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Sherdel, Frederick F., 1915-
Interview with Frederick F. Sherdel / interviewed by
Helen Dowdeswell. - Valley Stream Historical Society,
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2 cassettes.

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including witnessing a KKK cross burning. He also tells
of high school sports, being drafted in WWII, the Sherdel
Paper Co., and the extensive Sherdel family.

1. Sherdel, Frederick F., 1915- . 2. Valley Stream
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II. Dowdeswell, Helen.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

1. Outline of interview - Prepared by Helen Dowdeswell.

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

FREDERICK F. SHERDEL

TAPE 1 of 2

- 1 Int roduction
- 10 Born N.Y.C. 2/7/1915
Parents & grandparents
- 120 Brothers: William (Wee Wee), Robert (Kelly), Kenneth (Kenny),
Jack
- 175 Family move to V.S. 1918 to 19 Fifth St.
Motor Vehicle Bureau on Fifth
- 220 Neighbors: Buck, Gover, Westwood, Wright, Shaw, Smith, Elder,
Corwin, Buckley, Simon
- 275 Restaurant on island off Woodmere dock
- 330 Brooklyn Ave School - "Pop" Ryan's whip
- 360 Foundation-hole play area next to school
- 37 3 Basketball in schoolyard
- 420 Good neighbors
- 440 Stores on Rockaway Ave. - Butler's errand boy delivering to
Howard Johnson's, Sunrise Market, Ralston-A&P- Frank Ward
- 490 More stores
- 510 B.S.A. Troop 105 overnight hike to V. S. State Park
- 530 Stores cont.
- 560 Incident of cross burning by K.K.K.
- 610 Mother's political and church activities
- 640 End Side 1

SIDE 2

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- 5 Catholic Church bazaar
- 80 "Pooch " Paulich and night baseball
- 130 Central Class of '34 - walking to school in winter

- 170 Caddying at local golf clubs - V.S. Country Club golf course
- 285 H.S. sports - golf team incident at Sewanhaka
- 320 Basketball, football - incident of injury
- 360 Bowling alley and poolroom on Rockaway Ave. George Young -pro
bowler
- 435 Incident in Mistory class
- 445 Incident in Music class
- 475 1942 Induction at Camp Upton - Mr. Großs - Incident of Ivan
Campbell and censored mail
- 555 Small park eliminated by Sunrise Highway - building of roadway
- 615 Hitching a ride

End Tape 1

TAPE 2

- 1 Blank
- 5 Introduction
- 20 War service - all Sherdel boys drafted - Fred called home on
father's illness
- 135 Post-war employment - Trommer's Brewery - Sherdel Paper Co.
- 380 Marriages and children in Sherdel family
- 415 Christmas at Mother's
- 420 End Side 1

Side 2

- 1 Cont. -present family and relatives - four V.S. wives
- 125 Sherdel reunions
- 220 End

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