

**Title:**

Youlgreave, Derbyshire

**Shelfmark:**

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**Description:**

Thomas recalls bad winters and describes his work supplying timber from the Goyt Valley. He also briefly mentions a number of local lead mines.

Buxton is a spa town just to the northwest of Youlgreave and Alport a village just to the east. Whaley Bridge (to the northwest) is a small town in the Goyt Valley: an area in the west of The Peak District National Park on the Derbyshire / Cheshire border. Stockport is a large town further to the northwest.

**Lexis:**

*aye* = yes; *tother* = the other; *else* = or else, otherwise; *a deal* = a lot, much; *fetch* = to bring; *drug* = low truck for the carriage of timber and other heavy articles; *happen* = maybe, perhaps

**Phonology:**

definite article → [ʔ]; geminate consonant (*cutting* [kUtIn]); H-dropping; <-Vt#> + V → [r/]; very occasional rhoticity; Yorkshire assimilation (*Whaley Bridge Station* [br/ItS ste:S@n]; *we had some* [a? sUm] *snow*)

FLEECE [eI ~ i:]; PRICE [A:]; GOAT [o:]; MOUTH [ɜ: > a:]; STRUT [U]; LETTER [@ ~ @`]; KISSES [@z]

<-thing> → [TINk ~ TIn]

note also *one* [wOn], *last* [last], *didn't* [dIdn@], *nothing* [nUTIn], *bought* [bQUt ~ bQ:t], *sold* [sEUd], *big one* [bIg@n], *because* [bIkQz], *only* [o:nI], *travelled* [tr/avIld], *horses* [Qs@z], *weren't* [wUn@], *couldn't* [kUdn@], *by* [bI], *getting* [gEr/In], *wash-house* [wES{:s}], *with* [wI] and *places* [plEIZ@z]

**Grammar:**

third person singular *were* (*it were a bad winter; it were very bad; there were never a line up nor telegraph lines; Goyt Valley were a big one; it were getting a bit stiff; it were all blocked full; Sandy Lane were all blocked full*); first person singular *were* (*I were in hospital then*)

preterite *snew* (*it snowed anything from ten to twelve foot*)

zero plural marker on nouns (*ten to twelve foot; three drug-load; three month; six foot*)

multiple negation (*there were never a line up nor telegraph lines nor nothing*)

past participle *stooden* (*we bought it stooden and sold it to different firms*)

past participle for present participle (*we bought it stooden = we bought it standing*)

zero to + infinitive (*we used \_ go three times into Whaley Bridge station a day; we used \_ let the horses stop up there; we used \_ have \_ go down there; we used \_ supply Buxton lime works with timber; we used \_ supply Warren Carr with timber*)

zero for + time phrase (*\_ three month at a time*)

