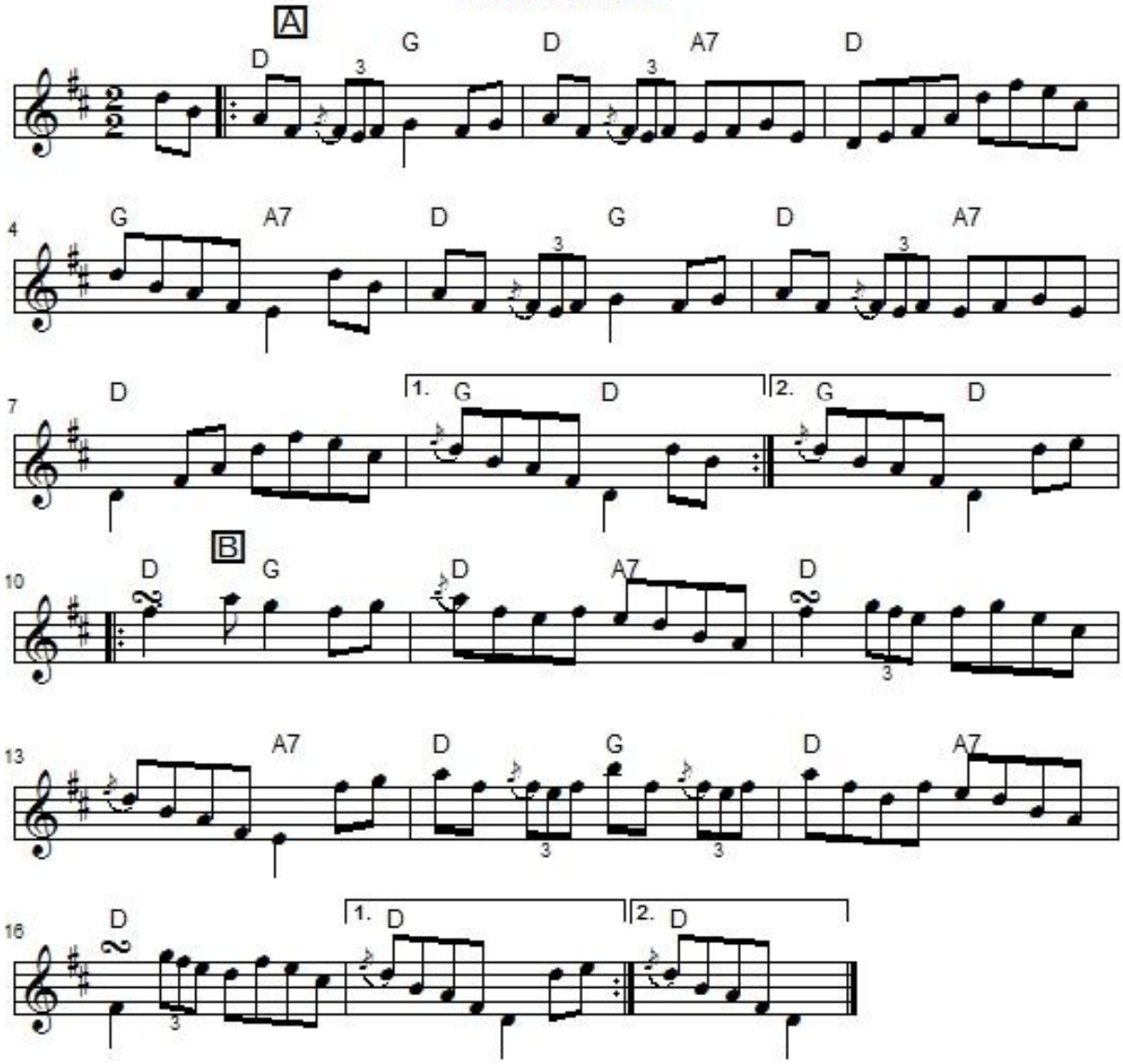

"Charlie Mulvihill", also known as "The Monasteraden", "Muckross Abbey", "Murphy's Reel", "O'Brien's Reel" or "Paddy Murphy's Wife" is an Irish reel in D Major. The parts are played AABB.

It was composed by New York accordion and concertina player Charlie Mulvihill (1917-1975), and is a frequently heard session tune.

According to his son Tommy, Charlie Mulvihill did not read or write music, and his compositions were played into a tape recorder, from which Tommy would play them back and notate. Charlie learned some of his tunes in the reverse way: Tommy would record on tape versions that Charlie had found in books he bought and Charlie would play them back, thus being able to tell other musicians he learned them in the 'traditional' way, by ear.

It was printed in Breathnach's **CRÉ II** (1976), Bulmer & Sharpley's **Music from Ireland, vol. 1** (1974), Cranford's **Jerry Holland: The Second Collection** (2000), Miller & Perron's **Irish Traditional Fiddle Music** (1977)(appears as "Mulvihill's Reel"), Miller & Perron's **Irish Traditional Fiddle Music, 2nd Edition** (2006), Moylan's **Johnny O'Leary** (1994), Mulvihill's **1st Collection** (1986).

It was recorded by Charlie Mulvihill on **Sweet and Traditional**, Charlie Mulvihill on **Atlantic Wave** (a CD reissue of **Sweet and Tradtional**), Padraig O'Keeffe, Denis Murphy & Julia Clifford on **Kerry Fiddles** (as "Muckross Abbey"), Paddy Moloney and Sean Potts on **Tin Whistles** (appears as "Murphy's) and Mick Maloney on **Strings Attached**.