ARCHIVAL SOUND RECORDINGS

Title:

Easingwold, Yorkshire

Shelfmark:

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Description:

John relates the tale of two villagers who found buried gold while digging on Hambleton Moor and never had to work again. Ampleforth College is a boarding school to the north of Easingwold. Tom Smith's Cross is a landmark on Wass Moor in the Hambleton Hills to the north of Ampleforth.

Lexis:

afore = before; *aught* = anything; *aboon* = above; *ya* = one; *any road* = anyway; *hisself* = himself; *get one's ticket* = to be dismissed, sacked; *and all* = also, too, as well; *pankin* = small, earthenware jar; *spade-guinea* = guinea coined between 1787 and 1799; *quid* = pound (money); *atween* = between; *brass* = money; *sae* = so

Phonology:

definite article → [t]; H-dropping; occasional rhoticity

MOUTH [[@]u:]; FACE [E:]; START [a:]; lettER [@`]

<-any-> → [QnI]; <-ever-> [Iv@]; <-ong> → [aN]

note also *Ampleforth* [amp=lfQT], *old* [A:d], *who* [wi:], *aught* [AUt], *moors* [mo@z], *came* [kam], *get* [gIt], *warfare* [wA:fE@], *road* [r/o@d], *found* [fan], *with* [wIv], *half* [E@f], *load* [le@d], *only* [QnI], *suit* [sju:t], *go* [go@], *got* [gat], *well* [wi:l], *done* [dI@n], *more* [mE@], *very near* [va nI@], *much* [mItS], *gold* [gaUld], *after* [Eft@], *work* [w@`k], *together* [t@gID@`], *years* [jI@z], *afternoon* [Eft@nI@n] and *take* [tak]

Grammar:

<a + -ing> (*when Ampleforth College was a-building*)

adjective as adverb (*if I remember right*; *polite they turned him down*; *very near as much as a gold quid is now*)

zero possessive marker (*Tom Smith Cross*)

preterite *come* (*these two, like, come back*)

preterite *fand* (*when they fand the money*)

preterite *gat* (*of course, they gat their ticket*)

determiner, those → *them* (*in them days*)

at + general time phrase (*at afternoon*)

zero definite article (*at _ afternoon*)

note use and phonetic quality of utterance final discourse marker *like* [laɪk]. Note also the construction *they called him Benson* = he was called Benson and *they called him Southern* = he was called Southern.