

**Title:**

Tickhill, Yorkshire

**Shelfmark:**

C908/10

**Description:**

The unknown speaker describes haymaking and stacking techniques.

**Lexis:**

*grass reaper* = implement for cutting grass to make hay; *cock* = small heap of hay; *lade* = to load; *binder* = implement for cutting and binding corn; *reckon* = to think, believe, calculate; *stook* = ten sheaves of corn stacked together for drying after harvest; *sheaf* = bundle of corn; *aye* = yes; *thack* = to thatch top of stack; *while* = till; *band* = twine used to fasten thatch onto stack; *thack peg* = peg used to fasten thatch onto stack; *oursens* = ourselves; *catchy* = changeable, showery (of weather); *a deal* = a lot, very much

**Phonology:**

definite article → [ʔ > t]; H-dropping; <-Vt#> + V → [r/]

FACE [e:]; MOUTH [a:]; START [a:]; PRICE [a:<sup>1</sup> ~ AI]; NORTH [O: ~ O:@]; happy [I]

<-ever-> → [Iv@]; <-day-> → [dI]; <-ow-> → [a]; <wa-> → [wa]

note also *always* [O:l@s], *grass* [gr/Es], *horse* [Qs], *with* [wI], *in* [I], *thirty-six* [T@tIsIks], *wouldn't* [wUnt], *stack* [stak > stEk], *going* [gUIn], *have* [Ev], *only* [O:nI ~ O:nII], *one* [wQn ~ wUn] and *once* [wQns], *upward* [Up@d] and *outwards* [a:t@dZ], *generally* [dZEnII], *oursens* [@sEnz], *suchlike* [sItSlɑ:<sup>1</sup>k], *make* [mEk] and *take* [tEk], *do* [dU] and *don't* ~ *doesn't* [dUnt], *all right* [O:lr/EIt], *laid* [lEd] and *too soon* [t@ sUun]

**Grammar:**

zero definite article (*pop \_ horse in and spin it up; start at \_ bottom; used to do that \_ same*)

use of *thou* (*corn thou had to cut with the binder; thou doesn't want a deal of it*)

*at* + general time phrase (*at Monday*)

zero plural marker on noun (*four to five course*)

zero relative pronoun (*never once had one \_ got black hot*)

third person singular *were* (*it were a tremendous heavy crop; it were all right*)

adjective as adverb (*a tremendous heavy crop*)

clitic have (*they'd to stop* = they had to stop)

note use and phonetic quality of utterance final discourse marker *like* [lAIk]