

Petronella

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(Trad. Scotland - FF Version)

(AKA: Patronella)

Playing Notes: none.

From the Fiddler's Companion;

Jack Campin finds the title derives from petronel, a type of pistol employed in the 16th and 17th centuries. The petronel was known as a horse-man's weapon from which both the pistol and carbine developed. The name itself is a variant of the French word petrinel I or poitrinal, given because the weapon was fired with the butt resting against the chest (poitrine, from the Latin pectus), or because it was carried slung from belt across the chest. There is also a St. Petronella, the daughter of St. Peter, martyred in Rome in the first century.

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