

Questionnaire

Family Life:

Mention the date the interview was taken, the name of the interviewer and the name of the interviewee. Make sure the Consent form is explained and signed.

- What is your full name?
- Do you remember why your parents selected this name for you?
- You have a nickname? Do you remember how and why you got it?
- When and where were you born? Who was your Mother & Father?
- How big was the Family? What do you know about the origin and meaning of the family surname?
- How and when did your family come to live in the area?
- How many of your family still live in the area? Who are they?
- Did you have any famous or notorious relatives? What stories have come down to you about your most distant ancestors?
- Who was the oldest relative that you remember as a child and what do you remember about them?
- Do you remember the old house and how was it laid out or divided?
- What source of light did you normally have? (Lanterns, lamps, oil lights, rush lights, bog deal splinters)
- How was the fire lit or the seed kept? What was the main fuel?
- Was there story telling at night and can you describe them?
- Were there any special items that you remember in particular? Are there any special heirloom or memorabilia that have been passed down in the family? What is their significance?
- Can you describe the typical family meals of the day? Did the family all eat together? Who did the cooking?

- What meals were cooked on special occasions (e.g. Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter)?
- What types of household vessels and utensils were common?
- Have you any stories about goings on that happened in the family?
- What did you and your family enjoy doing together?
- What luxuries did you have (e.g. tobacco, snuff, alcohol, jam, sweets)?
- What was the house water supply? (e.g. well , Stream)?
- What else can you remember about what life was like growing up at the home place? How did ye travel?
- What did your father work at?
- What crops were generally planted and how were they harvested? What livestock and fowl were kept?
- What were your typical daily chores at home? Were they any you particularly liked or disliked?
- Did you have any pets? What can you remember about them?
- What kind of games and past times did you and your friends play when growing up?
- What was school like for you as a child? Who were the teachers? What were our best and worst subjects? Any subject you wished you had been was taught?
- What was the main source of employment for people around here?
- What Trades were carried out? Do you remember the tradespeople?
- Can you describe the locality when you were growing up and what has changed over the years? Any old forts or ruins in the area?
- What local gatherings and events can you remember in the area? (e.g. Fairs, Rambling house)
- Can you remember the first Radios or cars in the area?