

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

When were you born?

Where were you born?

Was this a small town, farming community, urban area?

Did you live with your natural parents?

Siblings?

Where did you fit in the birth order?

What were your natural talents?

Were you able to further them through lessons?

Education?

If you weren't able to finish high school or college, was there a reason?

What were your goals? Your dreams?

How many have you reached thus far?

What jobs did you have from earliest to latest?

What career did you choose to pursue?

Were you able to make a living with that career or did you have to compromise your desires as to your choice of work?

Did you marry?

When? Who?

Marry more than once? Why?

Did you have children? How many?

What was your relationship with them?

Did you consider yourself a strict parent? Indulgent parent?

Did you really want all the children you brought to life?

What part of your life was the most difficult? Childhood? Teenage years?

What age, when reaching it, caused the most angst?

What have your health issues been during the years?

Any serious illnesses?

Life-threatening illness?

Have any health problems affected the life you wanted to live?

What deaths have you mourned? Friends? Family?

How did their deaths affect you personally?

What plans do you have for retirement?

Will you be able to retire at all?

In your advancing years, are your parents alive?

Do you have responsibility for one or both?