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# Family Interview Worksheet

A family interview worksheet is one of the best ways to start researching your family tree! You can interview:

- Parents
- Grandparents
- Aunts/uncles
- Older cousins
- Siblings and other relatives!

This worksheet will help you ask the right questions to help your relatives remember important details that will provide excellent clues for your research. The worksheet will be a great keepsake, too!

Print one copy of the pages 2-4 (not this first page) for each family member you plan to interview.

Remember to take lots of notes!

#### **Family Interview Worksheet**

### Biographic Information

Family Member Name:
Date of birth (DOB):
Current address:
Name of Spouse:
Mother's name and DOB:
Father's name and DOB:
Names of siblings:
Paternal grandmother name:
Place of birth:
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#### Discussion Questions

Who is the oldest relative that they remember meeting?
What was the religion of your grandparents?
Did your grandparents have any interesting or unusual customs?
What family traditions do you still practice?
What is your mother's best quality?
What is your father's best quality?
What are your memories of your first home when you were very young?
Tell me about a vacation or trip you remember from your childhood?
What year did you graduate from high school?
What were your plans after high school?

What did you end up doing after high school?
How did you meet your spouse?
How long did you date your spouse before you got married?
Was your family supportive of your decision to get married?
What did you do for a career?
Did you ever serve in the military?
Which friend have you known the longest?
What was the best advice you ever received?
What is your biggest accomplishment?
What is your biggest regret?
Who is the person who has influenced you most?
Is there something important about your history, or our family history, that you think I should know?