

Title:

Oxford, Oxfordshire (cf. SED Islip)

Shelfmark:

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Description:

Evelyn recalls Cutteslowe in the 1930s and talks about the infamous wall that was erected to divide an area of middle class housing from an area of council housing. Cutteslowe, Wolvercote and Summertown are all suburbs at the northern extremity of Oxford. The Friars is the name used locally for an area in the centre of Oxford.

Lexis:

cause = because

Phonology:

occasional H-dropping; v. occasional rhoticity; v. occasional T-glottaling

MOUTH [EU > EI]; PRICE [VI]; FACE [{I}; NURSE [@ ` :]; START [a:]; BATH [a: ~ A:]; STRUT [@ ~ V]

<-thing> [TINk ~ TIN]

note also *here* [I@], *(be)cause* [blk@s > k@s], *one* [w@n ~ wOn ~ wUn], *across* [@ kr/O:s], *our* [{ ` :] and *ours* [EU@`z], *always* [O:L/wIz], *perhaps* [pr/aps], *windows* [wInd@z], *whitened* [wVI?=nd] and *whitening* [wVI?nIn] and *years* [jI:z]

Grammar:

preterite *come* (*the people on the Cutteslowe estate just come from the slums; I would not say that we come from the slums*)

first person plural *was* (*we wasn't poor; we was able to get a bus*); third person plural *was* (*they wasn't going to let it stay down; the houses wasn't; when my children was younger*)

preterite *run* (*in forty-three ... tank run through it*)

preterite *done* (*my mother done everything in that*)

past participle *wrote* (*people have wrote on the wall*)

note the construction *we used to had to walk up by the by-pass* = we used to have to walk up by the by-pass

