The Wheat Ridge Historical Society invites you to participate in our

“Stories of Wheat Ridge” project.

Please answer any or all of the following questions then return your answers to wrhistorical@gmail.com. We will be using your answers for upcoming flyers, pamphlets and books to show future generations some of the things that happened in our area.

What is your full name?

When were you born?

Where were you born?

When did you move to Wheat Ridge?

Where did you go to school?

What is your favorite Wheat Ridge memory?

Are you a member of the WR Historical Society?

If yes, how did you come to join the WR Historical Society?

What’s your first memory?

Who’s the oldest relative you remember (and what do you remember about him or her)?

How did your parents meet?

Tell me about your childhood home.

How did your family celebrate holidays when you were a child?

What were your favorite school subjects?

Tell me about your favorite teacher.

Tell me about some of your friends.

Describe your first job.

What did you do with your first paycheck?

What was your favorite job and why?

Who are some of your heroes?

How did you meet your spouse?

Tell me about your wedding day.

Tell me about the day your first child was born.

Where were you when you heard that President Kennedy was shot?

Where were you when the Twin Towers collapsed in New York City on 9/11/2001?

Tell me about any other important historical events you remember.

What is your experience with or opinion of computers?

Any other information you would like to share?

How would you like to be remembered?

100 Family History Interview Questions

1. What is your full name?
2. Did your parents name you after anyone?
3. What did people call you as a child? Do you have any nicknames?
4. When were you born?
5. In what city/state were you born?
6. Did your birth take place in a hospital, at home?

Was there a doctor or midwife present?

1. What is your mother’s full name/date of birth? Where was she born?
2. What is your father’s full name/date of birth? Where was he born?
3. Do you know your maternal grandparents’ names and dates of birth? Where were they born?
4. Do you know your paternal grandparents’ names and dates of birth? Where were they born?
5. What did your father do for a living? Did he have more than one profession?
6. What kind of work did your mother do? Was she employed outside of the home?
7. What kind of work did your grandparents do?
8. Where did your maternal grandparents live?
9. Where did your paternal grandparents live?
10. Do you have any special memories of your grandparents?
11. What do you remember about your great-grandparents? Did you ever meet them?
12. What do you remember about your mother from growing up?
13. What do you remember about your father from growing up?
14. What important life lessons did you learn from your parents?
15. What family stories or memories were passed down to you from your parents or grandparents?
16. What about special holiday traditions or recipes passed on to you?
17. Are there any special family heirlooms that were handed down to you?
18. What is your first childhood memory?
19. Did you have any siblings?
20. What are their names and when were they born?
21. Can you describe your siblings more?
22. Are you a middle child? The oldest, youngest? How did that impact your childhood?
23. Were you close with your siblings? Who was your favorite playmate?
24. Did you care for your younger siblings? Did you like it? Was it difficult?
25. Where did you live as a child? Did your family move often? Why?
26. Can you describe your childhood home(s)?
27. How was your home heated? Was it warm in the wintertime?
28. Where did you sleep? Did you share a room?
29. Did you have running water? If not, how did you get water?
30. Who did the cooking in your home? The cleaning?
31. What kinds of foods did you eat often?
32. Where did your food come from? A grocery store, a nearby farm, your family’s farm/garden?
33. Did you have any animals or pets growing up? Which was your favorite?
34. What was the weather like where you lived as a child?
35. What were your chores when you were little? Did they change as you got older?
36. Can you describe what your daily life was like as a child?
37. Did you go to school outside of the home or were you homeschooled?
38. If you were schooled outside the home, how did you get there?
39. What was your favorite part of school? Your least favorite?
40. What were the most important skills that you learned at home?
41. What kind of clothing did you wear? Was it homemade or store-bought?
42. What did you want to do or be when you grew up?
43. What was your favorite hobby in your free time?
44. Did you have any favorite toys or games?
45. How did your family spend the evenings? Weekends?
46. Did you have a close friend as a child?
47. Where did your family travel to as a kid?
48. What was your favorite holiday or special occasion?
49. How were birthdays celebrated in your family?
50. Did you celebrate a winter holiday? (Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, etc.?)
51. How did you celebrate this holiday? Did you give gifts, decorate, dress up, worship?
52. Was your family religious? What place of worship did you attend?
53. What was your first job? How old were you?
54. How many years of school did you attend?
55. Did you go to a college or university? Where, when? What did you study?
56. What were your goals, hopes, and dreams as a young adult?
57. What is your occupation/trade? Have you had multiple professions over the years?
58. If you could have chosen another profession, what would it be?
59. Did you ever get married?
60. When, where, and how did you meet your spouse?
61. How did you get engaged?
62. What was your wedding like? What did you wear, what food was served, where was it held?
63. Did you go on a trip or honeymoon after the wedding? Where to?
64. What is your spouse’s full name? Their siblings and parents?
65. What is your spouse’s occupation? Interests?
66. Can you describe a little about your spouse’s personality?
67. What do you love the most about your spouse?
68. What was your first home together like? Where was it? Did you rent it, buy it?
69. What would you say is the key to a successful marriage?
70. Do you have any children? How many?
71. What are the names and birth dates of your children? The names of their spouses?
72. Do you remember what it was like finding out you would soon be a parent?
73. What were your children’s births like? At the hospital, at home? Who was there?
74. What city or county were each or your children born in?
75. Where did you live when your kids were growing up?
76. Did you move around much? Why did you move and to where?
77. What was your home(s) like when your children were young? Did you own or rent?
78. What special memories do you have of your children’s baby or preschool years?
79. What was your favorite way to spend time with your kids?
80. What was the hardest part of raising kids? The best part?
81. What special traditions or holiday celebrations were favorites in your family?
82. Did your family attend church or worship services?
83. What hobbies did you have when you weren’t working or caring for children?
84. What kind of music did you like to listen to?
85. What kind of books/magazines did you like to read?
86. Did you have any close friends during this time?
87. Were you a part of any clubs or organizations?
88. Where have you traveled to in your life? What place was your favorite?
89. What major world events have happened in your lifetime? Did any have a big effect on you?
90. What accomplishments are you most proud of in your life?
91. What would you say are your greatest skills?
92. Which personal events in your life would you say had the greatest impact on you?
93. What’s the best advice you can give your great-grandchildren, your great-great-grandchildren?
94. What do you want people to remember the most about you?