

**Title:**

Skelton, Yorkshire

**Shelfmark:**

C908/46

**Description:**

Ronald looks back on his memories as a young hand on his father's farm and as a horse-breaker on a number of local farms. He mentions several injuries he has endured as a result of his work.

**Lexis:**

*bob* = shilling; *hae* = to have; *sin* = ago; *beast* = cattle; *in again* = near to; *lunge* = to put horse through its paces in circular training ground using leash; *middling* = fairly, quite; *fro* = from; *again* = next to, beside; *hint* = behind; *aye* = yes; *over* = more than; *naught* = nothing; *yet* = still, now as formerly; *yance* = once; *backend* = late autumn; *and all* = too, as well, also

**Phonology:**

definite article + C → [ʔt]; definite article + V → [t]; H-dropping; /r/ → [r/ > 4]

START [a:]; FACE [E:]; MOUTH [ʰu: ~ u:]; GOAT [o:]; FLEECE [I@]; PRICE [a:]; happy [I]

<wa-> → [wa]; <-ow> → [a]

note also *born* [bU@n], *I should think* [as TINK], *first* [fQst], *to* [tI], *do* [dI@ ~ dʰu:], *more* [mO: ~ mE@], *father* [faD@ ~ fE@D@], *four* [faU@], *work* [w@r/k], *turnip* [tQn@p], *afternoon* [Eft@nI@n], *once* [wUns], *horses* [QsIz], *always* [O:l@z], *break* [br/Ek], *broke* [br/Qk] and *broken* [br/Qk=n], *young one* [jUN@n], *get* [gIt] and *getten* [gIt=n], *onto* + V [QntIv], *ground* [gr/Und], *fro* + V [fr/Ev], *with* [wIv], *head* [I@d], *over* [Qv@ ~ aU@], *naught* [naUt], *right* [rʰi:t], *yet* [jIt], *into* + V [IntIv] and *only* [O:nI]

**Grammar:**

relative pronoun → *what (the first wage what I had; it was a big company what had them)*

zero plural marker on nouns (*three bob a week; sixty year sin; two year*)

first person singular *were* (*once I were*)

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

first person singular *is* (*I'm more of a horseman now than I is a tractor fellow; I's lame now; I's bandaged yet*)

agent preposition, by → *with (I've had my hip knocked out with a beast; I had them broken with a horse yance)*

past participle *getten* (*I'd getten again the calf*)

adjective as adverb (*two year, very near*)

multiple negation (*they could'nt do naught; they didn't do naught much*)

note use and phonetic quality of utterance initial discourse marker *why* [waI] and utterance final discourse marker *you know* [j@ nQ:]