

34 Questions for a Family History Conversation

1. What is your full name now? Was it the same at your birth? Has it changed between then and now?
2. When and where were you born?
3. Who is your mother?
4. When and where was your mother born? Do you know her name before marriage?
5. What can you tell me about your mother's relatives?
6. Who is your father?
7. When and where was your father born?
8. What can you tell me about your father's relatives?
9. What are the full names of each of your brothers and sisters?
10. When and where was each of your brothers and sisters born?
11. What memories do you have of each of your brothers and sisters?
12. What schools did you and your brothers and sisters go to?
13. Whom did your brothers and sisters marry?
14. Whom did you marry?
15. What are the full names of each of your children?
16. When and where were your children born?
17. Whom did your children marry?

18. Who are your grandchildren? Whom have they married, and do they have any children?
19. What memories do you have of extended family members, such as aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents?
20. Where did some of these extended family members live?
21. What can you remember about births, marriages, and deaths of other family members?
22. Where are family members buried?
23. Did you or any of your relatives serve in the military?
24. What was your first experience of earning money? And after that ...
25. What did you used to do in your free time? And how has that changed over the years? Hints: sports, crafts, organizations, pets, volunteering ...
26. What jobs do you remember your parents and other family members doing?
27. What did your parents and other family members do in their free time?
28. What religion(s) or religions were practised in your home?
29. Are there any family members who kept a journal or who wrote a historical account of your family? Who are they? Are any of these accounts available for me to read?
30. Are you aware of any ancestors who emigrated from their home country to this country?
31. Does anyone in the family own a family Bible, a family history, or genealogical records of any kind? Who are these family members, and where do they live?
32. Can you give me contact details of anyone who can tell me more about their part of the family?
33. Will you show me some of your old family documents or artefacts?
34. Will you show me some of your old family photographs?

This list is based on

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/manual/members-guide-to-temple-and-family-history-work/appendix/appendix-b-questions-for-interviewing-family-members?lang=eng>