

Dialect and Oral History: The East Midlands
AUDIO RECORD*
Recording:

Reference LANt036
Dialect Location Belton, Leicestershire
Date of interview 2005

Interviewee:

Gender Female
Date of birth / age 1918
Occupation Unknown

Summary/Transcript:

Extract taken from:
44m21s – 45m49s

Yes and (...) I can r/ I was (...) very friendly with an old lady (...) I think I've lived longer than her quite honestly we/ (...) we had her as a stopping place in Belton from from the farm (...) to leave our bikes there and (...) how many kids went to school she must have had at least ten bikes there at one day when they all went to school she must have been very sick of us (...) but I made a particular friend of her and she used to tell me about these things (...) and (...) everybody/ (...) all the young went to to Shepshed in the factories in the first place you see (...) and there's a lane you can't see it from here but it starts at the top end of the village and goes right right round they've made it into a cycle path now and finishes into Shepshed and all these young girls walked from from Belton all together every morning to the factories in Be/ in in Shepshed and she told me that (...) one of her first/ was it her first money/ she earned half a crown I don't think it was as much as that some weeks but they all waited for each other and all went together along Shepshed Lane

And they were working in the hosiery

in the fa/ yes in hosiery factories

What Boot and Shoe or whatever? Yeah yeah (...) yeah

Yes yes

Linguistic description:
Phonology

Feature	Example(s)	Comments
BATH/TRAP → [æ]	path - [pæθ]	Occurs once
PRICE → [aɪ]	bikes - [baɪks]	Occurs once
FOOT/STRUT → [ʊ]	one - [wʊn] other - [ʊðə] young - [jʊŋ] some - [sʊm]	Consistent
happY vowel	lady - [leɪdi]	Frequent but not

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	hosiery - [həʊzəɪ] money - [mʌni] factories – [fæʔtɪz]	consistent
Monophthongisation: /eɪ/ → [ɪ]	they've - [ðɪv]	Occurs once
H-dropping	here – [ɪə] half – [ɑ:f] her – [ə]	Frequent but not consistent
T-glottalisation	Belton - [bɛtɪʔ] can't – [kɑ:nʔ] right – [raɪʔ]	Frequent but not consistent
K-glottalisation	factories – [fæʔtɪz]	Consistent for this word
Voicing /s/ → [z]	us - [əz]	Occurs once
L-vocalisation	cycle - [saɪkʊ ^w]	Occurs once
Coalescence: /sɪ/ → [ʒ]	hosiery - [həʊzəɪ]	Occurs once
Resyllabification	lane – [leɪn]	Occurs once

Lexis	Item	Meaning	Comments
	Particular friend	'special friend'	Occurs once
	money	pay (wages)	Occurs once

Grammar	Feature	Example(s)	Comments
	Zero preposition	"Ø some weeks"	'in', occurs once

Further comments: