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Boerckel, James, 1923-

Recollections of the Valley Stream Fire Department /
introduced by his wife Audrey Boerckel. - Valley Stream
Historical Society, June 3, 1991.

1 cassette.

NOTE: James Boerckel, a native-born Valley Streamer,
speaks of family connections with the Valley Stream Fire
Department, with recollections from the earliest days
of the department.

Recording was made at Mr. Boerckel's retirement
home, Washington Crossing, N.J.

1. Boerckel, James, 1923- . 2. Valley Stream
Fire Department. 3. Valley Stream (N.Y.) - History.
I. Valley Stream Historical Society. II. Boerckel, Audrey.

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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

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1. Outline of interview - Prepared by Helen Dowdeswell.

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY RECORDING

JAMES BOERCKEL' RECOLLECTIONS OF THE V.S. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Side 1

- 1 Introduction by Audrey Boerckel
- 20 Boerckel family connection with Valley Stream Volunteer Fire Dept.
- 70 Alarm system over the years
- 167 Horse-drawn and early motor trucks
- 225 Rescue Squad
- 245 Aerial ladder truck
- 295 Original firehouse on Corona Ave. - Meeting house for various religious organizations - modernization of building
- 355 Other companies
- 375 Fire in firehouse on Corona Ave.
- 390 Jim's active years
- 400 Depression Days - Jerry Donovan
- 420 Charles Rack
- 430 Home brew
- 440 End Side 1

Side 2

- 10 Winfield's story of fast ride
- 70 Hydraulic ladder - WWII blackout
- 90 Soda-acid tank --Rivalry between Hook & Ladder and Engine Co.
- 115 Never lost a foundation, chimney or privy
- 140 Memorable fires: Bowling Alley, Still, Rubber glue works, Pavillon Royal, Foster Ave (Henry Baumann), Coal Pocket
- 270 Driving firetrucks
- 315 Father's dream fire
- 345 Tribute to V.S.F.D.
- 355 End Side 2

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