# A Family History Detective Adventure!

Investigate your family history, collecting clues and gathering evidence. You'll be able to learn more about your parents, grandparents or another older person in your life, and discover what things were like when they were little.

#### Step One: All About Me - Fact File

My name is

My date of birth is

My home town is called

My parents' names are

My grandparents' names are

A Picture of Me

### Step Two: Interview Room

The best way to find out about your family history is to ask questions!

Why not try interviewing one of your relatives to find out what memories they have of your family from before you were born? You could do this by text, email or over the phone or by video call. Your oldest relatives will probably have the most family stories to tell.

It is important to be well prepared before you start your detective work. Firstly you will need to plan your questions. These questions will help your relatives to remember important details that will provide excellent clues for your investigation.

Here are some ideas to get you started!

- What was your childhood home like?
- · What jobs did your parents have?
- · Who was your favourite teacher at school?
- · Who were your best friends at school?
- Who is the oldest relative that you remember meeting? What do you remember about him/her?
- · What is a memorable date for you?
- What was your first job?

#### Remember to listen carefully and take lots of notes!

You can keep track of who you have interviewed and the dates that each interview took place here:

Name	Date

## Interview Form

Today I am interviewing
Their link to me is
Their date of birth is
They were born in
Their parents' names are
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Their grandparents' names are
My extra questions:
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Question 2:			
Question 3:			
Question 4:			
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### **EVIDENCE**

#### Step Three: Evidence Log

Your relatives might be able to show you some records to help you with your research, such as old photographs, family recipe books, school reports, certificates, diaries or letters. Ask if you can note the details or take a copy.

CHECKLIST				
Certificates	Diaries			
Photographs	Letters			
Recipe books	Postcards			
School reports	Other Evidence			
Make a note of your evidence. Who is it evidence of? When?  How does it connnct to you?				
You might be able to check for facts about your ancestors in national records online. We have help with how to do this on our blog and website.				

### Step Four: Chart Your Family Tree

You can use the information that you have learnt from your interviews to draw your family tree. Your family tree starts with you at the bottom. Your parents are on the next branches above, and then your parent's parents (your grandparents).

Great Grandparent 1	Great Grandparent 3	Great Grandparent 5	Great Grandparent 7		
Name:	Name:	Name:	Name:		
Date & place of birth:					
Great Grandparent 2	Great Grandparent 4 Name:	Great Grandparent 6 Name:	Great Grandparent 8  Name:		
Date & place of birth:					
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Parent 1 Name:		Parent 2 Name:			
Date & place of birth:					
Name:	Yourself	You have sol	ved your family history mystery!		

Ask us at Cheshire Archives HQ!