

**Title:**

Ellington, Northumberland

**Shelfmark:**

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**Description:**

Bob looks back over his experiences as a farm labourer and subsequently as a stonecutter at the colliery. He describes working conditions in the mine and recalls the time he went on strike. The original recording appears to have been interrupted and paused on two occasions.

**Lexis:**

*canch* = a step-like rise in a coal-pit; *mebbe* = maybe; *fore-shift* = the first shift in a colliery's working day; *back-shift* = the second shift

**Phonology:**

/t/ → [R] (“Northumbrian burr”); note also letter set [ʃ<sup>R</sup>]

START [Q:]; MOUTH [u:]; FACE [e: > e:<sup>@</sup>]; NURSE [O:]; GOAT [8:]

<-al-> + C → [a:l]

**Grammar:**

zero plural marker on nouns (*about twelve month; eight month*)

zero for + time phrase (*we went on strike \_ eight month*)

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

