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Ballou, Bertha, 1921-

Interview with Bertha Ballou / interviewed by Helen Dowdeswell. -- Valley Stream Historical Society, March 7, 1995.

1 cassette.

NOTE: Bertha Ballou speaks about growing up in Valley Stream, her service in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, and changes in the Village since 1925.

1. Ballou, Bertha, 1921- . 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 Bertha Ballou, taken March 7, 1995. *

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

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

BERTHA BALLOU

Mar. 7, 1995

- 1 introduction
- 10 Birthdate, birthplace, parents, sisters .Father - builder
- 50 Move to V.S. 1925; E. Fairview house and neighbors
- 80 School- Franklin Ave. --teachers
- 110 Shopping on the "Avenue"
- 165 Making icecream
- 185 High School at Central -- parttime, A.M. session
Friendship Club, field hockey, volleyball
Respect for teachers
- 250 Trip to see the Queen Mary
- 260 Methodist church activities; dances, Epworth League
- 280 Business and Professional Women's Organization
- 300 After high school work in New York
- 320 WWII - Enlisting in U.S. Marine Corps -- Mar. 1943
Basic training. Assignment to Legal Dept. in Washington, D.C.
Second class of women to go through training
- 385 Accident in boot camp
- 420 Many friends
- 435 Sept. 1945 - end of service
- 445 Post-war jobs
- 455 Study at N.Y.U.-- Business Administration on G.I. Bill
- 460 Another job - lots of travel in U.S.A.
- 495 Activities in V.S. -- Professional Women, Historical Society,
AARP, Central H.S. Alumni
Activities in N.Y.- Museums, jazz concerts, concerts at Town
Hall
- 530 Sister, a V.S. teachers Aunts, Mrs. Dibbleand Mrs. Setterberg
also teachers
- 540 Changes in V.S. since 1925
- 570 Convenience of living at Monica Apartments
- 600 Dibble and Ballou Hardware store on Rockaway Ave.
- 605 End



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