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Braunstein, Rudolph, 1903-  
Interview with Rudolph Braunstein / interviewed by  
Helen Dowdeswell. - Valley Stream Historical Society,  
April 21, 1993.

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NOTE: Born in Germany, Rudolph Braunstein has  
lived in Valley Stream since 1912. He recalls events,  
people, stores, and activities in early Valley Stream.

1. Braunstein, Rudolph, 1903- . 2. Valley  
Stream (N.Y.) - History. I. Valley Stream Historical  
Society. II. Dowdeswell, Helen.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

1. Outline of interview - Prepared by Helen Dowdeswell.
2. Photograph of Rudolph Braunstein, April 21, 1993. \*

\*Original photograph is filed in the Valley Stream Historical  
Photograph Collection.

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

RUDOLPH BRAUNSTEIN

APRIL 21, 1993

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2. Introduction

30. Born Germany, 1903

45. To Valley Stream, Hawthorne Ave. Apartments, 1912

45 Brooklyn Ave. School - Miss Dibble, Mr. Wilbur

Southside high school, Rockville Centre

160 Hotels- Christman, Pitney, Fatty Arbuckle, Gappy

238 Little park

250 School children commuting by trolley from west end

280 Work after high school. Commuting - Blackout of 1960 's

WWI troop trains from Camp Upton

V.S. workmen in caks and shipyard

337 Vendel Schneider

345 Doc Muller

Founders of banks: Muller, Foster, Datz, Eldred

Dibble, Wood, Seigman, Phillips, McDermott

425 Waldinger, Henry Hendrickson, Lyman Hall, Huyler Eldred

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438 Story of the flood

480 Rockaway Ave. stores

501 Tragedy at coal pocket

537 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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560 Father McGovern- baseball fan

Empty lots and ball fields

590 Outdoor movies

605 United Boys Brigade- WWI - Youth activities

624 Groenwald family

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SIDE TWO

1. Groenwald family cont.
- 30 Farm animals in village
- 50 Canoeing - portage to East Rockaway
- 100 High school years - working Saturdays and summers for Bohack's
- 140 Hershey's Dock - swimming  
Brooklyn Waterworks - now Hendrickson Park - Drownings through ice  
WWI National Guard Camp  
Swimming forbidden- watchman
- 95 Caddying at Woodmere Club  
Polo - watering ponies
- 160 Farm labor - farmer's trick with peas
- 195 Gypsies
- 220 Schmidtchen family
- 245 Anniversary Day Parades
- 380 Alonzo Mills
- 395 Hattie Miller - story of selling house
- 485 Story of moving from Manhattan to Baldwin  
Trolley routes- trolley and rail travel
- 600 Mineola Fair
- 800 Construction of Holy Name of Mary church and school
- 1000 Ku Klux Klan
- 1030 THE END

BRAUNSTEIN, RUDOLPH, 1903-  
Born in Germany, lived in V.S.  
all his life, since 1912. Mr.  
Braunstein recalls events in  
the middle of the village, the  
people, the stores, the activities.  
( Interview- April 21,1993)



Rudolph Braunstein  
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