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Boerckel, James, 1923-

Interview with James Boerckel / interviewed by Helen Dowdeswell. - Valley Stream Historical Society, November 24, 1987.

1 cassette.

NOTE: Mr. Boerckel spoke about his memories of life in Valley Stream from the 1920's through World War II, including description of house at 75 West Jamaica Avenue, history of the Valley Stream Fire Department, Anniversary Day parades, the Long Island Rail Road, etc.

1. Boerckel, James, 1923- . 2. Valley Stream  
(N.Y.) - History. I. Valley Stream Historical Society.  
II. Dowdeswell, Helen.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

1. Outline of Interview - Prepared by Helen Dowdeswell.

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Narrator: James Boerschel

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8 Introduction

19 Family Members

47 Description of house at 75 West Jamaica Ave.

155 Neighbors and relatives

182 Why family came to V.S.

200 A day in the life of the family

230 History of the V.S. Fire Dept.

305 School days at Franklin Ave.

355 Out of school activities

415 Church activities- Grace Methodist

450 Anniversary Day parades

483 Trips to New York, Picnics at Wildwood

540 End Side #1

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10 Swimming at V.S. Park - green hair  
More trips to N.Y. - Radio City Music Hall

44 Music teachers

498 Music in the Army

129 L.I. Railroad

150 Industrial Arts at Central and later use. Ditto, French

194 Scouting

220 Father McGovern

239 The KKK

257 ~~257~~ Mayor Waldinger, Doc Muller

274 Failure of Bank of V.S.

290 Doc Muller's Drugstore

320 House construction, ballooned earth, cedar shingles, trolley  
track beam

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