

ARCHIVAL SOUND RECORDINGS

Title:

Appledore, Kent

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Description:

Fred talks about his work as a travelling thresher. The original recording appears to have been paused on one occasion. Newchurch (to the east of Appledore), Brookland, Brenzett (both just to the southeast), Wittersham, Stone (both just to the southwest), Ashenden and Small Hythe (both just to the northwest) are all nearby villages. Tenterden (to the northwest) and Ashford (to the northeast) are nearby towns and Stowmarket (to the north) is a town in Suffolk.

Lexis:

cause = because; *motor* = car

Phonology:

H-dropping; occasional rhoticity; <-Vt#> + V → [d]

MOUTH [EU]; PRICE [@I ~ VI]; GOAT [oU]; START [A`:]; NURSE [@`:]; TRAP [{}]; BATH [a:]; LETTER [@`]

note also *halfpast* [a:f pa:st], *it was* [tw@z] and *it is* [tIz], *here* [I@`], *perhaps* [pr/{ps], *wasn't* [wQd=nt], *corn* [kO`:n] and *pretty* [p@`di]

Grammar:

zero plural marker on noun (*about nine mile from here; more than four mile hour*)

determiner, those → *them* (*all right for them chaps what lived there close*)

relative pronoun → *what* (*all right for them chaps what lived there close; a man what I used to deal off*)

of + general time phrase (*of a morning I used to go up through Tenterden*)

zero to + infinitive (*you weren't supposed _ go more than four mile hour*)

zero indefinite article (*you weren't supposed go more than four mile _ hour*)

zero of (*I'd got a stack _ hay to thresh*)

preterite *come* (*this traveller, he come in; he come in there and had a look at us*)

preterite *knowed* (*he knowed me, very well, you know*)

preterite *done* (*that's what I done*)