



# MY ROOTS RUN DEEP

Questions for Family

## Questions

Questions to ask during a family history interview

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Questions:

What did your parents name you? Were you named after anyone? By what name were you usually called?

Where were you born? When?

### **Family History**

How far back could your family trace it's roots? From where was the information collected?

Do any family trees exist?

How far back does your family trace its roots and from where? Do you have any information gathered? Any documents? Any family trees? Any pictures? Letters?

What nationalities did your family include? Languages? Any traditions or superstitions?

Who were the first members of your family to come to the US? Where did they come from and why did they leave their homeland? Did they feel that they had to leave because of economic reasons? Persecution? How did they get here? Have you visited there? Did you feel welcome there?

What level of education did your family receive and was education important?

Was your family religious? What religion did your family practice?

Was there a traditional occupation in your family? What did your family members do?

What were your family's finances like? Any assets passed down from generation to generation?

What kind of medical history did your family have? Did any illnesses run in the family? How old did most of your ancestors live?

Any heirlooms in your family?

### **You**

What weight/length were you when you were born? Did you have any hair? What color? Who did you look like?

Any birth marks? Did you grow quickly? What age were your firsts?

### **School**

What did kids wear to school? Were there dress codes?

What clubs did you participate in?

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Did you go to preschool? Kindergarten?

How did you get to school?

What activities did you do after school?

Did you have any best friends in school? Where did you meet up with your friends and what did you do with them?

## **Family**

Did your family celebrate the holidays?

Did you move during your childhood?

Did you have chores at home?

Family traditions and get togethers?

Did you travel as a child?

Did you have brothers and sisters?

Did you grow up with cousins? Spend much time with them?

## **Inventions**

What new technology have you seen change in your lifetime?

Did you listen to an iPod in High School? A CD? Vinyl?

How was the radio different? Were 3D printers common?

## **The Tough Questions**

How do you feel about Brown Vs. the Board of Education? Do you have memories of segregation? Busing?

How do you feel about Roe Vs. Wade? Do you have memories of before Roe V Wade? Back Alley Abortions? Girls going away?

How do you feel about Interracial Marriage?

How do you feel about the passing of Gay Marriage?