

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

Reference	A62
Dialect Location	Nottingham City, Nottingham
Date of interview	1982

Interviewee:

Gender	Female
Date of birth / age	1896
Occupation	Tailoring, Post Office

Summary/Transcript:
**Extract taken from
07:25- 09:03**

No because I wasn't really old enough you see (...) I don't know I don't any of the others did mother did my mother helped him a bit (...) but (...) work was very slack and he worked for a/ another tailor then he got work from him you see and we used to I can remember taking it and fetching it from this other gentleman (...) that was a Mr Singleton in Ragland Street off Peace Hill Road (...) and then my father went in to the factory at Jakes Black on Carlton Road (...) [blows nose] (...) at needle works and that was where I started work (...) my sister was there and I started too when I was thirteen (...) and I was there (...) can't remember how long (...)

So you left school when you were thirteen?

(...) left school when I was thirteen yes

And you went straight into this job?

(...) I went straight into the tailoring business yes (...) and then there was some trouble with a family of Jake's and it was turned into Jake's brother's and they went into Mount Street off Chapel Bar (...) and I was with I was/ went with them there for quite a while (...) and my father did until he/ well until he wasn't able to go to work he was with them all the time

**Linguistic
description:**
Phonology

Feature	Example(s)	Comments
FOOT/STRUT → [ʊ]	others – [ʊðəz] mother – [mʊðə]	Consistent
Monophthongisation: /aɪ/	my – [mɪ] / [mæ]	Consistent for this word
Reduction	don't – [dən ²]	Occurs once

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	<-ng> → [n]	taking – [teɪkɪŋ] fetching – [fetʃɪŋ]	Frequent but not consistent
	Lateral release of plosive	Gentleman – [dʒɛntlmən]	Occurs once
	T-glottalisation	can't – [kɑ:nʔ] got – [gɒʔ]	Frequent but not consistent
	H-dropping	him – [ɪm] he – [i]	Frequent but not consistent
	Voicing /k/ → [g]	slack – [slæg]	Occurs once
	Voicing: /z/ → [s]	because – [bɪkəs]	Occurs once
	Rhoticity	another – [ənʊðɜr]	Occurs once
	Linking /r/ → [r]	where I – [wɛrɑɪ]	Occurs once
	Elision	tailoring – [teɪlɪŋ]	Occurs once

Lexis	Item	Meaning	Comments
	Slack	scarce/in short supply	Occurs once

Morphology and Grammar	Feature	Example(s)	Comments
	Zero definite article	“at Ø needle works”	‘the’, Occurs once

Further comments: