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Porensky, Eleanor Warner McCormack, 1920-
Interview with Eleanor Warner McCormack Porensky /
interviewed by Helen Dowdeswell. - Valley Stream
Historical Society, November 13 & 21, 1991.
1 cassette.

NOTE: Eleanor Warner McCormack Porensky, a lifetime
resident of Valley Stream, recounts a wealth of
memories of growing up, raising a family, working at
various jobs and pursuing many hobbies in Valley Stream.

1. Porensky, Eleanor Warner McCormack, 1920- .
2. Valley Stream (N.Y.). I. Valley Stream Historical
Society. II. Dowdeswell, Helen.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

1. Outline of interview - Prepared by Helen Dowdeswell.
2. Photograph of Eleanor Warner McCormack Porensky,
November 13, 1991. *

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

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

ELEANOR WARNER MC CORMACK PORENSKY

11/13/91 & 11/21/91

- 1 Introduction
- 10 Born 600 W. Merrick Rd, 1920
Parents: George and Louise Miller Warner
Norwegian grandparents - Otto Miller, early V.S. Fireman
Sister- Grace, Brother-Richard
Father in trucking
- 140 Horton Ave. home
- 160 Friend Alice Schaag
School -1925 Franklin and Brooklyn Ave schools
- 180 Delmonico and Bismarck
- 200 Grandmother learning English
- 227 Meeting of father and mother in V.S. in WWI
- 245 Plan for restaurant at Tony Boden's
Eleanor born and later married in same building
- 265 Bklyn Ave. School - playing, awards ceremony, gym demonstration
- 320 Dancing at Pavillon Royal and Hoffman's
- 350 Playing saxophone in H.S.
- 370 Grandmother's grocery , Merrick Rd. & Carroll Ave.
- 400 Split session in H.S. - extra-curricular activities
- 450 Mother's activities
- 460 Rainbow Girls
- 510 After H.S. - 1938- Depression time- looking for job - hired as
file clerk- Sept. hurricane
- 550 Married local boy 1942 - Wartime - To Camp Polk, La.- John over-
seas to ETO- bronze star
- 630 Work at Columbia Aircraft - Up in air with test pilot

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- 1 Columbia aircraft - ride in test plane
- 50 Husband's war experience - Home in 1945
- 75 Finding a home - settling in V.S., Elm St. - three boys to Clear-
stream and Central
- 150 Husband back to Cosmo Shipping Co.
- 155 Blackout in WWII - writing to husbands - Red Cross nursing-
knitting for soldiers
- 230 After war - PTA activities, Home Bureau
- 250 Ecclesiastical embroidery
- 300 Advantages of living in V.S.

Interview continued ten days later

- 320 First husband's name - John McCormack
- 325 Miller family's reason for coming to V.S. in 1908
- 340 PTA activities, Boy Scouts
- 360 John's illness - Eleanor as teacher's aide at C.H.S., Clearstream
and Shaw Ave
- 384 John's death -1957 Need to work fulltime - Ward & Lake Insurance
- 408 Re-marriage to Steven Porensky Tom
- 430 Sons today- John, store owner in Calif.-~~XXXXXX~~, C.P.A. in V.S. with
daughter, Jennifer in 2nd grade at Dever Sch., Robert, Vietnam
veteran
- 464 Present day V.S. - Fourth of July fireworks, Courses in Adult Ed.
- 502 Changes in V.S.- Early days picking berries near Horton Ave.
- 525 End

PORENSKY, ELEANOR WARNER McCORMICK

~~1920~~- Lifetime resident

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