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Freeman, Howard, 1901-  
Interview with Howard Freeman / interviewed by Helen  
Dowdeswell. - Valley Stream Historical Society,  
September 27, 1989.

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NOTE: Mr. Freeman spoke about life in early Valley  
Stream, including school friends, Brooklyn Avenue School,  
movies at Doc Muller's drug store, Alonzo Mills, the  
Valley Stream flood circa 1918, various "old" Valley  
Stream families, etc.

1. Freeman, Howard, 1901- . 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 Howard Freeman - September 27, 1989 \*

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

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

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- 30 Born 1901- Family of Methodist minister
- 60 Moved to Valley Stream 1912, home of Mr. & Mrs. James Pagan
- 130 Move to Fifth, then Fourth St.
- 140 Brooklyn Ave. School, C.V. "Pop" Ryan, Prin.
- 155 Spelling Bee Contest
- 175 H.S. in Rockville Centre
- 180 Clarence Phillips' help in getting first job
- 210 Work as child on Emil Reiser's farm
- 220 School friends - athletic teams of Grace M.E. Church
- 260 Rev. Roy Terry
- 280 Epworth League
- 285 Anecdote of pumping organ for Jenny Smith
- 300 Hendrickson family
- 340 Doc Muller's drug store - first movie shows in V.S.
- 360 Alonzo Mills
- 380 Clarence Phillips
- 385 Andy Myers- bowling alley - first motorcycle policeman  
Constable - Bill Hendrickson, father of Henry
- 400 V.S. flood circa 1918
- 439 6:00 o'clock steam train
- 450 El Golder's Grocery - Hannah and Sarah Nostrand
- 470 Henry Rush's coal yard - accidental death
- 480 Stores on Rockaway Ave.
- 555 Picking wild berries
- 365 Jobs - golf caddy, gardening
- 575 Farm work
- 600 Farmers trucking to Wallabout Market
- 600 End Side #1

Side #2

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- 25 Camping at Atlantic Beach, swimming , skating and sleighriding  
in V.S.
- 125 Little traffic on Merrick Rd.
- 140 Picking wildflowers along Merrick Rd.
- 145 Russell's Dairy; - site of Park Inn
- 170 Carnivals
- 180 Left V.S. 1926
- 228 First mayor - Hicks - 1925 Brown - police chief
- 250 Henry Hendrickson, sheriff of Nassau County, later V.S. mayor
- 280 Alonzo Mills
- 280 Biddulph family
- 290 Dibble family
- 320 Methodists' Sunday activities
- 360 Children's games
- 380 Justin Flick, civil engineer, Princeton graduate
- 400 Contemporary Valley Streamers- Koelbel, Flick, Wanamaker, Wall-  
enstein, Evans, Braunstein, Groenwold, Datz, Trowbridge, Hall.
- 430 Incident of school bully
- 453 Rollerskating, rolling a hoop
- 480 Hattie Miller's place
- 490 Tom West's Hotel - bicycle races
- 500 Plank Road
- 516 News of Titanic
- 530 Custom of charivari (shivaree)
- 540 Election night bonfires
- 547 Hallowe'en tr icks
- 568 Begging on Thanksgiving
- 575 End Side #2



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