

FARMS & FOLKS

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Family / Farms Questionnaire

Share your family story. To help you create your story please fill out the questions below that apply. These are just suggestions to help you, and don't all need to be answered. Every person is different and so is their story and how it is told. There is no right or wrong way, just your way.

Please submit this form by July 15 as a .txt, .doc or .rtf file. or email to editor@take5.ca . Include relating photos or artifacts by using the Photo/Artifact Intake sheet. Scan your photos at a minimum of 300dpi or bring to the TAKE 5 office 203-622 1st Ave. Ladysmith. Answer questions with detail. This will greatly assist us in creating your profile. If a history of your family is already available, include or send in email.

Name _____

Email / phone # _____

Home Address _____

Family / Farm / Subject _____

FAMILY

1. Your given names and meaning? (Include surname and maiden name for women.)
2. Did you have a nickname? Who gave it to you?
3. When and where were you born?
4. Did you attend church? How did the church play a role in your family life?
5. Where was your first home in Cedar & District?
6. In what other homes/places have you lived?
7. Any local street names/Cedar & Area landmarks related to the family?
8. What were your earliest memories of your home?
9. What services were available in the area?

10. Could you tell me a story or any memory of your brothers and sisters? Please supply names, ages, etc.
11. Could you tell me a story or any memory of your mother and father? What are the full names of your mother and father? Where were they born?
12. Could you tell me a story or any memory of your grandparents? What are the full names of your grandparents? Where were they born?
13. Do you remember your great-grandparents? What are the full names of your great-grandparents? Where were they born?
14. Who was the oldest person you remember as a child?
15. What did your family do for fun when you were a child?
16. Was there a chore you really hated doing as a child?
17. What were your favorite childhood games?
18. Where was your favorite place to play in the area?
19. Were there any fads during your youth that you remember?
20. What grade school and or high school did you attend in Cedar & District?
21. What were your schools like and how did you get to school every day?
22. Who was your favorite teacher and why was he/she special?
23. How do your fellow classmates from school remember you best?
24. What were some of the school activities and sports?
25. Did you and your friends have a special hangout?
26. Were you ever given any special awards for your studies or school activities?
27. Describe yourself as a young adult.
28. Did you attend any school or training after high school? If so, what was your field of study?
29. What was your first job?
30. How did you decide on a career?
31. If you served in the military, when and where did you serve and what were your duties? Rank?
32. Were you ever injured in the line of duty?
33. Do you remember your first date? Could you tell me something about it?
34. How did you meet your spouse?
35. Did your spouse's parents live in Cedar & Area, and if yes where?
36. How long did you know him/her before you got married?
37. Where and when did you get married? (Include date, place, church, etc.)
38. Describe your wedding ceremony.
39. Was there a best man, a bridesmaid, other wedding party members and who were they?
40. Were you married more than once? If so, answer the previous questions about each spouse.

41. What advice would you give/did you give to your child / grandchild on his/her wedding day?
42. How many children do you have?
43. What were their names, birth dates and birthplaces?
44. Why did you give them the names that you did?
45. Do you remember anything your children did when they were small that really amazed you?
46. What was it like raising children in Cedar & District? (if applicable)
47. Did your children attend any of the Cedar & Area schools? If yes, any memorable experiences during their school years, notable teachers, etc.
48. How is Cedar & Area different from what it was like when you were a child?
49. Name a good friend you have known the longest from Cedar? How many years have you been friends? What were some of the things you got into trouble with or laughed about?
50. What person changed the course of your life by something he/she did?
51. Do you remember any advice or comments that had a big impact on how you lived your life?
52. Do you remember your family discussing world events and politics?
53. Do you remember what you or your parents thought about government and politics?
54. What were some of the political issues in the Cedar & Area that were memorable?
55. How did the Great Depression affect you or your family?
56. How did any of the wars affect you or your family?
57. Have you ever been the victim of a crime?
58. Have you ever been in a serious accident?
59. Has anyone ever saved your life?
60. What would you consider the most important inventions during your lifetime?
61. What is the scariest thing that ever happened to you?
62. What is the single most memorable moment of your life?
63. Have you ever met any famous people?
64. What is the funniest practical joke you ever played on someone?
65. What hobbies / activities have you especially enjoyed as an adult?
66. What do you like to do when you are not working?
67. What organizations or groups have you belonged to?
68. Have you ever won any special awards or prizes as an adult? What were they for?
69. What is your favorite place in Cedar & Area and why?
70. What kind of garden or orchard do you have or have had in the community?
71. What is special about Cedar & Area and what contribution do you feel our community and people have made to the rest of Canada?

FARMING

If you or your family where or are farming in the Cedar & Area please continue and fill out this section.

1. What properties did the family acquire /sell? Where were they located, description and what type of farming?
2. Are the original homes, barns, outbuildings still standing?
3. What jobs did the family members do on the farm?
4. What kind of farming chores did you do?
5. Is the farm still operating?
6. What professions did the family members have outside of farming?
7. How did family travel around or get to work?
8. Where did you sell your product?
9. What were some of the farming challenges you remember?
10. What are some of your favorite memories of the farm?
11. Where there any differences or similarities in farming here than with the rest of Canada?
12. Please add any comments, information, photos, etc.

Thank You!

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