

Interview Questions

1. Who were/are the oldest members of your family?
2. Do you know their whole names? Birthdates?
3. Did anyone who wasn't related to you live with you when you were a child?
4. Where did you grow up?
5. For how long did your family live in the area(s)?
6. Did other family members live in the area? If so, who?
7. Did you live on a farm? If so, what kind of crops did you grow?
8. Did you keep livestock or other animals?
9. Did you have any pets?
10. What was your house or apartment like?
11. What kinds of amenities did your home have? (indoor plumbing, electricity or gas, phone, television)
12. What was your neighborhood like?
13. Where did you go to school? What was your favorite subject in school?
14. Who were your friends when you were growing up?
15. Can you tell me about some close friends of the family?
16. Can you describe the personalities of your family members?
17. Did your family have any traditions?
18. Can you remember any stories that were told to you as a child (fictional, folklore, or real life)?
19. What inventions or developments changed your life, and how?
20. What were your parents' occupations?
21. Where did your parents work?
22. Did you work? Where?
23. Did anyone in your family serve in the military?
24. What were your family's favorite meals? Are there any special family recipes?
25. When did you move away from home?
26. Have you ever been married? If so, to whom? When?
27. Where did you meet your husband/wife/partner?
28. Do you have any children? If so, how many?