

From the desk of Rhonda Hawkins

A. Outlook

1. Whom did you admire most when you were young?
2. When you were small, what did you hope to do when you grew up?

B. Higher Education

1. What education did you get past high school? Did you study in your adult years?
2. Did your family support, oppose, or encourage you?
3. Who influenced you most and helped you to develop your skills?
4. Would you choose the same career if you had it to do over?

C. Marriage and Later Life

1. When and where did you meet your husband or wife?
2. How and when did you get engaged?
3. When and where did you marry?
4. Did you go on a honeymoon?
5. Where was your first home?
6. What is your spouse's occupation?
7. Where and when were your children born?
8. Did you or your spouse go into military service?
9. If your husband went into service, what did you do while he was away?
10. What memories do you have of war years?
11. To what organizations have you belonged?
12. Have you been politically active during your lifetime?
13. Which presidents have you voted for?

D. Philosophy and Outlook

1. Do you have a philosophy of life to share with your descendants?
2. Do you have a favorite philosopher, teacher, or writer who best expresses your philosophy?
3. Do you have religious leanings or strong religious beliefs?
4. In your opinion, which have been the greatest advances or inventions of all?
5. What things have given you the most pleasure or satisfaction?
6. Is there anything that has caused you perpetual concern? What events or trends have disturbed you most in your lifetime?
7. What do you consider to be your greatest accomplishment?

I hope these questions help you with your research and filling in some of those blanks that are being left by unanswered questions.