

Title:

Higher Ansty, Dorset

Shelfmark:

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Description:

Jim talks about how people coped with severe winters and reflects on changes to the village and agricultural practice. The original recording appears to have been paused on a number of occasions.

Lexis:

tother = the other; *theirsself* = themselves; *about here* = around here; *afore* = before; *hile* = to set up sheaves in stooks (group of sheaves placed upright, supporting each other in order to permit drying and ripening of grain); *cause* = because; *staddle* = base of stack of corn; *rick* = square stack of corn; *e'er-a* = any; *thrash* = to thresh

Phonology:

H-dropping; rhoticity; <-Vt#> + V → [d]; <f-> → [v] (*few* [vju:] and *father* [va:D@`]); also <s-> → [z] (*ourselves* [@U@`zEL/vz], *theirsself* [DE`zEL/v], *see* [zi:] and *seeing* [zi:In], *somebody* [zVmbQdi] and *myself* [mIzEL/f]) and voiceless <th-> → [D] (*things* [DINz]) or → [d] (*through* [dr/u:], *throughout* [dr/u:@Ut] and *thrashing* [dr/a:SIIn])

MOUTH [@U]; PRICE [aI ~ @I]; FACE [e: ~ aI]; GOAT [o:]; PALM [a:]; START [A` ~ a`]; NURSE [@`]; NORTH [O` ~ V`]; LOT [A]; LETTER [@`]

note also *year* [j@`:], *one* [wOn], *week* [wIk], *last* [la:st], *cottages* [kAdIdZIz], *faces* [fe:zIz], *perhaps* [praps], *old* [wo:L/], *cutting* [kVdIn], *with* [wI], *it were* [tw@`:] and *this* [Di:z]

Grammar:

multiple negation (*nobody couldn't get to us for a week; every man, of course, couldn't do nothing else*)

third person plural *is* (*things is changing in hine so much*); third person plural *be* (*we don't know who they be*)

neuter object pronoun → *hine* (*things is changing in hine so much; go and cut off another and put hine down; they'd make the rick perhaps and thrash hine the same day*); masculine object pronoun → *hine* (*the men had to chuck the sheaves to hine; woe betide hine if e'er-a sheaf were out of place when the rick were made*); third person plural object pronoun → *they* (*then there were a woman come behind and she did come on and tie up every one of they, see*)

preterite *knowed* (*years ago we knowed everybody throughout the village*)

zero auxiliary (*so many cottages, like, _ been built*)

there is + plural complement (*there's people do come in*)

zero relative pronoun (*there's people _ do come in*)

periphrastic do (*there's people do come in = there are people who come in; she did come on and tie up every one of them, see = she came on and tied up every one of them; the combines do chuck out the straw and the weeds = the combines chuck out the straw and the weeds)*

zero for + general time phrase (*they stop perhaps _ about two months*)

uninflected third person singular present tense (*then somebody else come in*)

preterite come (*any job, see, that come along; then there were a woman come behind*)

otiose of (*I don't remember seeing of him cutting with hooks = I don't remember seeing him cutting with hooks*)

third person singular were (*then there were a woman come behind and she did come on and tie up every one of them, see; that were a sheaf; it were all done by hand; there were an old man there called the rick-maker; he were skilled at the job, you know; woe betide hine if e'er-a sheaf were out of place when the rick were made; (it) weren't looking there a bit tidy*)

preposition, by