Title:

Hathern, Leicestershire

Shelfmark:

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Description:

Mr Hunt talks about his work in the local brickyard and mill and recalls experiencing Zeppelin raids during World War I. Normanton refers to Normanton on Soar, a village just to the northeast of Hathern and Stanton presumably refers to Stanton under Bardon, a village to the southwest. Loughborough is a town just to the southeast. Zepp refers to the airships invented by Count Ferdinand Zeppelin, a German army officer who began developing his ideas in 1897. The first Zeppelin flew on 2nd July 1900: they could deliver successful long-range bombing attacks, but were extremely vulnerable to attack and bad weather. A number of Zeppelin raids were launched on Britain during World War I, the last of which was in June 1917.

Lexis:

grub = food; *bob* = shilling (colloquial); *afore* = before; *kill* = kiln; *slack* = small or refuse coal; *purpose* = on purpose, intentionally; *cause* = because; *aye* = yes; *mun* = must; *hae* = to have; *copper* = penny, loose change

Phonology:

definite article + V → [D] (*that's the end* [DEnd] *on it*); H-dropping

START [a:]; MOUTH [a:[@]]; NORTH [Q:]; FACE [E:]; NURSE [e: ~ @ ~ O]; PRICE [A:]; STRUT [U]; BATH [a]

<-ever> → [Iv@]

note also *half* [a:f], *week* [wIk], *there* [DI@] and *where* [wI@], *hour* [a:], *me* [mEI], *slack* [slEk], *over* [Qv@], *looking* [l}:kIn], *gardens* [ga:dInz], *boss ES* [bQs@z], *heard* [I@d], *with* [wI], *don't* [dUnt], *yet* [jIt], (be)*cause* [k@s], *go* [gU], *us* [Uz], *these* [DEIz] and *once* [wUns]

Grammar:

zero plural marker on nouns (*for three year*; *six year*; *forty-four year*; *fifteen year*; *another ten year*; *four pair*; *six pair*)

first person singular *were* (*I were ten years of age and I had work the next day*; *I were there six year*; *the last year I were there*; *I were here forty-four year*; *I were there fifteen year*; *I were in the yarn room*; *I were talking to Mr Reeve*); third person singular *were* (*that were the finish*)

zero *to* + infinitive (*I were ten years of age and I had _ work*; *I want _ see Mr Hamley*; *you don't want _ talk like that*)

zero *for* + general time phrase (*I were there _ six year*; *I were here _ forty-four year*; *I were there _ fifteen year*)

preterite *gen* (*they never gen me thanks*)

preterite *come* (*me and my son both come off together; he come to me*)

preterite *done* (*they done it purpose for the Zepps and that*)

verbal inflection with *I* (*I says*)

of + pronoun → *on* (*that's the end on it*)

past participle *forgot* (*I haven't forgot you; he said he hadn't forgot me*)

past participle *fell* (*it's fell through*)

preterite dare + negative particle → *dursn't* (*I dursn't* [dɔs=nt] *tell you what it was over*)

note the construction *I've only had the sack <u>but once</u>* = I've only had the sack <u>once</u>