

# Oral History Interview

Name:

Date:

Person Being Interviewed:

Age of Person:

Relationship to Interviewer:

## **Early Childhood:**

1. When and where were you born?
2. Parents: Who were they? What did your father do for a living?
3. Brothers and sisters?
4. First memories?

## **Growing Up and School:**

1. Where did you go to school?
2. How did you get to school?
3. How many grades were in the school or room?

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4. How long was the school year?
5. Describe the school buildings and grounds.
6. Memories of teachers? Amusing incidents or funny stories?
7. How far was it to school?
8. How many years did you go to school?
9. Why did you stop going?

**Family and Recreation:**

1. Describe the house you grew up in.
2. Where did you get your clothing and shoes?
3. How close were the nearest neighbors?

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4. Were there special family outings or reunions?
  
5. How did the family celebrate special holidays like Christmas and the Fourth of July?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What did you do for entertainment when you were growing up?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Were church related activities an important part of growing up?  
Is so, describe.

**Work Experience:**

1. At what age were you first expected to help with work at home?
2. What chores were expected of you?
3. What first job away from home that earned money did you do?
4. How did you spend that first money?

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5. Describe the different jobs you have had during your life.

**Marriage and Family:**

1. When and to whom were you married?
2. How did you meet?
3. How long had you known each other?
4. Describe the wedding.
5. How many children did you have, their names, and when were they born?

**Maturity:**

1. What important even in history happened in your life that you specifically remember or that stands out?
2. How many moves from place to place have you made in your life?
3. Have you ever gone on long trips to other states or countries? Describe.

**Retirement:**

1. When did you stop working full time?
2. What sort of things do you enjoy now?
3. If you had your life to live over again, would you change anything or do anything differently?

