

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. In what town did you grow up? Was it like where we live now in terms of size and number of people who live there? What did the house look like and is it still there? Were there many kids to play with? What did you do when you played?**
- 2. Did you have chores to do? Did you get an allowance? What did you do with your allowance? What jobs did you have growing up? Which jobs did you like and not like? What did you want to be when you grew up?**
- 3. Did you start school with kindergarten or with first grade? What do you recall about school in elementary school? What was the hardest thing about school back then? What did you do for lunch—carry lunch? buy a lunch? go home for lunch? Were you in any activities?**
- 4. Was there a special relative who made you happy and why? Do you have memories of doing fun activities with this person? Did this individual have a nickname for you? Is this person still alive? If not, how did this person die?**
- 5. Do you recall family traditions associated with holidays like Christmas, Thanksgiving, or Easter? Who would participate in these traditions? Do you know how these came to be a tradition in the family? Was there any special music or foods?**
- 6. Were your brothers and sisters an influence to you? How? Which of them was most like you in your way of doing things or attitude or likeness back then? Do you have a special memory of your brothers or sisters growing up?**
- 7. Do you know any stories about family members who immigrated to the United States? When did they come? How did they come? Why did they come? Who came with them? What did they do when they came over? Does anyone in the family have items like photos or documents or journals from those days? Is there anyone who is interested in genealogy who has been tracing the family tree?**
- 8. How did you meet your spouse? What was it that you noticed first about him or her? What did you do to charm this person into liking you? Tell me about the wedding and the reception. Do you have pictures?**
- 9. Did you serve in the military? Which branch? When? What was your role in the service? Did you participate in wartime? What would you like to share about your experience? Did you make friends while serving?**