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Cooke, David C., 1917-

Interview with David C. Cooke and Yvonne Van Lommen Cooke / interviewed by Helen Dowdeswell. -- Valley Stream Historical Society, February 6, 1997.

1 cassette.

NOTE: Mr. & Mrs. Cooke discuss their life in Valley Stream, their careers, and their travels.

1. Cooke, David C., 1917- . 2. Cooke, Yvonne Van Lommen, 1920- . 3. Valley Stream (N.Y.) - History. I. Cooke, Yvonne Van Lommen, 1920- . II. Valley Stream Historical Society. III. Dowdeswell, Helen.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

1. Outline of interview - prepared by Helen Dowdeswell.
2. Photograph of David C. Cooke - February 6, 1997. *
3. Photograph of Yvonne Van Lommen Cooke - February 6, 1997. *

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

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

DAVID C. COOKE

Feb. 6, 1997

Introduction

Born 1917. Parents and siblings

To Valley Stream in 1942- wife Yvonne Van Lommen, children Carol and James

War Correspondent - free lance - 1944- England - Published in Look Life, Flying magazines

First book- War Wings . Others on American Indians, airplanes, physical fitness etc.

Dera, a Village in India

Publication Dept of U.S. Information Agency in India- Story of getting job at USIA

Care of the American Embassy

Story of a dangerous happening in India

Impression of the Indian people

Publications Advisor in Saigon- 1967 -Impressions of Vietnamese

Thailand - 2 books- impressions of people

Syndicated in 187 newspapers. TV scripts

Kuwait- impressions of people

Taiwan - impressions

Hong Kong- setting of The Fourteenth Asian . Story of "The Walled City", a mile square belonging to Red China

Loch Ness monster story

More about India- stories of servants

Incident on a German train

Sports books- Green Hornets coach

Flying from local fields

New books- The Big Build Up, Night of the Tiger, Forgotten Memories

Difficulties in getting published now

COOKE, DAVID C. , 1917- DOB 01/07/17

Life of an author, war correspondent,

pilot, columnist, resident of Valley

Stream since 1943.

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YVONNE VAN LOMMEN COOKE

February 6, 1997

Born in The Hague, Holland - 1920
Family background - Father worked at Texas Guinan's in V.S.-1930
Home in village on Rockaway Ave.
Memories of School # 24 and Central High , Class of '39
Meeting future ^{husband} at Mineola Skating Rink
Work after H.S., marriage and return to V.S. by 1943
Active in Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Travel with husband. Interview for appointment to Embassy in India
Three years in New Delhi- 1966-1969
Anecdotes of life in India
Son James in Sr. year at Central - missing old friends- making new ones - career after H.S.
More experiences in India
Setting up leather goods business in V.S. - The Either-Or boutique on Rockaway Ave. - the jewelry business - 1969-1996
David's writing in suspension - Contacts lost in publishing
97 books published plus short stories, articles, syndicated column- Awards: the Edgar, the Raven for mystery writers, Honorary Cherokee, mention in Anthology of Children's Literature
More anecdotes from India
End

COOKE, YVONNE VAN LOMMEN, 1920- DOB 07/09/20

Wife of author. Yvonne grew up in Valley Stream , traveled with her husband and had an import business in the village.

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