

**Title:**

Horsington, Somerset

**Shelfmark:**

C908/66

**Description:**

Percy talks about his relationship with his dogs, horses and cows. The original recording appears to have been paused on two occasions.

**Lexis:**

*bide* = to stay, live; *else* = otherwise, or else; *ah* = yes; *and all* = also, too, as well; *thick* = that; *wug off!* = turn right! (instruction to horse); *way!* = stop! (instruction to horse); *beast* = cattle; *tother* = the other; *leff* = to leave; *hotter* = to harass, harry; *cause* = because; *harve* = to harrow

**Phonology:**

occasional H-dropping; rhoticity; <-Vt#> + V → [d]; occasionally <s-> → [z] (*you see* [ju zi:], *say* [zEI], and *said* [zEd]) and voiceless <th-> → [d] (*through* [dr/u:])

MOUTH [əU]; FACE [aI]; PRICE [əI]; NORTH [Oː]; LOT [A]; LETTER [əː]

note also *so long* [sə lAN], *going to* [gwOnə], *over* [O:vəː], *year* [j@ː], *only* [oUni], *keep* [kIp], *hotter* [hAdəː], *horse* [ha:s ~ Oːs], *here* [j@ː], *Colonel* [k@ːn=L/], *there* [DEː], *wouldn't* [Unt], *names* [ne:mz], *with* [wI], *give* [gI], *old* [woUL/d], *grass* [gr/a:s] and *it is* [tIz]

**Grammar:**

third person singular have + negative particle → *ain't* (*he ain't a-done since we bade up here*)

<a> + past participle (*he ain't a-done since we bade up here; the ground is here just the same, see, as all the farms which I've a-knowned from my horse round here*)

zero auxiliary (*he \_ got be clipped now before he do get out in the mud; he \_ got to have a good clip off, see; a horse \_ got some sense*)

zero to + infinitive (*he got \_ be clipped now before he do get out in the mud*)

periphrastic *do* (*before he do get out in the mud* = before he gets out in the mud; *Tilley's what do get all the prizes* = Tilley's who get all the prizes; *they do think they don't know nothing* = they think they don't know anything; *you do call he a beast's name: Colonel, Captain, Punch or anything of that* = you give him a cattle's name; *they do sooner go and do that* = they sooner go and do that)

relative pronoun → *what* (*our next-door neighbour down there I expect'll do that what is a dog-breeder; Tilley's what do get all the prizes*)

preterite *come* (*that's where he come from: from all those dog shows and that*)

otiose *of* (*we've been using of hine down there for the cows and that, see = we've been using him*)

masculine object pronoun → *hine* (*we've been using of hine down there for the cows and that, see*); → *he* (*you do call he a beast's name: Colonel, Captain, Punch or anything of that*); masculine subject pronoun → *him* (*him get himself mudded all over; he wouldn't take no notice, see John, would him?; Captain wouldn't go on for Punch, see, would him?*); first person singular object pronoun → *I* (*you give I a old horse and cart, get out anywhere – same as I told John tother day when I were there*); third person plural object pronoun → *they* (*get up and harve they towards the church*)

third person plural *be* (*they be supposed to be all long hair combed right down*); first person plural *am* (*we'm going to have him clipped*)

multiple negation (*they do think they don't know nothing; he wouldn't t*

