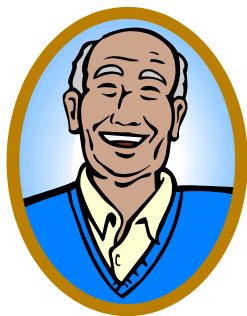


Family History Sprint



May 2014 – Interview your oldest living relative



Summary:

The purpose of this sprint is for you to get to know the history of your family better by interviewing your oldest living relative. If you are the oldest living relative, transcribe to text some of your earliest memories.

- Here is a sequence that you might follow:

1. Interview your oldest living relative.

Sample interview topics:*

- What are your oldest memories?
- What are the earliest memories of your parents?
- What memories do you have of your earliest home(s)?
- How did your parents meet? How did you meet your spouse?
- Tell me about the schools you attended.
- What positions and callings in church did you have?
- What are some of the peculiarities, talents and abilities of your (our) family members?

2. Record the interview.

You can use the following to record your interview:

- Audio tape recorder.
- Digital recorders, most of which are small and hand-held.
- Video camera – film, tape or digital.
- Digital still camera in the video mode.
- PCs and laptops, some smart phones.

3. Transcribe the interview into text.

- From the audio recording, type the interview directly into a personal computer or typewriter.
- If you have a typed or printed copy of the interview, use one of the OCR (Optical Character Recognition) computer programs to scan and convert your text into digital format.

4. Upload the transcription to FamilySearch.org and attach it to the interviewee's parents and perhaps to others mentioned in the interview.

There are two methods of entering your interview into FamilySearch.org:

- 1- Manually enter (type) the interview directly from within FamilySearch.org.
- 2- Upload your interview after saving it on your PC as a JPG, PNG, or PDF file. This is done in the manner outlined in Sprint #1 (January) under "Adding documentation".

* Here are two very helpful internet links about interviewing family members:

- <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865595932/Genealogy-150-questions-to-ask-family-members-about-their-lives.html?pg=all>
- https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Creating_Oral_Histories
- Also, you can "google" – 'interviewing family members family history'.