

Title:

Great Bradley, Suffolk (cf. SED Kedington)

Shelfmark:

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Description:

Cyril describes the tied cottage he grew up in and talks about his work on the farm. Wickhambrook is a village just to the northeast of Great Bradley.

Lexis:

haps = perhaps; *trace horse* = front of two plough horses pulling in tandem; *karzy* = water closet (slang); *copper* = large copper vessel for cooking and boil-washing laundry; *shorthorn* = breed of cattle having short horns, originally bred in north-eastern counties of England; *poll cattle* = hornless cattle; *beestings* = first milk of newly-calved cow; *cause* = because; *theirselves* = themselves

Phonology:

T-glottaling; glottal reinforcement of /k/ (*stock* [stQ?k], *Wickhambrook* [wI?k=mbr/Uk], *lucky* [IV?ki], *quicker* [kwI?k@], *working* [w@:?k=n], *back* [ba?k] *into your bath*, *chickens* [tSI?k=nz], *make* [maI?k] *a bit more money*, *acres* [aI?k@z] and *milking* [mIL/?k=n]); also of /p/ (*properly* [pr/Q?pli], *with a top* [tQ?p] *over it*, *copper* [kQ?p@], *top* [tQ?p] *it up*, *keep* [k@i:?p] *all summer*, *horse-keeper* [hO:sk@i:?p@], *shepherd* [SE?p@d] and *couple* [kV?p=L]) and of /t/ (*cottage* [kQ?IdZ ~ kQ?IdZ], *that* [Da?t] *age*, *have to* [a?t@], *water* [wO:?t@], *later* [laI?t@], *cattle* [ka?t=L/] and *into* [In?t@])

PRICE [VI]; MOUTH [EU]; FACE [aI]; FLEECE [i:]; STRUT [V ~ a]; BATH [A:]

note also *farming* [fA:m@n], *cottages* [kQ?IdZ@z], (*we moved*) *out of a* [EU?@r/@] (*tied cottage*), *something* [sVT@n], *got to* [gQ?@], *go* [gUu], *little* [II?=L/], *yes* [jE@s], *us* [Vz], *kettle* [kE?=L/], *rabbits* [r/{b@ts], *fattening* [fa?nIn], *matter* [ma?@], *our* [a:@], (be) *cause* [kVs], *mornings* [mO:n@nz] and *halfpast* [hA: pA:st]

Grammar:

preterite *done* (*the same as we done when we was got here*)

first person plural *was* (*when we was got here*); third person plural *was* (*they was all tied cottages; those what was lucky enough to get a council house; they was all right*)

to be + past participle (*when we was got here* = when we had got here)

relative pronoun → *what* (*those what was lucky enough to get a council house*)

neuter subject pronoun → *that* (*that consisted of two rooms; that was arable and stock; that was run by Mr Custerson; that was a tied house; when that was all horses and that, those days, this farm was 750 acres; that was all milking by hand then; that's just a matter of getting the knack; that'd all got to be cooled and in the churns ready for the milk lorry*)

there was + plural complement (there was, what – fifteen, sixteen chaps working on there then)

preterite run (they run the herd of about thirty cows)

zero auxiliary (you – got to squeeze and pull)

