

Dialect and Oral History: The East Midlands

AUDIO RECORD*

Recording:

Reference A80
Dialect Location Lambley, Nottinghamshire
Date of interview 1982

Interviewee:

Gender Female
Date of birth / age 1906
Occupation Lace Trade

Summary/Transcript:

Extract taken from
00:18- 01:59

Yes they lived up at Green Lane and they both lived to be (...) like in the/ (...) towards eighty and my mother were born up Green Lane sh/ and she got married when she were up Green Lane (...) my father he he did come from Woodborough (...) or n/ my aunt my uncle he lived at Lambley up Chapel Lane

What did your mother's parents do? What did her father do?

worked at the pit I tell you he were one the first to take the first sod of the (...) when they sunk the pit it's in there in that book

Yes he took the first sod off at Gedling Pit?

yes he were the first one to start sinking it I used to have a photo of that (unintelligible) course all things has gone lost (...)

And did he then work in the mines all his working life?

yes (...)

What sort of age would he of retired do you know?

oh well they didn't matter then in them days (...) he worked I think he'd be about (...) seventy four when he retired he must have been (...) because he seemed quite old (...)

And do you remember him as a as a child?

Course I do (...) because we only lived across the way (...) we lived one side the road and they lived the other in that house what they pulled down (...) oh yes I thought a lot of my grandad

Linguistic description:

Phonology

Feature	Example(s)	Comments
FOOT/STRUT → [ʊ]	up – [ʊp] uncle – [ʊŋkɫ]	Consistent
Monophthongisation: /aɪ/ → [ɪ]	my – [mɪ]	Consistent

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	/aɪ/ → [a:]	I – [a:]	Frequent but not consistent
	/eɪ/ → [ɪ]	they – [ðɪ]	Consistent
	happy vowel	eighty – [eɪtɪ] Lambley – [læmlɪ] only – [əʊnlɪ]	consistent
	Vowel variation: /i/ → [ɪ]	she – [ʃɪ]	Consistent for this word
	T-glottalisation	that – [ðaʔ] what – [wɒʔ]	Consistent for these words only
	Non-release of plosive	didn't – [dɪd̥hʔ]	Occurs once
	<-ng> → [ŋ]	sinking – [sɪŋkɪŋ] thinking – [θɪŋkɪŋ]	Consistent
	H-dropping	he – [i] has – [æz] house – [aʊs]	Frequent but not consistent
	Elision	have – [ə]	Occurs once

Lexis	Item	Meaning	Comments

Morphology and Grammar	Feature	Example(s)	Comments
	Zero preposition	'lived Ø the other' 'one Ø the first' 'one side Ø the road'	'on', occurs once 'of', occurs once
	Singular vs. Plural 'to be'	"my mother were born" "she were up"	Consistent
	Singular vs. Plural 'to have'	"has gone lost"	Occurs once
	Non-standard tense	"has gone lost"	Occurs once
	Non-standard adjective	"in them days"	Occurs once

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	Non-standard relative pronoun	“what they pulled down”	Occurs once
	Non-standard contraction	din't – [dɪnt]	Occurs once

Further comments: