

## Butler County

The musical score for "Butler County" is written in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a boxed letter 'A' above a G chord. The second staff ends with a boxed letter 'B' above a G chord. The third and fourth staves contain various chords, including D7 and G. The fourth staff includes first and second endings, each marked with '1.' and '2.' above D7 and G chords.

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"Butler County", also known as "Perry's Victory" is an American jig or march in G and 6/8 time. It was known in Southwestern Pa. The parts are played AABB.

Primarily by virtue of the alternate title "Perry's Victory", Bayard dates it to the late 18th century. Commodore Perry being the commander who was victorious against the British in the Battle of Lake Erie (1813).

Why a tune known as "Perry's Victory", played by a Greene County fifer, should be known as "Butler County" is unknown to me.

Bayard suggests the tune bears a resemblance to the Irish "O Southern Breeze" and is generally similar to "The Men of Garvagh" and "The Black Dance".

It was adapted from a manuscript by fifer Thomas Hoge in Greene County, Pa. in 1944.

It was printed in Bayard's **Dance to the Fiddle** (1981).