This tune comes to us from the legendary Kentucky fiddler Ed Haley (1884 - 1951), who was born in Logan County, West Virginia, but lived most of his life in eastern Kentucky. For a time, he and his wife raised their family in the town of Catlettsburg, Kentucky, a small community located where the Big Sandy River enters the Ohio, forming the border with West Virginia.

Catlettsburg is a three part tune, but Haley only plays the C part on his second time through, ending on the B part on his third pass. His performance is irregularly structured in other ways too, so that the overall order looks like this:

A A A A B B A A A B C C A B B

I have smoothed out the order in the tab, in the process cutting in half the number of times each part is repeated, which is how you generally hear it played today, so that it looks like this:

A A B A A B C A A B