

Title:

Chawleigh, Devon

Shelfmark:

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Description:

Thomas outlines a year in sheep farming and briefly mentions beef farming. He also explains how bread would be baked in an old brick oven. Barnstaple is a town to the northwest of Chawleigh.

Lexis:

cause = because; *a-six* = six; *apt to* = liable to, likely to; *a-fifty* = fifty; *store cattle* = cows acquired or kept for fattening; *faggot* = bundle of sticks used as fuel

phonology

hypercorrect [h] (*in and out* [hin @n 9Yt] and *ewe* [hjY:]); <-Vt#> + V → [d]; rhoticity; occasionally <f-> → [v] (*for* [v@`:]) and <s-> → [z] (*some* [zVm] and *you see* [j@`zi:])

MOUTH [9Y]; PRICE [a:¹]; GOOSE [Y:]; GOAT [o:]; FACE [e:]; PALM [a:]; START [A`:]; NORTH [O`:]; NURSE [@`:]; BATH [a:]; LETTER [@`]

note also *in* [i:n], *one* [wQn], *getting* [gEdIn], *better* [bEd@`], *year* [j@`:], *isn't* [Id=n], *frost* [frQs], *by* [bI], *half past* [a:f pa:s], *not* [n@t], *doesn't* [dVd=n], *cattle* [kad=L/], *butter* [bVd@`], and *here* [j@`:]

Grammar:

for + infinitive (*for one reason and that is for get the early fat lamb*)

zero auxiliary (*they _ got to be fed better, I've done more feeding to ewes this year nor ever I _ done in my life*)

comparative particle, *than* → *nor* (*I've done more feeding to ewes this year nor ever I done in my life*)

non-standard word order with *ever* (*I've done more feeding to ewes this year nor ever I done in my life* = *than I've ever done in my life*)

<a> + past participle (*I've a-stayed up years ago nearly all night for a cow calving*)

feminine object pronoun → *she* (*I can remember she making cheese*); neuter object pronoun → *hine* (*used to heat hine up with wood*)

gender assigned to it (*when he (= oven) turns, gets white hot, he's ready to put the bread in*)

note the construction *it goes a long ways back* = it goes a long way back