

Family History Interview Questions

Childhood and Basic History

- What was the name of your father?
- What was the name of your mother?
- What are your favorite memories of them?
- What is your full name? Do you have a nickname?
- Were you named after anyone?
- Do you know how your name was chosen?
- When and where were you born?
- What is your earliest childhood memory?
- What was your favorite childhood toy?
- What was your favorite game?
- Did you have any pets?
- Who was your hero?
- What was your favorite subject in school?
- Who was your favorite teacher?
- Did you have any siblings? What were their names?
- What are your favorite memories with them?
- Do you remember your grandparents?
- What were your paternal grandparents named?
- What were your maternal grandparents named?
- Do you have special memories of them?
- Do you know where your family is from?
- Do you know anything about your great-grandparents or other family members?

Personal History and Life Experiences

- What is the name of your spouse?
- How did you meet your spouse?
- How were you proposed to? OR How did you propose?
- Where did you get married?
- What is your favorite memory of your wedding?
- What do you believe is the best marriage advice that you received?
- What marriage advice would you give to someone?
- What are the different places that you have lived with your spouse?
- What are some of your favorite memories of your spouse?
- What was your career? What did you do? Where did you go?
- How many children did you have?
- Will you please state your children's names?
- How did you pick the names of your children?
- What are some of your favorite memories of your children?
- What are your favorite songs?
- What is your favorite color?
- What is your favorite sport?
- What is one of your happiest adult memories?

Will you please describe your religious beliefs?
Were you involved in clubs or organizations? If so, why?
Do you have grandchildren?
What are some of your favorite memories of your grandchildren?

World Events

When did your family get its first car?
Do you remember the Great Depression? Did it affect your family?
Do you remember World War II? How did it affect you?
What do you remember about the Civil Right's movement?
Do you remember the assassination of President Kennedy?
Do you remember the moon landing?
What were your experiences regarding the Vietnam war?
What did you think of the Campus Riots?

Is there anything that I haven't asked that you want me to know?