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Riddick, Melvin, 1914-
Interview with Melvin Riddick / interviewed by
Helen Dowdeswell. - Valley Stream Historical Society,
June 14, 1989.

1 cassette.

NOTE: Mr. Riddick tells his memoirs of early
Valley Stream including his family background, memories
of the '30s, childhood games and activities, high school
and grade school teachers, etc.

1. Riddick, Melvin, 1914- . 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 Melvin Riddick - June 14, 1989. *

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

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- 15 Introduction
- 25 Family background
- 45 Move to Elmwood St, V.S., 1/23⁴
- 58 Neighbors
- 80 Childhood friends and activities
- 120 Earning money as kids
- 130 Pre-teen styles and activities
- 150 Stores and deliveries
- 165 Contemporary words for objects
- 190 Teen entertainment
- 230 Earning money as a teen
- 240 Memories of the 30's
- 260 Jobs and wages after high school
- 280 Summer home in Rockaway Pt.
- 300 How children's games were played - Kick the can, Stoop ball, Marbles, baseball cards, Ring-a lievie, One o cat, Punch ball, Pogo stick, stilts, Snap the whip, Mumbly peg, Spinning tops, pitching pennies, homemade wagons, Patsy
- 450 Vinnie and poetry
- 465 Vinnie's poem "Spring", Mel's "The Cow" and "The Modern Girl"
- 500 After high school - Sperry, the Army, Sperry
- 560 Reason for leaving V.S.
- 575 Swear words in the 30's
- 588 Stories about his father
- 615 End Side # 1
- Side # 2
- 1 Blank
- 10 More about father

- 65 Mother 's personality
- 78 Working for Hendricksen's
- 100 High School teachers- Mcsso, Kennedy, Williamson
- 150 Anecdotes about Mr. Gross
- 255 Grade School teachers - Kate Krom, etc.
- 285 High school social activities
- 345 Numbers on stores on Rockaway Ave. changed in 1931
- 360 Mrs. Stromberg's prediction and the County Meet Championship
- 415 End Side # 2



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