

Dialect and Oral History: The East Midlands

AUDIO RECORD*

Recording:

Reference SKG07
Dialect Location Sloothby, Lincolnshire
Date of interview March 2012

Interviewee:

Gender Female
Date of birth / age 1912
Occupation Retired

Summary/Transcript:

Extract taken from: 23m37s – 25m00s

We went to live in (...) in Borough (...) on The Causeway in an/ in an old house (...) big rooms four big bedrooms and a big yard and garden ideal because eventually I'd six children (...) so this house was ideal (...) happy home not a lot of money but oh they/ they s/ family still talk of that old house with such affection so that that was good we had a big yard and garden played cricket in the yard (...) and the ball went in dad's garden and damaged any plants there was trouble and ((laughs)) yes a happy family they still love to talk about it was called Causeway House and I remember we had a a sort of a garden party family garden party which we still have each year and they were/ an old chair was brought out and someone said ooh I'm sitting on that that was at Causeway ((laughs)) yes great affection for that house

Linguistic description:

Phonology

| Feature | Example(s) | Comments |
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| FOOT/STRUT → [ʊ] | Borough – [bʊrə] money – [mʊni:] | Consistent |
| BATH/TRAP → [æ] | plants – [plæn?s] | Occurs once |
| [ə] insertion | ideal – [aɪdiəʔ] | Consistent for this word |
| happY vowel | happy – [hæpi:] money – [mʊni:] family – [fæmli:] party – [pɑ:ti] | Consistent |
| T-glottalisation | plants - [plæn?s] | Inconsistent; when /t/ is followed by alveolar fricative |

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| | H-dropping | had – [æd] have – [æv] | Occurs twice |
| | Nasal release | garden – [gɑ:d ⁿ] | Consistent for this word |
| | Dark /l/ | love – [tʌv] | Inconsistent; syllable-initial position |
| | /r/ → [ɹ] | rooms – [ɹu:mz] | Consistent in word-initial position |
| | /r/ → [r] | Borough - [bʊrə] | Consistent word-medially |
| | <-ng> → [ŋ] | sitting – [sɪtɪŋ] | Occurs once |
| | Elision | family – [famli:] | Occurs once |

| Lexis | Item | Meaning | Comments |
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| Grammar | Feature | Example(s) | Comments |
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| | Non-standard contraction | I had – “I’d six children” | Occurs once |

Further comments: