

PERSONAL HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

FAMILY NAME

INFORMATION ON ORIGIN OF SURNAME AND NAME CHANGES

NATIONAL ORIGIN

CHILDHOOD:

Date of birth

Earliest memories as a child

Nicknames

How would you describe your childhood years

Childhood ambition

Games played as a child

Favorite toys

Childhood adventures

Important possessions as a child

Family rules

Chores at home

Punishments recalled

Family moves

Description of home and locations

Appliances that were in the home

Typical breakfast, dinner and supper at home

Foods served from cultural background

Family vacations

Memories of typical activities in Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter

SCHOOL YEARS

Names of schools attended

Transportation used to get to school

Grades in school

How summers were spent

Subjects taken in high school

Extracurricular activities in high school

Jobs after school

Awards during school years

THE SINGLE YEARS

Other schooling

Living situations while in school

First jobs after high school

Places lived as a young adult

Hobbies, interests, sports

Hourly wage on first job

Types of transportation used as a young adult

Dreams and Goals

Memorable events of young adulthood

Close friends and activities

DATING AND COURTSHIP

Most memorable date, with whom, what...

Other boyfriends/ girlfriends

Special dates and memories

Favorite places

Favorite activities

How you met your spouse

First impressions

Meeting the in-laws

Why you chose the one you married

Length of engagement

Marriage proposal memories

WEDDING

Brides maiden name

Wedding date/ place

Describe the event

Honeymoon

MARRIED LIFE

Places lived, first home

Memories of early married years

Dreams for future

Work history, jobs held, years worked, etc.

Children: names and dates of birth

special achievements, interests

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren

MEMORIES OF...

Things I like to do for fun

Effect of the "Great Depression" on me

Effect of wars on family

How I remember my families first automobile

My favorite expressions and sayings

Narrow escapes in my life

Animals and pets I have had over the years

Ways in which I have changed over the years

Things I have always wanted to do

Home cures for health problems

My feelings about politics

Interesting or unusual events in my lifetime

My health problems

Most cherished possessions

What life has taught me

Important people I have known

Things I want people to remember about me

What I would do differently if I had my life to live over

My most embarrassing moments

Crises that stand out in my life

Values that are important to me

Greatest joys

Greatest sorrows

My best qualities

My oldest and best friends

The best advice given to me

Advice I would give to future generations

Religion: beliefs and ways in which religion has
affected and influenced my life

Cultural traditions

Travels

Family recipes

Important people in my life

Clubs and organizations

Awards and prizes won in adult life

Things I have created or