

Title:

Eynsham, Oxfordshire

Shelfmark:

C908/62

Description:

Mrs. Newman briefly describes the apparatus used for cooking over the fire, then talks about chimney sweeps and mentions the village blacksmith. She also describes some of the jobs she did on the farm when the men were away at war. The original recording appears to have been paused on three occasions. Wolvercote is just to the east of Eynsham on the outskirts of Oxford.

Lexis:

topping = extremely good, exceptional; *tatie* = potato; *greens* = vegetables; *court* = to go out with, date; *cause* = because; *mare* = female horse; *foal* = young horse

Phonology:

occasional rhoticity

MOUTH [EU]; PRICE [VI]; START [Aː ~ aː]; BATH [aː ~ Aː]; STRUT [V]; LOT [A]; LETTER [@ː]

note also *across* [əkr/O:s], *here* [I@ː] and *there* [DE@ː], *room* [r/}:m], *once* [w@ns], *with* [wI], *calves* [ka:vz], (be)*cause* [k@s], *war* [wOː], *mares* [mE@ːz], *us* [Vs], *girls* [g@ːL/z]

Grammar:

third person plural *was* (*your greens was nice and greasy; your potatoes was nicely cooked*); second person singular *be* (*you be doing well*)

verbal inflection with plural noun (*then in goes your greens*)

preterite *done* (*that's where I done my courting; I should think we done it for about twelve months*)

multiple negation (*I don't want no more to be doing with you*)

preterite *come* (*he come in to see me milking these cows*)

relative pronoun → *as* (*the farmer was a man as liked his drop of drink*)

<a + -ing> (*to see to these mares a-foaling; to see to these cows a-calving*)

note the constructions *I shall finish* = *I will finish*