

ROOTED

Questions to Ask Your Grandparents

Twelve questions to ask before the answers are gone — write the replies down, or just record the conversation.

1. What were your parents' and grandparents' full names — including maiden names?
2. Where were you born, and where did you grow up?
3. Where did our family come from before they came to this country?
4. What did your parents and grandparents do for a living?
5. Is there a first or last name that keeps repeating through the family?
6. What's the oldest family story you remember being told as a child?
7. How did your parents — and their parents — meet?
8. Did anyone in the family immigrate? From where, and about when?
9. What were the hardest times the family lived through, and how did they get through them?
10. Are there old photos, letters, or documents in a box or attic somewhere?
11. What traditions did your family keep that we've let slip away?
12. What do you most want the family to remember about you?

When you're ready to turn these answers into a tree you can hang — rooted-family-trees.netlify.app