

INTERVIEW QUESTION FORM

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FILL IN INFORMATION WHERE THERE IS ROOM AND IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH ROOM, THEN USE EACH STEP AS A GUIDE AND MAKE NOTATIONS IN YOUR NOTEBOOK. REMEMBER TO TAKE A RECORDING DEVICE WITH YOU SUCH AS A VIDEO CAMERA, TAPE RECORDER AND/OR CAMERA, WHEN POSSIBLE
THIS FORM IS DESIGNED AS A GUIDE TO INITIATE AN INTERVIEW THAT WILL OBTAIN GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION AND IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTERVIEW DOCUMENTATION FORM

1. HOW FAR BACK IS OUR KNOWN ANCESTRY?

- a.) Time Frame:
- b.) Do you know the country/region/state/city/village, in which our earliest known ancestor resided?

2. IF THEY IMMIGRATED, DO YOU KNOW THE DETAILS?

- a.) Immigration Date(s)
- b.) Ship Name
- c.) Immigration Port Arrival
- d.) Location of Residence Upon Immigration
- e.) Do you know what they did for a living upon immigration

3. WHAT ANCESTORS HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT, BUT NEVER MET?

- a.) Do you have any stories you can share that were told to you about them
- b.) Do you know any information about them such as birth dates, death dates, anything that will give me a better picture of who they were
- c.) Do you have any photos of them, maybe in the family photo album
- d.) Is there a record of anyone in the Family Bible [if this is an appropriate question depending on religious affiliation]
- e.) Do you know if the religious affiliation [if any] has always been the same for the family
- f.) Do you know of any organizations that our family has been affiliated with, such as the D.A.R. [Daughters of the American Revolution], Mayflower Society, Any Fraternal Organization, such as the Masons? Freemason? [These will end up giving you another avenue of research if there are any]

4. WHAT FAMILY MEMBERS DO YOU REMEMBER BEING ACTIVE IN YOUR LIFE?

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5. ARE THERE ANY FAMILY STORIES OF INTEREST TO SHARE?

6. DO YOU KNOW OF ANY PREVALENT HEALTH ISSUES IN THE FAMILY HISTORY? [EX. DIABETES, KIDNEY PROBLEMS, HEART PROBLEMS, ETC.]

7. DO YOU KNOW IF ANYONE IN OUR FAMILY WAS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, CIVIL WAR OR ANY OTHER ACTIVE DUTY WHILE IN THE SERVICE?

8. ARE THERE ANY CEMETERIES YOU KNOW OF THAT I SHOULD VISIT THAT WOULD BE OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO ME IN MY FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH?

9. ARE THERE ANY CHURCHES, TEMPLES, RELIGIOUSLY AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS OF INTEREST I SHOULD VISIT THAT MAY HAVE FAMILY RECORDS?

10. IS THERE ANYONE IN THE FAMILY THAT HAS DONE FAMILY RESEARCH THAT I CAN TALK TO, OR SOMEONE IN THE FAMILY THAT INHERITED FAMILY RESEARCH?

11. DO YOU KNOW IF THERE WAS EVER A FAMILY HOMESTEAD? IF SO I CAN DO LAND RECORDS TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION.

12. DO YOU KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY FAMILY DIARIES OR JOURNALS THAT EXIST? THAT WOULD HELP ME TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW THINGS WERE IN THEIR LIFETIME.
13. DO YOU KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY FAMILY DEEDS, OR OTHER TYPES OF RECORDS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO ME?
14. DO YOU KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY HIGH SCHOOL YEAR BOOKS THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE THAT I'VE NEVER SEEN?
15. IS THERE ANYTHING MORE YOU CAN THINK OF THAT MIGHT HELP ME IN MY FAMILY RESEARCH?

Additional Comments:

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