

# Oral History Homework

Some of these questions you will be able to fill out on your own. Most of them you will need to ask a family member or neighbor for the information.

Remember: Oral history is spoken history. It is what people know about, but often forget to write down. You are going to be the person that records this important information. If you need more space attach a piece of lined paper to this or write on the back.

1. Your address:

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2. How long has your family lived at this address? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What improvements (paint, repair, remodel, add, take down etc.) has your family made to the home or property? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. List any evidence that shows how your house has changed from the past. (EX coal chute, chimneys you don't use, closets etc.)

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5. Ask your family what they know about the history of the house and/or who owed it before you. Write it down here or on a separate sheet of paper.

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5. Ask a neighbor or previous owner of your home (or your parent) what they know of your house and the neighborhood.

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6. Why did your parents decide to move to this home?

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7. Is this your family's first home in Urbana? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Where did you/they live before? \_\_\_\_\_

9. For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

10. When did your family move to Illinois? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Where did they move from? \_\_\_\_\_

12. When did your family come to the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

13. What country did they come from? \_\_\_\_\_

You will now need to come up with three to five (3-5) or more questions about your home or family history. You must also ask parents, neighbors, or relations to get answers to your questions.

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