

## #1. List the people that I will interview

1. Aunt Rebecca Priest
2. Aunt Beulah Priest
3. Aunt Velden Selph
4. Cousin Susan Canteen
5. Cousin Mattie Reed

## #2. List 25 questions for the interview

1. Tell me about my parent's courtship. How did they meet? How long did they date? What attracted them to each other?
2. Which grandparent made the family decisions?
3. Which grandparent controlled the finances?
4. Which grandparent disciplined the children? How?
5. How was anger dealt with? Who got angry? What did they do when they got angry?
6. What role did religion have for your family?
7. Describe what it was like growing up in your family in general?
8. How did you get along with your siblings? Closer to any? Distant from any?
9. Which sibling was closest to my mom? To Dad?
10. Which sibling was distant from my mom? From Dad?
11. What did my parent do for fun when they were young, teen, adult?
12. What was my parent's temperament?
13. Did mom and dad have similar personalities or different? How?
14. Which parent is my mother and father most like?
15. Were there any forbidden topics or family secrets?
16. Describe my mother's likes and dislikes.
17. Describe my father's likes and dislikes
18. How was affection shown in your family?
19. How and why did my father relocate to New York?
20. What was it like for my parents to live in White Plains?
21. Why did my parents move to Yonkers?
22. What was my mother's and father's relationship with their grandparents?
23. Any history of drinking, gambling, affairs or divorce in our family?
24. What were the family rules about men's roles, women's roles?
25. Who was the special, favored child?

## #3. What do you hope to gain or learn from this voyage?

Although I know some things about my parents such as their birthday, birth place and marriage date, I realize I don't know them as a person. I just know them as my parents. I hope to gain insight of who my mother and father were as people and gain a better understanding of who I am based on how they influenced my life by being the people they were.