

Family History Interview Worksheet

Ask one question at a time, let them wander, and write down names, places and dates as they come up.

Person interviewed _____ Date _____ Interviewed by _____

Early life

1. What is your full name, and were you named after anyone?

2. When and where were you born? What did your family tell you about that day?

3. What were your parents' full names, and where did they come from?

4. What do you remember about your grandparents?

5. Describe the house you grew up in. Who lived there with you?

Family & childhood

6. What were your brothers and sisters like when you were young?

7. What did your family do for holidays and celebrations?

8. What chores did you have? What did you do for fun?

9. Where did you go to school, and who were your friends?

10. Were there family stories everyone told again and again?

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Adult life

11. How did you meet your partner? What was your wedding like?

12. What jobs did you have, and which one did you like best?

13. Where have you lived, and why did you move?

14. What were your children like when they were small?

15. What big events in the world do you remember living through?

Family history

16. Did anyone in the family come from another country? When and why?

17. Are there family Bibles, letters, photos or papers I should know about?

18. Who in the family knows the most about our history?

19. Is there a family member you wish you had asked more questions?

20. What would you like your great-grandchildren to know about you?
