

**Title:**

Egton, Yorkshire

**Shelfmark:**

C908/46

**Description:**

Arthur recalls his grandfather mowing by hand and talks about his experiences as a livestock farmer. The original recording appears to have been paused on two occasions.

**Lexis:**

*lea* = scythe; *tomorn* = tomorrow; *aye* = yes; *naught* = nothing; *suchlike* = and other things of such character; *auht* = anything; *biv* = by (+ V); *backend* = late autumn; *tup lamb* = male lamb; *over* = too; *tiv* = to (+ V); *shearling* = sheep that has been shorn once

**Phonology:**

definite article + C → [ʔt > t]; definite article + V → [t]; H-dropping; very occasional rhoticity

START [a:]; GOAT [O:]; GOOSE [<sup>U</sup>u:]; FACE [E: ~ E@]; FLEECE [i: > I@]; PRICE [aI ~ a:]; MOUTH [<sup>@</sup>u:]; happy [I]

<-ever-> → [Iv@]; <wa-> → [wa]

note also *father* [fa:D@ > fE@D@], *old* [O:d], *lea* [laI], *once* [wQns], *to* [tI], *mowed* [mju: ~ mE@d], *by* [bI], *forks* [fO`ks], *don't* [dI@nt] and *do* [dI@], *makes* [mEks], *always* [O:l@z], *naught* [nOUt] and *auht* [aUt], *doing* [dI@n], *showing* [SaUIIn], *over* [aU@], *have* [Ev], *taken* [tE@n] and *take* [tak > tEk], *get* [gIt], *young one* [jUN@n], *bought* [bO@t > b@Ut], *give* [gI], *neighbour* [naIb@`], *daren't* [da:nt], *right* [r/<sup>@</sup>i:t], *not* [n@t], *work* [w@r/k] and *because* [bIkQs]

**Grammar:**

zero relative pronoun (*there was Agar \_ lived on that farm*)

third person plural *was* (*was my grandfather and him*); third person plural *is* (*as good as times is*)

inverted verb phrase as tag (*they were cousins, was my grandfather and him; he bought the whole herd of Ranks's, did this Cecil Moores*)

independent personal pronoun (*my grandfather and him*)

zero plural marker on nouns (*three acre; thirtyyear; two year ago*)

have as full verb (*we have a few pedigrees; a bull I have now; a Bampton bred bull we have now; I have a young one coming up off him; he has some good lambs by him*)

word order with *ever* (*he'll have a lot better chance than ever I had = than I ever had*)

preterite *give* (*I give 95 guineas for him; I give 45 guineas for him*); preterite *gen* (*after thou gen all that money for him*)

use of *thou* (*after thou gen all that money for him*)

multiple negation (*never take no notice on it*)

of + pronoun → *on* (*take no notice on it*)

note use and phonetic quality of utterance final discourse markers *you know* [j@ nO:] and *like* [laIk] and utterance initial discourse marker *why* [waI]. Note also the construction *where had they to start?* = where did they have to start?

