

## **T-to-r in West Yorkshire**

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Research on t-to-r has primarily focused on its manifestation in Tyneside and Liverpool Varieties of English (Carr (1991), Docherty et al (1997), Honeybone (2001) and Watson (2002)). All the evidence in this literature indicates that t-to-r in contemporary varieties of northern English is restricted to a small number of words, typically function words. The present paper will add to this existing work by considering evidence from the West Yorkshire variety. The paper will also present data which allows us to consider what type of phenomenon t-to-r was when it was fully productive and what factors might have triggered its decline.