

**Title:**

Hackney, Middlesex

**Shelfmark:**

C908/21

**Description:**

Mr Kent recalls various forms of horse-drawn public transport. Cambridge Heath (just to the south of Hackney) Bloomsbury (to the southwest) Dalston (just to the west) and Pentonville (just to the southwest) are all nearby areas of East London. [Read a transcript of this recording on the British Library's 'Sounds Familiar' website.](#)

**Lexis:**

*dickey-sky-high* = driver's seat on roof of carriage; *natter* = chat; *grub* = food (colloquial)

**Phonology:**

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

MOUTH [ɪː<sup>@</sup> ~ ɪː<sup>U</sup>]; FACE [aɪ]; PRICE [Aɪ]; GOAT [VU]; TRAP [ɪ]; STRUT [a]

note also *more* [mOː<sup>@</sup>], *gone* [gOːn], *before* [bɪfOː<sup>@</sup>], *hour* [a<sup>@</sup>], *little* [lɪd=L/], *window* [wɪnd<sup>@</sup>], *regular* [rɪEg<sup>@</sup>l<sup>@</sup>], *off* [Qf ~ Oːf], *talk* [tOː<sup>U</sup>k] and *walk* [wOː<sup>U</sup>k], *often* [Qft<sup>@</sup>n], *opposite* [Qp@sAɪt], and *years* [j<sup>@</sup>:z]

**Grammar:**

*there was* + plural complement (*there was horse trams; there was no stops*)

second person *was* (*if you was willing to jump on while he was running*)

preterite *run* (*he used to jump and hook it on the side and the horses run together to the top of the hill*)

preterite *give* (*he used to jump and hook it on the side and the horses run together to the top of the hill and give him a lift up*)

zero indefinite article (*there was \_ old lady wanted to get off*)