

## Questions to ask your older relatives about your family history

1. What is your full name? Why did your parents select this name for you? Did you have a nickname? How many brothers and sisters do you have?
2. When and where were you born?
3. How did your family come to live there?
4. Were there other family members in the area? Who?
5. What was the house like? How many rooms? Did it have electricity? Indoor plumbing? Telephones?
6. Were there any special items in the house that you remember?
7. What is your earliest childhood memory?
8. Describe the personalities of your family members.
9. What kind of games did you play growing up?
10. Did you have family chores? What were they? Which was your least favorite?
11. Where did you attend school? What was school like?

12. Do you remember any fads from your youth? Popular hairstyles? Clothes?
13. Who were your childhood heroes?
14. What were your favorite songs and music?
15. Did you have any pets? If so, what kind and what were their names?
16. Who were your friends when you were growing up?
17. What world events had the most impact on you while you were growing up? Did any of them personally affect your family?
18. Describe a typical family dinner. Did you all eat together as a family? Who did the cooking? What were your favorite foods?
19. Who was the oldest relative you remember as a child? What do you remember about them?
20. What stories have come down to you about your parents? Grandparents? More distant ancestors?
21. What was the full name of your spouse? Siblings? Parents?
22. What were the occupations of your parents?

23. (If married) Where and when did you get married?
  
24. Why did you choose your children's names?
  
25. What did your family enjoy doing together?
  
26. What was your job and how did you choose it?
  
27. If you could have had any other profession what would it have been? Why wasn't it your first choice?
  
28. Of all the things you learned from your parents, which do you feel was the most valuable?
  
29. What accomplishments were you the most proud of?