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Finkenstadt, Fred

Interview with Fred Finkenstadt and Charles Miller / interviewed by Helen Dowdeswell. - Valley Stream Historical Society, January 27, 1987.

1 cassette.

NOTE: Mr. Finkenstadt and Mr. Miller talked about Valley Stream prior to 1920, covering topics such as family, School District #24, trolley, high schools, the "Pond," Mineola Fair, Pitney Hotel fire, Valley Stream Mail, World War I, farms, churches, anecdotes, etc.

1. Finkenstadt, Fred. 2. Miller, Charles. 3. Valley Stream (N.Y.) - History. I. Valley Stream Historical Society. II. Dowdeswell, Helen. III. Miller, Charles.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

1. Outline of Interview - Prepared by Helen Dowdeswell.
2. Newsclipping showing F. Finkenstadt Building, Rockaway Road, Valley Stream, and advertisement for his business.
3. Photograph of Charles Miller (standing) and Fred Finkenstadt (seated). *
4. Photograph of Charles Miller. *
5. Photograph of Fred Finkenstadt, reading "The Story of Antwerp X." *

*Original photographs are filed in the Valley Stream Historical Photograph Collection.

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

Narrators: Fred Finkenstadt and Charles Miller

SUMMARY OF TAPE

MEMORIES PRIOR TO 1920

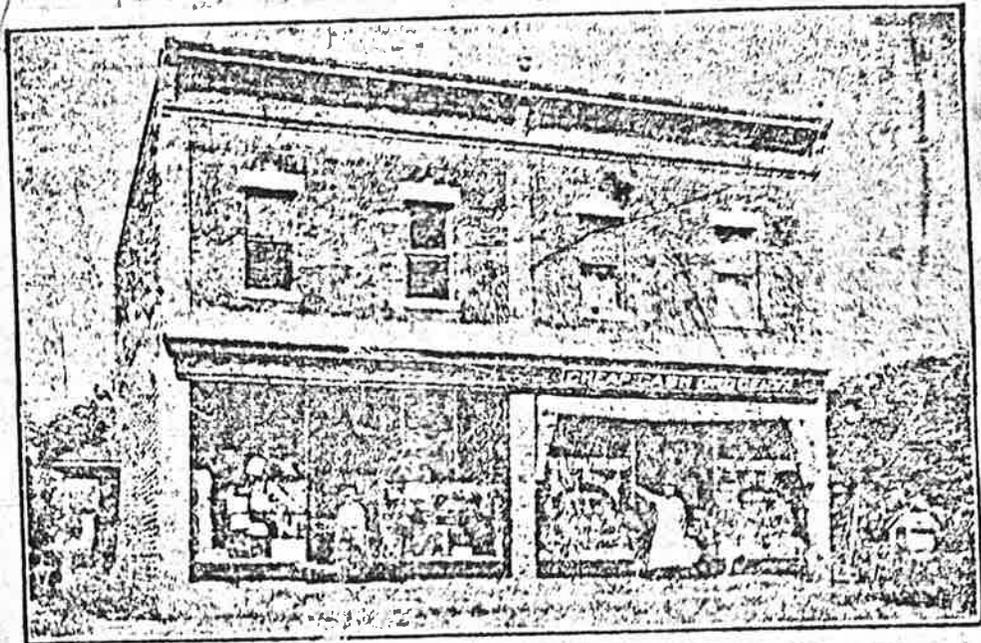
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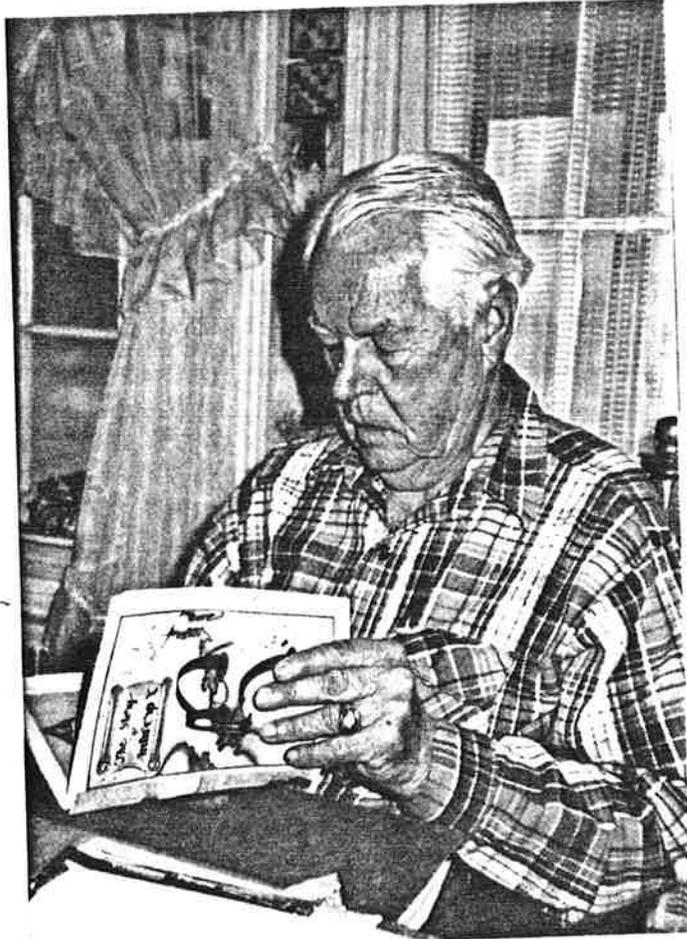
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CHARLES MILLER (standing) and FRED FINKENSTADT (seated).



CHARLES MILLER



FRED FINKENSTADT, READING "THE STORY OF ANTWERP X".