

Begin your genealogical research by asking the right questions. Use this list to interview your family members.

### **Interview Questions**

- What is your full name and do you know why you were named that?
- Where were you born and when? Do you remember any stories that your parents told you about the event?
- What do you remember about your childhood?
- Where did you go to school? Did you finish school? If not, why? (Remember to ask about all levels of schooling through college.)
- What were your brothers and sisters like?
- Where and when were your parents born? What did they look like? What were their occupations?
- Did your parents tell you how they met?
- Do you remember your grandparents? Do you recall any stories about them? What did they look like?
- Did you hear any stories about your great-grandparents? Did you ever meet your great-grandparents?
- When you were a child, who was the oldest person in your family?
- Did any relatives (other than your immediate family) live with you?
- Do you remember who your neighbors were when you were a child?
- Did your family have any traditions or celebrate any special holidays?
- Are there any items (stories, traditions, or physical items) that have been handed down through several generations of the family?
- When did you leave home? Where did you live?
- Did you join the military? If so, what branch of service were you in? What units were you part of? Did you serve overseas?
- What occupations have you had? Did you have any special training?
- How did you meet your spouse?
- When and where did you get married? Did you go on a honeymoon? Where?
- When were your children born? Do you have any stories about the births?
- Do you know how the family originally immigrated to this country? Where did they come from? Why did they leave their native land?