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These papers are a selection from papers presented at the 4th  
 International Conference on English Historical Linguistics (Amsterdam,  
 1985). Most studies deal with some aspect of an earlier stage of  
 English, though present day varieties of English are also under  
 investigation. Many of the papers show that there is a growing interest  
 in the question why a certain change has taken place. Furthermore, the  
 volume contains a considerable number of papers on historical syntax.