

## Dialect and Oral History: The East Midlands

### AUDIO RECORD\*

#### Recording:

Reference NH9  
Dialect Location Leicester  
Date of interview 2007

#### Interviewee:

Gender Male  
Date of birth / age 1931  
Occupation Natural Historian

#### Summary/Transcript:

Extract taken from:  
10m46s – 12m29s

I draw a line and I did mention to you about my wife never (...) bothers and if we went abroad we w/ did used to do abroad a lot a very very lot (...) if we went abroad (...) then that was a family holiday (...) if I got a chance (...) while she perhaps was doing something (...) I mean a nap or something like that I'd perhaps have a walk round the one of the rough looking areas and and see if I could see one or two nice butterflies etcetera that/ no I would do that yeah (...) but it wasn't specifically for that

***Mm, What did the/ What did the rest of your family think about (...) y/ your***

I don't know really (...) me wife's a/ not a bit interested in in that as I said (...) she's interested in the fact that I'm I'm interested but she's not she's not interested in it as such no I can't say that I can't say that any of my family have/ (...) they know I do it and (...) it's not something that's really talked about (...) you know I don't/ I'd never thought about it in that way to be quite honest with you (...) I/ they just accept it I know some of my wife's family (...) th/ they they're more perhaps more a/ akin to saying Harold or Harry's doing x and so and so and (...) what/ what have you been doing when we we see them because all of them live live out we/ near/ the/ apart from her sis/ one of her sister who lives at C/ Cosby the rest of them al/ all live down south and and or up north because they're/ they/ they're spread out all over the place

#### Linguistic description:

##### Phonology

Feature	Example(s)	Comments
FOOT/STRUT → [ʊ]	something – [sʊmθɪŋk] rough – [ɹʊf]	Consistent
BATH/TRAP → [æ]	chance – [tʃæns]	Occurs once
PRICE → [aɪ]	line – [laɪn] butterflies – [bʊtəflaɪz] nice – [naɪs]	Consistent (apart from 'I')

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	while – [waɪt̪] my – [maɪ]	
Monophthongisation: /aɪ/ → [a]	I – [a]	This word only, frequent but not consistent
/aɪ/ → [ɑ:]	I'm – [ɑ:m]	Consistent for this word
/eɪ/ → [ɪ]	they – [ðɪ]	Frequent but not consistent
Vowel variation: /i/ → [ɪ]	we – [wɪ]	Frequent but not consistent
/ɒ/ → [ʊ]	because – [bɪkʊz]	Occurs once
happY vowel	specifically – [spəsɪfɪʔli:] family – [fæmli:] holiday – [ɒlɪdɪ]	Inconsistent
T-glottalisation	that – [ðæʔ] don't – [dʌʊnʔ]	Frequent but not consistent; word-finally
K-glottalisation	something – [sʊmθɪŋʔ] specifically – [spəsɪfɪʔli:] talked – [tɔ:ʔt]	Frequent but not consistent, Word - medially and finally
P-glottalisation	perhaps – [pɹæʔs]	This word only; frequent but not consistent
H-dropping	perhaps – [pɹæʔs] holiday – [ɒlɪdɪ] Harold – [æɹət̪] Harry's – [æɹi:z]	Consistent; word- medially and finally
<-ng> - [ŋk]	something – [sʊmθɪŋk]	Occurs once (2nd instance /k/ is glottalised)
<-ng> - [n]	doing – [du:wɪn] looking – [lʊkɪn] saying – [seɪjɪn]	Frequent but not consistent
/t/ → [k]	Etcetera – [ɛksɛt̪ə]	Occurs once
Elision	perhaps – [pɹæp's]	Consistent for this

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			word, related to H-dropping
		family – [fæmli:]	

Lexis	Item	Meaning	Comments

Grammar	Feature	Example(s)	Comments
	Non-agreement of number	“one of her sisterØ”	Occurs once
	Non-standard use of intensifier	“a very very lot”	Occurs once
	Non-standard verb choice	“to do abroad”	‘to go’, Occurs once
	Non-standard possessive pronoun	“me wife’s”	‘my’, occurs once

**Further comments:**