Interesting Family History Questions to Ask

1. As a child, did you receive an allowance? What did you do with it?
2. What was school like for you as a child? What did you like best and least? Where did you attend elementary school? High school? College?
3. What school activities and sports did you participate in?
4. Who were your childhood heroes?
5. Did you have any pets? If so, what kind and what were their names?
6. What world events had the most impact on you while you were growing up? How did they affect your family?
7. How did your family celebrate holidays and birthdays? Describe one of your family traditions.
8. How is the world today different from what it was like when you were a child?
9. Who was the oldest relative you remember as a child? What do you remember about him or her?
10. What stories have come down to you about your grandparents? And more distant ancestors?
11. Are there any stories about famous or infamous relatives in your family?
12. What physical characteristics run in your family?
13. What was the full name of your spouse? Siblings? Parents?
14. When and how did you meet your spouse? What did you do on dates?
15. Where and when did you get married?
16. How did you decide where to live when you got married?
17. What do you believe is the key to a successful marriage?
18. How did you choose your children’s names?
19. What was your proudest moment as a parent?
20. What did your family enjoy doing together?
21. What was your profession and how did you choose it?
22. If you could have had any other profession, what would it be? Why wasn’t it your first choice?
23. Of all the things you learned from your parents, what was the most valuable?
24. What accomplishments are you the most proud of?
25. What is the one thing you most want people to remember about you?

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