

Dialect and Oral History: The East Midlands

AUDIO RECORD*

Recording:

Reference LVAGKB
Dialect Location Dry Doddington, Lincolnshire
Date of interview 2006

Interviewee:

Gender Female
Date of birth / age 1914
Occupation Retired

Summary/Transcript:

Extract taken from: ???

The electric was just coming to Colsterworth (...) the electricity came to Colls/ the same time and (...) and we had batteries and then eventually we got electric up the field (...) you know and then I think as years went on we must have let Millfield have it tap the posts because we got/ we used to get a few pence every year for it from the electricity board I think it was (...) because you know/ used to/ they tapped it/ the/ Millfield did when it was/ (...) but

Which year was that?

Well you t/ well I w/ I was married in thirty-four and that's when probably I think it's called public utilities what electric came (...) I think it was called public utilities I used to remember it but I'm sure that's it (...) and so course the whole village then sort of got electricity up to then you had candles and and paraffin lamps and we had batteries you know coz we'd been in that sort of business my husband knew what to/ I don't know what make make but half the time we were starved to death because we/ well you could have a fire but I mean [laughs] you couldn't see half the time they didn't work if you know what I mean but anyway we got over that and and we were there just over a year (...) we got it finished and went lived there and Pauline was my daughter my elder my elder daughter was born there

Linguistic description:

Phonology

Feature	Example(s)	Comments
FOOT/STRUT → [ʊ]	just – [dʒʊst] must – [mʊst] husband – [hʊzbənd]	Consistent
Vowel variation: /i/ → [ɪ]	batteries – [bætɪɪz] utilities – [jʊtɪɪtɪz]	Occurs twice Occurs twice
Monophthongisation: /aɪ/ → [ɑ:]	time - [tɑ:m] my - [mɑ:]	Occurs twice

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	/eɪ/ → [ɪ] happY vowel	they – [ðɪ] probably – [pɹɒbli]	Occurs once Occurs twice
	L-vocalisation	field – [fi:jʊ ^w d] Millfield – [mɪʊ ^w fiʊd] whole – [əʊ ^w]	Frequent but not consistent; word-medially and finally
	Yod-insertion	field – [fi:jʊ ^w d]	Occurs once
	Lateral release of plosive	candles – [kænd ^l tz]	Occurs once
	H-dropping	had – [æd] whole – [əʊ ^w]	Frequent but not consistent
	T-glottalisation	got – [gɒʔ] that's – [ðæʔs] that – [ðæʔ]	Frequent in word final position but not in other positions, e.g. in <daughter> or <thirty>
	K-glottalisation	public – [pʊbliʔ]	Consistent for this word
	of – [ə]	sort of got - [sɔ:təgɒt] sort of business- [sɔ:təbɪznəs]	Occurs twice

Lexis	Item	Meaning	Comments

Grammar	Feature	Example(s)	Comments
	Zero preposition	“Ø course”	‘of’, occurs once
	Nominal use of adjective	“the electric”	Frequent but not consistent
	Non-standard comparative	“my elder daughter”	‘eldest’

Further comments: