

TEXT FILE FOR NEW JERSEY 2

The subject is a forty eight year old white Caucasian male who was born in Newark, New Jersey and raised in Cranford, New Jersey, in the north central area of the state. Although he has lived in Easton, PA, Boston, London and northern Israel, the speaker has spent most of his life in New York and New Jersey. Although his parents are from this area, his parents were immigrants from Poland and Russia. The subject is an attorney who specializes in environmental law, and a musician. In the unscripted portion of the recording the speaker fondly recalls time with his maternal grandmother who emigrated to the U.S. from Russia when she was a child.

The subject speaks in relatively low pitches in a narrow melodic pattern, using volume and elongation of a vowel for emphasis. In general, he uses a falling inflection pattern towards the ends of sentences. His speech is characterized by relaxed consonant action particularly with the use of [d] [t] [l] [s] and [ð]. The tongue tip seems to approach the back of the front teeth rather than the gum ridge or the space between the upper and lower teeth.

Occasionally [d] is substituted for [t] as in **fju dəl** for futile and **sædədəI** for Saturday. There is consistent use of hard [r] and **tə** for **toʊ**.

Notice the pronunciation of the name **sæ ɪə** not the expected **sɛə ɪə**

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