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March, Ralph, 1922-

Interview with Ralph March / interviewed by Helen Dowdeswell. - Valley Stream Historical Society, August 14, 1990.

1 cassette.

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1. March, Ralph, 1922- . 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 Ralph March, August 14, 1990. *

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

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

RALPH MARCH

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- 6 Introduction
- 15 Birthplace - March farm - Mother, a Rottkamp
- 50 Rottkamp family reunion - 1990
- 100 Ralph's siblings
- 130 Father's family history
March farm history
Site of Everbest Bakery and Joe's Fish market
Sale of remainder of farm
Street named March Drive
- 187 Neighbors- Tepe, Finn, Durr
- 225 Father, volunteer fireman, founder of Valley National Bank
- 250 Truck farming - Wallabout Market - crops - disposal of leftovers
Citron harvest
- 300 No playmates - farm work - Schooling at St. Boniface - transporting
farm workers before and after school
- 340 Hired workers -
- 380 Meals
- 390 Sale of farm - new occupations - new homes
- 425 Sundays on the farm - holidays
- 450 Marriage and children
- 460 Friendship among cousins
- 470 Activities at Blessed Sacrament
- 480 Central High days - Class of '40 - no school activities - farm work
- 490 War years - deferred as farm workers
- 520 Old Central Ave. - stores - niteclubs
Carl Hoppl's Park Inn
- 540 End

March, Ralph, 1922- North Central Avenue farmer

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(Interview - 1990)



Ralph March, August 14, 1990.