

Appendix

Family History Guidelines

Here are some story ideas for your family history submission. Remember, your family's story is unique — you may add to, or leave out storylines as you wish. This is a general guideline to follow if you are not sure what to include.

Vital Statistics: Who are you? What were the names of your parents/grandparents? To whom are you married, and when were you married? Who were your spouse's parents/grandparents? Do you have children? Names, birth dates, and marriages of children and grandchildren. Remember to include maiden names or other family names. Also: adoptions, orphans, extended family members who have lived with you, and all dates and circumstances of deaths and burials.

Emigration, Immigration, and Places of Residence: Where have you/your parents/your grandparents/your children lived? What was it like? Why did you (they) move? Describe houses, homelands, homesteads, immigration routes and daily life in the home through the years.

Businesses, Trades and Occupations: What have you done for a living? Farming, ranching, trades, business interests, and professional occupations of you, your spouse, parents and children.

Education: What schools were attended? Achievements, social highlights. Include apprenticeships, co-operative programs and any secondary education of all family members.

Religion: religious affiliation and activities.

Politics: political affiliation and activities — local, regional, provincial, federal. Activities with co-operatives, farm unions, and other political activism (women's issues, the environment, animal rights, etcetera.)

Social and Recreational Interests: participation in clubs and organizations, sports, hobbies, music, and the arts. Be specific: which clubs? which sports? why? social/learning aspects of clubs and sports (dances, fairs, events, lessons, practices, etc.). What hobbies (hunting, fishing, sewing, crafts, woodworking)? music lessons? summer camp? drama clubs and painting? Include highlights and stories.

Armed Forces Services: past and present, when and where served.

Natural Phenomenon: floods, fires, tornadoes, earthquakes, ice storms, washouts, drought, grasshoppers. Include impact on family.

Special Stories or Memories: favourite memories or best stories about events, incidents or characters in your family, church, club, business, or community.