

**Title:**

Rillington, Yorkshire

**Shelfmark:**

C908/46

**Description:**

John explains the technique used to mow barley and recalls the use of a flail for threshing turnip seeds. Shardale is a hilly area of the wolds to the southeast of Rillington. Oswaldkirk is a village some distance to the west.

**Lexis:**

*Galloway* = type of small horse, pony; *tother* = the other; *lea* = scythe; *swathe* = space covered by a sweep of the mower's scythe; *hae* = to have; *frail* = flail used for threshing by hand; *mebbe* = maybe; *fay* = winnowing machine; *cause* = because; *scalings* = leftovers from threshing; *loose out* = to release, set free

**Phonology:**

definite article → [t]; H-dropping

START [a:]; PRICE [a: ~ aI]; FACE [E:]; MOUTH [u:]; GOAT [o:]

<-ever-> → [Iv@]; <thr-> → [\_tr/]; <-any-> → [QnI]; <-ow> → [ @]; <ong> → [aN]

*old* [O@d]; *to* [tI]; *with* [wIv > wI], *four* [fQU@], *over* [OU@], *Galloway* [gal@w@], *lea* [lEI], *make* [mak], *turnips* [tQn@ps], *once* [wOns], (be)*cause* [kQs], *engines* [IndZ@nz], *do* [dIU], *horse* [Qs], *in* [I], *thought* [T@Ut], *oats* [wOts], *loosed* [laUst]

**Grammar:**

determiner, those → *them* (*all them hillsides at Shardale; them old men used to mow them*)

zero definite article (*I think \_ biggest tale*)

*at* + general time phrase (*at morning*)

relative pronoun → *at* (*lad at I worked with*); relative pronoun → *as* (*when he got to the far end of the field as he was mowing across*)

preterite *gat* (*as soon as he gat to the far end of the field*)

past participle *sharped* (*where there was a man standing with another ready-sharped lea*)

preterite *telled* (*that's what they telled [tEl] me*)

have as full verb (*he hadn't anybody gathering and tying up*)

of + pronoun → *on* (*to make a nice swathe on it*)

note use and phonetic quality of utterance final discourse marker *you know* [j@ no:]

