

Catlettsburg

The musical score for "Catlettsburg" is written in C Major and consists of two sections, A and B. Section A begins with a C chord and a first ending. Section B starts with a second ending, followed by a C chord and a G7 chord. The score includes various musical notations such as treble clef, common time signature, and repeat signs.

"Catlettsburg" is an old-time breakdown from eastern Ky. in C Major.

There are Catlettsburgs in Ohio and Kentucky, although the title probably honors the Boyd County, Kentucky, town at the confluence of the Ohio and Big Sandy rivers. It was named for an early pioneering family, Alexander and Horatio Catlett, who settled the area at the end of the 18th century. The town was also early known as Mouth of Sandy and Big Sandy Landing.

Kentucky fiddler Ed Haley seems to have composed this tune.

The version here is basically a transcript of J. P. Fraley's version on his **Maysville** CD, which is a bit simpler than other recorded versions by John Hartford and by Ed Haley himself.

It was printed in Phillips' **Traditional American Fiddle Tunes, vol. 1**, (1994) and Lamancusa's **The Gettysburg Collection of Old-Time Fiddle Tunes** (2021).

It was recorded by Tom and Brad Leftwich and Alice Gerrard on **Holly Ding**, J.P. & Annadeene Fraley on **Maysville**, Ed Haley on **Grey Eagle** and Adam Hurt on **Insight**.

I learned it from Adam Hurt's recording.