

Reflection

Interviewees

- Cassandra Tillman (mom)
- Anthony Tillman, Sr. (dad)
- Alissa Lowman (sister)
- Geraldine McKinney (maternal great aunt)
- Dorothy Gregory (maternal great aunt)

25 Questions

- Full name and possible reason for name
- Date of birth
- Earliest memory
- Funniest memory as a child
- Describe what it was like growing up as a child
- Who are you most like: your father or your mother? Why?
- Describe your mother & father...likes, dislikes?
- Did your mother love you? How did you know? Describe a time you felt loved by your mother?
 - Did your father love you? How did you know? Describe a time you felt loved by your father?
 - How would you describe your parents' marriage? Close/happy/distant, etc. Did they show affection to each other? How?
 - Were your mom and dad similar in personality? How?
 - Any history of drinking, gambling, affairs, or divorce?
 - What was it like for you growing up in your family? Describe yourself as a child...teenager.
 - What conflicts or disagreements did you remember? How were they handled? Absorbed? Denied? Handled?
 - Your age when you left home? Why?
 - A good marriage is known by...
 - Describe your marriage
 - What conflicts or disagreements existed in your family?
 - Generally, I showed love best to my children by...
 - What role did religion play in your family?
 - Who influenced you most in life?
 - What were major turning points in your life?
 - What advice or philosophy would you want to pass on to children and grandchildren?
 - What was the hardest question asked during this interview?
 - How did the interview make you feel?

What I hope to gain or learn the most...

I am still searching for what it is I want to gain or learn the most. However, in looking at the questions I chose, it seems as though I am leaning towards the meaning of family, family structure, the importance of marriage and trust in a home/family. Also, the relationship between parents and their children. I've also realized a possible thread in opposites attracting. There are questions I want to ask about family secrets and the 'hush' culture in the south. I am considering not asking these types of questions directly, as laid out in the handout, but hoping that other questions will yield answers regarding family secrets. Ultimately, I would like to learn more about this particular side of my family and how it shaped my maternal grandfather, a man that I adored and admired.