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Hummel, Raymond, 1929-
Interview with Raymond Hummel / interviewed by
Helen Dowdeswell. - Valley Stream Historical Society,
May 20, 1999.

1 audiocassette.

NOTE: Raymond Hummel shares his memories as a
farm boy growing up in Valley Stream, serving in
the Korean War, and his work as an electronics
engineer. Mr. Hummel tells of his family's 52-acre
farm on Central Ave, his schooling, Air Force
service, family, and retirement.

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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

- 1) Outline of Interview - Prepared by Helen Dowdeswell.
- 2) Photograph of Raymond Hummel, May 20, 1999. *

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

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

RAYMOND HUMMEL

May 20, 1999

Introduction

Born 1929, Central Ave, farm

Father: George

Ancestors German, 1850 farmed in Elmontand Valley Stream

Mother- Caroline Frolich, related to Rottkamp family

Five brothers , two sisters

Farm sold . Southern State Parkway bisected farm

Neighbors- Finn, March, Tepe

Fifty-two acres sold for \$200 an acre

Mother's work included feeding farm workers who stayed on farm

No modern conveniences

All children worked in fields

Birthday present of one nickel

Food- home-canned vegetables

Fun: killing mice in fields, playing in barⁿ

Introduction of weedkiller

Products- potatoes, then truck garden vegetables

Various homes in V.S. after farm was sold

Central H.S. - teacher Ken Darling - carpentry and cabinet work

Further education- Army Electronics school, Hofstra

Employed by IBM

Elementary schooling - St. Boniface and Holy Name of Mary

Central.H.S. Class of 1947- touch football, baseball, bowling

After school hours work for Mr, Darling making gimmicks for magicians

Mother: church organist at St. Boniface. Father also active

Fishing & hunting in Woodmere and on Curtiss Airport

Livestock on farm- blacksmith

Marriage to Marilyn McGrath - 7 children their families

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Stationed on Guam during Korean War , then Montana

Career after service

Memories of V.S. Park

Activities in retirement

Impressions of Valley Stream then and now

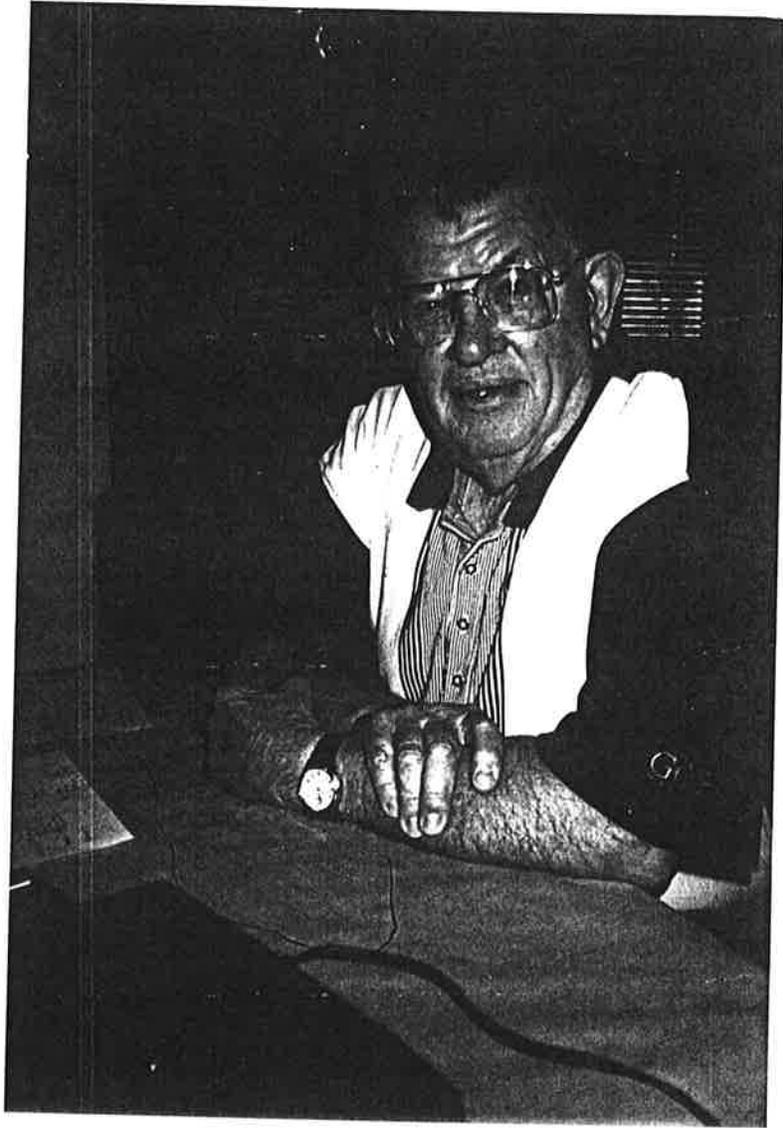
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Memories of a farm boy and Korean
War veteran and electronics engineer.

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service , family and retirement.

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