

Sample Questions for Gathering Oral Histories:

1. What is your full name?
2. Why did your parents select this name for you? Did you have a nickname?
3. When and where were you born?
4. How did your family come to live in this community (or Utah)?
5. What do you remember about your home growing up? (e.g. farm, ranch, acreage, number of rooms, electricity, phones)
6. What was your favorite thing to do for fun? (e.g. movies, trips, etc.)
7. Did you have family chores? What were they? Which was your favorite or least favorite?
8. Did you get an allowance for your chores? If yes, how much?
9. What was school like for you as a child?
10. Where did you attend elementary, middle, high school? What subjects did you like?
11. What school activities did you participate in? (Band/orchestra; dance, sports, school government) When and where did you perform?
12. What city, state, or world events had the most impact on you while you were growing up? Did any of them personally affect your family?
13. How were holidays celebrated in your home? What were your special traditions? What did you family enjoy doing together?
14. What stories do you remember your parents or grandparents telling you?
15. Did you go to college? What did you study and why?
16. Did you have any pets? What were they and what were their names? Where did you keep them?
17. What were your jobs and how did you choose them?
18. What places of interest do you wish you could visit and why?
19. What do you want people to remember about you? about the city? about the state?
20. Is there anything you would like to add?