**JOHNSON Jack**

**Introduction for the recording and the transcript.**

This recording is part of the oral history project carried out by the Suffolk Horse Society in 2013 with advice from Cambridge Community Heritage, and a generous grant from the Heritage Lotteries Fund.

In the recording you will hear the voice of Jack Johnson describing his memories of the Suffolk Punch heavy horse.

Jack is a retired farmworker from Ringshall.

The recording was made by Jeff Hallett, a member of the Suffolk Horse Society.

The date of the recording was 22nd March 2013 and it was carried out at

a Suffolk Horse Society social evening at Nedging Hall

The duration of the recording is about 3 minutes.

Jack On what we called the Parson’s meadow, they used to have a fete every year, and for three years, ’48. ’49 and ’50 I rode an old cart horse in the cart horse derby called ‘Blossom’. Now the first year there was 23 of us galloping around that meadow, you never heard such a noise in all your life. [laughs] Bare back, hanging on the mane, just a bridle. I rode that old horse three years, and I finished third every year.

Jeff Lovely.

Jack That was like thunder going around there. [laughs] I thoroughly enjoyed that...

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