Sample Questions for Family Interviews

What are the names of your parents? What are the names of your siblings? Did you know your grandparents? What did you call your grandparents? What type of chores did you do as a child? What activities did you do for fun as a child? What was your home like? Did you have your own bedroom? When did you start earning your own money? What did you use your own money for? Did you travel? Who did you travel with? How did you travel? What did you take with you when you traveled? Do you remember any stories about ancestors from another country? What was school like for you? How many years did you attend school? How did you celebrate your birthday as a child? What holiday celebrations do you remember from your childhood? Was there a toy you remember asking for as a child? Were you ever in the military? Which branch? What church did your family attend? How did you meet your spouse? What activities did you engage in while dating? What was your first car? What was your proposal like? How did you celebrate your marriage? Where did you honeymoon? What was it like when your first child was born? What major change has happened in your lifetime? What is different about dating today? What is different about holidays today? Are there foods you remember from your childhood? What was it like when you first had a television in your home? What do you want the family to remember about you?