

CAPTURING HISTORY: Family Member Interview

Use the following questions as a starting place for conducting an oral history interview with a family member. Add as many additional questions as you'd like to ask in the blank space. Record the interview using a smartphone or other device, or write down the questions and answers in a journal. Have fun capturing history!

NAME OF FAMILY MEMBER: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU: _____

INTERVIEW CONVERSATION

- Tell me a story about a place that is important to you. Try to paint a picture for me about what that place looks like and what important event happened there.
- Describe a time in your life when you were scared or uncertain about how things would work out. What challenge(s) were you facing? Where and when did this take place? Who else was important in your life at the time? How did this challenge affect your daily life? Your future? What did you learn about yourself during this time? Do you have any advice for people facing challenging times now?
- If you could travel to any place in the world, where would it be and why?
- What is one of your skills, talents, or life experiences that would surprise people if they knew that about you?
- What else is important for me, our family members, and other people to know about you and your life?

Additional Questions

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