

Listening to the Past

Audio Records of Accents of English

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This volume presents several studies of the earliest audio recordings for a number of varieties of English, mostly from the beginning, or at least from the first half, of the twentieth century. These recordings reveal earlier stages in which later known changes had not yet occurred and often exhibit unexpected features viewed from a later vantage point. Hence the recordings help to improve our understanding of how varieties developed in the previous century.

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