



ORAL FAMILY HISTORIES

Each family has stories that are unique and reflect traditions, relations, and culture. When recording an oral history remember to keep the interview pace slow and comfortable. Give lots of time for responses to questions and never interrupt. This will stop the flow of information and make your interviewee uncomfortable. It is often a good idea to prepare questions prior to the interview. Some questions for relatives may document family connections, timelines, events – places, dates, and your family’s association. Personal histories might include dates, places, and people. It is often necessary to come back and conduct another interview using information gathered from the first consultation.

INTERVIEWER’S NAME:

Person interviewing.

INTERVIEWEE’S NAME:

Person being interviewed.

DATE:

PLACE OF INTERVIEW:

SUBJECT/REASON FOR INTERVIEW:

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW RECORDS:

Written records or audio/video recordings.

INFORMATION FROM INTERVIEW: