

Title:

Ecclesfield, Yorkshire

Shelfmark:

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Description:

The unidentified speaker refers briefly to his milk round in Chapeltown and then shares with a friend his knowledge of the terrible flood that swept through Sheffield one hundred years earlier, and which is featured in a commemorative issue of the local paper. There is some interference to sound quality due to the recording having taken place outdoors.

Chapeltown is a town to the north of Ecclesfield. Barnsley (further to the north), Rotherham (east) and Doncaster (northeast) are all large towns in the area. Shire Green is to the south and within the boundary of Sheffield, the major city of which Ecclesfield is now a suburb. Grenoside, Oughtibridge, Ewden and Bradfield are all villages and Derwent, Damflask and Dale Dike are three of the many reservoirs in the hills to the west of Ecclesfield. Malinbridge is an area on the northwestern edge of Sheffield. The Sheffield Star is a local daily newspaper.

Lexis:

aye = yes

Phonology:

definite article → [t]; H-dropping; Yorkshire assimilation (*Bradfield* [br/a?fi:ld])

FACE [E:]; MOUTH [a: > aU]; PRICE [A:]; NORTH [O@ ~ O:]; GOAT [O:]

note also *with* [wI], *Sheffield* [SEfi:ld], *over* [Qv@], *isn't it?* [IntIt], *reservoirs* [r/Ez@vOIz], *wasn't it?* [wQd=nt It], *one* [wQn], *Star* [sta:], *pages* [pE:dZ@z], *tomorrow* [t@mQr/@], *couldn't* [kUn?], *drowned* [dr/aUnd@d] and *there* [DE@ ~ DI@]

Grammar:

determiner, those → *them* (*what do they call them reservoirs?*)

first person singular *were* (*that were it at burst; it were going faster nor a race horse*)

relative pronoun → *at* (*that were it at burst, wasn't it?*)

of + pronoun → *on* (*a lot on it*)

past participle *drowned* (*there were about, between two and three hundred drowned*)

preterite *come* (*it come all through Malinbridge*)

conjunctive particle, than → *nor* (*it were going faster nor a race horse*)