

family history interview

interviewee's name

Relationship to you:

Place and date of birth:

Education:

High School:

College (degree and year of graduation):

Military Service:

Service rank and branch:

Place and date of marriage:

Where did you live when you were growing up?

How did your family come to live there?

Were there other family members in the area?

Who?

What, if any, religion or faith did your family have?

What kinds of family traditions did you have?

Holidays? Birthdays? Family dinners/traditional foods & recipes?

What older relatives do you remember, and what do you remember about them?

Nicknames? Where they lived? Any traditions associated with them?

What family stories have you heard about:

Your parents? Your grandparents? More distant relatives?

Are you adopted? What is your adoption story?

Do you and your family share the same ancestry?

Do you and your family bring different cultural experiences together?

What stories have you heard about your family's origins and your family member's presence in America?

What is the history of your family's last name?

In particular, what do you know about changes in spelling and underlying reasons?

Do you get your last name from your mother, father, or is it a combination?

Is there a naming tradition in your family? *(Example: giving the firstborn son the name of his father or grandfather)*

Who are you named after? Is there a story about that?

Has your family passed down any special keepsakes, heirlooms, books, photos or other memorabilia, including scrapbooks or newspaper clippings?

What values do your family find most important? For example, does your family tend to strongly value education, faith, work ethic, patriotism, etc.?

Other autobiographical information: employment, honors, etc.

Family anecdotes and stories:

Any other relevant information: