

Do the Hokey-Pokey



“You put your right foot in, you put your right foot out. You put your right foot in, and you shake it all about.” So begins the sometimes tortuous instructions for the Hokey-Pokey, a popular dance of the mid-20th century. Although scores of composers and lyricists have claimed ownership of the song and accompanying dance, a documentary photograph date-stamped 1942 clearly shows Rumba King Rupert Dinklaker performing the intricate first steps with aplomb.