

DOING YOUR OWN GENEALOGY 25 QUESTIONS

TO ASK IN A GENEALOGICAL INTERVIEW

1. Do I have permission to share the contents of this interview?
2. Do you have any questions before we begin?
3. What interests you about your family tree/ancestry?
4. Is there anyone, in particular, you're interested in learning about?
5. Have you ever tried to trace your family history? If so, what has your experience been?
6. Have your parents, family, etc. ever been interested in ancestry/genealogy?
7. What sort of things do you remember being important to your parents as you were growing up?
8. Tell me a little bit about your family's background. Is there anything that might be important to note for future generations? (medical, religious, geographical, etc.)
9. What do you know about your family surname?
10. How close were you to your mother's side of the family growing up?
11. How close were you to your father's side of the family growing up?
12. Growing up, did you spend a lot of time with extended family
13. Was/is there a specific family member you had/have a particularly close relationship with?

14. Do you have any items that you would like to share with us?
Family bibles, diary entries, etc.?
15. Do you have any memorable family stories (e.g. stories that have been passed down)?
16. What was your childhood home and community like?
17. Did you live in the same place for most of your life, or did you move around?
18. What traditions can you remember being passed down in your family?
19. Can you tell us about some of the most impactful events that happened during your childhood? How do you think they affected you, your family, and your community?
20. When and how did you meet your spouse? When and where did you get married?
21. As an adult, do you keep in contact with your extended family?
22. Do your children know about their family history?
23. Have you done DNA Testing? If not, are you interested in it at all?
24. Where would you like to go from here? What do you see as the next steps in learning more about your family history?
25. Do you have any questions for me?