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Miller, John M., 1905-
Interview with John M. Miller. - Valley Stream
Historical Society, April 17, 1989 - March 1990.
1 cassette.

NOTE: John M. Miller, a chief test pilot at
Columbia Aircraft from 1943-1945, speaks about
Glenn Curtiss, Columbia Aircraft, the Valley Stream
airport, air travel since 1923, and the United Flying
Octogenarians.

1. Miller, John M., 1905- . 2. Columbia Aircraft
(Valley Stream, N.Y.). 3. Valley Stream (N.Y.) - History.
1. Valley Stream Historical Society.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

1. Outline of interview - Prepared by Helen Dowdeswell.
2. Photograph of John M. Miller, Chief Test Pilot,
Columbia Aircraft, 1945. *
3. Photograph of John M. Miller - March 15, 1989. *

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

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JOHN MILLER , test pilot

- 1 Introduction
- 10 John Miller, chief test pilot, Columbia Aircraft, Valley Stream
Born Dec. 15, 1905 Still flying in 1990
Glenn Curtiss flight along the Hudson - 1910
- 80 First interest in planes - early flyers
- 180 Grumman turns over the J2F6 amphibian to Columbia Aircraft.
Built at Valley Stream during WWII. Tested for Navy.
- 350 Adventures while testing - landing on sea
Stalling - question of sabotage
- 380 Wheels-up landing
- 400 Ice in carburetor
- 440 Eastern Airlines pilot and Columbia test pilot during war
- 450 Adventure in Candlewood Lake
- 525 Discarded parts -end of production at war's end-wheel well liners kept and used in 1980
- SIDE 2
- 1 Museums that have J2F6
- 25 XJL1 another WWII sea rescue plane description
- 95 Fire in plane - hair raising experience
- 190 Hitting the wrong switch
- 290 Geo. Evans, chief engineer at Columbia now living in Salt Lake City
Miller's annual flight to West Coast
- 314 Regrets for the demise of the Valley Stream airport
- 350 Development of air travel since 1923
- 385 Wind sheer at V.S. airport in 1930 . Explanation of phenomenon
- 485 Self taught pilot
- 540 Pres. United Flying Octogenarians
- 588 End



John M. Miller, Chief Test Pilot, Columbia Aircraft, 1945.



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