INTERVIEW AN OLDER RELATIVE:

When and where were you born?

Where did you live through your childhood and how did your family come to live there?

Did you have any family that lived close by? Who?

Describe your childhood home, do you remember the street you lived on?

What is your earliest childhood memory?

Where did you attend elementary school? High School? College?

What was your religion growing up? Were you affiliated with any congregation?

Were you ever mentioned in a newspaper?
What were the most relevant world events in your lifetime? How did they affect you and your family?

Who is the oldest relative you can remember? What do you remember about them?

Do you know anything about your family surname?

Is there a naming tradition in your family? Such as always giving the firstborn son the name of his paternal grandfather?

Does the family have any oral traditions? Stories passed down about parents? Grandparents? More distant ancestors?

Do you know of any famous or infamous relatives in your family?

Can you describe family heirlooms that have been passed down in your family?

What is the full name of your spouse? Siblings? Parents?

Where and when did you get married?

What is one thing you want people to remember about you or your family?