

## Basic Genealogy Interview Questions

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer/Recorder: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of Individual being interviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname(s) of individual being interviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

- Complete as much as you can together of the family chart on the backside of this form. Go as far back as you can – use additional charts if needed.

1. Were you born at your home or in a hospital:
2. Please explain any specific reason for your given name or nickname.
3. Siblings names/birthdates:
4. Tell me about where you grew up... What was your home like? Neighborhood? Did you live near relatives?
5. Were you and your siblings able to attend school of any kind?
6. Tell about chores you and your siblings were responsible for? Who did the cooking, ironing, sewing, cleaning... any outside chores?

7. What do you remember about any world history making events/wars or significant political or religious events that occurred while you were growing up? How did these events affect you personally?

8. Did you have a favorite hobby, toy or pastime as a child/young adult?

9. What have you done for jobs/career?

10. Have you been married? Where were you married? Date:

11. Do you have children?

12. Do you have strong religious beliefs? Are these beliefs similar to what religion you were raised in? What do you believe?

13. What are some of your favorite memories of your mother?

14. What are some of your favorite memories of your father?

15. What did your parents do for a living?

16. List grandparents and where they lived:

17. Do you have any memories of your grandparents?

18. If any of your grandparents were born outside of the country, when did they come to the US? Did they travel with anyone? Did they become US citizens?

19. Do you know of any relatives in foreign countries? Elaborate...

20. Did your grandparents have children other than your parents? – If so, list names and birth dates:

21. Tell me something about your life that was a funny moment or a moment that changed your life or the way you view life?

22. What are some (or just one big) life lessons that you have learned and want someone else to know?

23. What else would you like me/the future generations to know about you and your life experiences?