

Title:

Buckland, Buckinghamshire

Shelfmark:

C908/63

Description:

Mrs. Keene describes how women and children used to plait straw for the local millinery industry. The original recording appears to have been paused on two occasions. Tring (just to the southeast of Buckland), Luton and Dunstable (both to the northeast) are nearby towns. The Rose & Crown and The Green Man presumably refer to public houses.

Lexis:

rick = stack of corn; *brimstone* = sulphur; *folks* = people; *score* = twenty (or multiples thereof); *above* = more than

Phonology:

H-dropping; T-glottaling; occasional rhoticity; L-vocalisation

MOUTH [EI ~ E]); FACE [{}I]; PRICE [AI]; START [a:]; FLEECE [{}i]; GOAT [oU]; LOT [Q > A]; LETTER [{} ~ {}]

note also *better* [bE?{} ~ bEt{}], *bottom* [bQ?{}m], *half* [a:f], *plaiting* [pla?In], *after* [a:ft{}], *little* [{}?o], *soften* [sO:f@n], *Luton* [l{}:?@n], *latter* [la?{}], *go* [g{}:], *twenty* [twEn?i] and *got to* [gQ?{}]

Grammar:

otiose of → *on* (*pick up on all the best straws out* = pick up all the best straws)

third person plural *was* (*they wasn't: they was bigger than that round; they was what we used to split on these; they was the plait buyers*)

preterite *done* (*when you done this plait; I always done what they call the purl plait; I always done the purl; when you done this plait, you see, you had to clip it; everybody (...) done it years ago; it depends how many done it*)

determiner, those → *them* (*soften them straws, so's you could plait with them better*)

complementiser, so that → *so as* (*soften them straws, so's you could plait with them better*)

zero plural marker on noun (*ten score, twenty score*)

zero auxiliary (*if the buyer thought he could make any more of a score or anything like that, he _ have it, you see* = he would have it, you see)

note use and phonetic quality of utterance final discourse marker *you see* [j@ s@i]

