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Joseph, Ruth Schmidt, 1924-

Interview with Ruth Schmidt Joseph / interviewed by Helen Dowdeswell. -- Valley Stream Historical Society, September 25, 1995.

1 cassette.

NOTE: Mrs. Joseph, a lifelong resident of Valley Stream, talks about her memories of growing up in the village.

1. Joseph, Ruth Schmidt, 1924- . 2. Valley Stream (N.Y.) - History. I. Valley Stream Historical Society. II. Dowdeswell, Helen.

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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

1. Outline of interview - Prepared by Helen Dowdeswell.
2. Photograph of Ruth Schmidt Joseph - September 25, 1995. *

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

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

RUTH SCHMIDT JOSEPH

Born at Melrose and Corona Ave, ^{April 10,} home, 1924

Father worked for Hendrickson Bros.

Mother's parents owned Felton's store at Merrick Rd & Central Ave.

Delivering goods by horse cart

How her parents met and married

First homes

Swimming and skating at V.S. Lake

Schooling at Wheeler Ave.- Teachers: Hendrickson and Dickinson

Dr. Eldred- dentist

Friends

Going to Central - running into Bert Keller

Activities - Central Crier, band, proms, plays - Bert driving
actors home after rehearsal

Grace Methodist baseball team

Father's one political campaign- other civic activities

Family's horse - Hendrickson horses

Neighbors - unrelated Schmidts, Frank Hendrickson, Tronsors

H.S. friends - parties - kissing games - dancing- football games

Trip to Washington- meeting future husband

Temporary job at Central - Work at Hendrickson Bros.

Three children- their careers

War Years- husband Walter - farmer, not drafted

Giving up farming to work as crane operator for Hendrickson

Walter died - 1969-age 46

Widow to work at Hendricksons'

Activities in retirement

Where grandparents are buried

Mrs. ^{dickinson} - 6th grade teacher

Sister & brother - their life

Mother's later years with Mrs. Biddulph

Travels- Penpal in New Zealand- other travels

Content to live in Valley Stream

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Born in Valley Stream Ruth is a
lifelong resident with many memories
of growing up and raising a family
here.

(Interview- September 25, 1995)



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