

Genealogy Interview Questions

What is your full name?

How did your parents choose your name?

What is your nickname?

Where and when were you born?

Did your family always live in that area?

Were there other family members that lived near you? Who were they?

What is your earliest childhood memory?

What was your home like? Did it have electricity, indoor plumbing, or telephones?

What are some special items that were in your home?

What were your siblings like? What did you like to do together?

What kind of games did you play as a child?

What was your favorite toy and why did you love it?

What did you like to do for fun as a child?

Did you have any pets?

What were your family chores?

Did you receive an allowance? How much was it? Did you usually save your money or spend it?

Where did you attend grade school, high school, and college?

What was school like for you as a child? What were your favorite subjects?

Did you participate in school activities or sports?

What was your religion growing up? What church did you attend?

Were you ever mentioned in a newspaper?

Who were your closest friends as a youth?

What world events had the most impact on you and your family?

Did you all eat together as a family? Who cooked? Who did the dishes?

What were your favorite foods?

How did you celebrate Christmas?

How is the world today different from your childhood?

Who was the oldest relative you remember as a child? What do you remember about them?

Have any recipes been passed down to you from your ancestors?

What physical characteristics tend to run in your family?

Are there any special heirlooms, photos, or Bibles that have been passed down in your family?

What was the full name of your spouse? Siblings? Parents?

When and how did you meet your spouse?

Where and when did you get married?

How would you describe your spouse?

How did you choose your children's names?

What did your family enjoy doing together?

What was your profession and how did you choose it?

What is the most valuable thing you learned from your parents?

What is the one thing you would most like people to remember about you?

What words of advice would you like to leave with your family?