

# 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. When and where were you born?
3. Where was your first home in Cedar & District?
4. Any local street names/Cedar & Area landmarks related to the family?
5. What were your earliest memories of your home?
6. Could you tell me a story or memory of your brothers and sisters? Please supply names, ages, where they were born.
7. Could you tell me a story or memory of your mother and father? What are the full names of your mother and father? Where were they born?
8. Do you remember your grandparents? What are the full names of your grandparents? Where were they born?
9. Do you remember your great-grandparents? What are the full names of your great-grandparents? Where were they born?
10. What did your family do for fun when you were a child?
11. Was there a chore you really hated doing as a child?

12. Were there any fads during your youth that you remember?
13. What schools did you attend in Cedar & District?
14. Who was your favorite teacher and why was he/she special?
15. Did you and your friends have a special hangout?
16. What was your first job?
17. Do you remember your first date? Could you tell me something about it?
18. How did you meet your spouse?
19. Did your spouse's parents live in Cedar & District, and if yes where?
20. Where and when did you get married? (Include date, place, church, etc.)
21. How many children do you have?
22. What were their names, birth dates and birthplaces?
23. Did your children attend Cedar & Area schools? Any memorable or notable teachers, etc.
24. How is Cedar & District different from what it was like when you were a child?
25. What person changed the course of your life by something he/she did?
26. Do you remember what you or your parents thought about government and politics?
27. How did the Great Depression affect you or your family?
28. How did any of the wars affect you or your family?
29. Has anyone ever saved your life?
30. Have you ever met any famous people?
31. What organizations or groups have you belonged to?
32. What is your favorite place in Cedar & Area and why?
33. What is special about Cedar & Area and what contribution do you feel our community and people have made to the rest of Canada?

## **FARMING**

1. What properties did the family acquire /sell? Where were they located, and type of farming?
2. Are the original homes, barns, outbuildings still standing?
3. Is the farm still operating?
4. What jobs did the family members do on the farm?
5. What kind of farming chores did you do?
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 are some of your favorite memories of the farm?

*Thank You!*

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