

**Title:**

Thropton, Northumberland

**Shelfmark:**

C908/41

**Description:**

Jimmy recalls the use of bedlington terriers and border collies as hunting dogs and relates a series of incidents when dogs were killed in fights with badgers.

**lexis**

*ga* ~ *gan* = to go; *tiv* = to (+ V); *afore* = before; *naught* = nothing; *naebody* = nobody; *mysell* = myself; *intiv* = into (+ V); *nae* = no; *hing* = to hang

**phonology**

/r/ → [R] (“Northumbrian burr”); note also LETTER set [6 ~ 6<sup>R</sup>]

MOUTH [u:]; FACE [e:]; GOAT [ɜ:]; NURSE [O:]

<-al> + C → [a:l]

note also *young ones* [jUN@nz], *good one* [gUd@n] and *bad ones* [bad@nz], *naught* [nAUt], *after* [Eft6<sup>R</sup>], *take* [tak] and *wouldn't* [wad=nt]

**grammar**

zero to (*I've been \_ that big hole*)

verbal inflection with *I* (*I says; puts the terriers in*)

zero of (*a bit \_ go*)

multiple negation (*never saw her no more; don't shoot nae dogs*)

*purpose for to* + infinitive (*somebody had opened it up man, purpose for to get the other*)

of + pronoun → *on* (*the two on them was lying locked*)

third person plural *was* (*the two of them was lying locked; all these others was having a go*)

*there was* + plural complement (*there was three fellahs there with their dogs*)

note use and phonetic quality of utterance final discourse markers *you know* [j@ na:], *man* [man] and *mind*

[mEInd]. Note also the constructions *they'll not chase mine out* = they won't chase mine out and *Betty they called it* = it was called Betty

