

# Oral History Outline

## AREA SEVENTY

This outline provides suggested topics to include in your oral history. Oral historians should work with narrators under the direction of the Holy Ghost to customize the direction of each oral history. If you need assistance building an outline, please contact your Church History Department representative.

THE CHURCH OF  
JESUS CHRIST  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

### Background

#### Family background

- Ancestral stories
- Parents
- Early years
- Friends and dating
- Marriage and children (where applicable)

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#### Education and professional background

- School
- Professional training
- Work outside and in the home
- Service in the community

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#### Church background

- Religious background
- Baptism and conversion
- Spiritual experiences
- Gospel study, including reading the Book of Mormon
- Previous callings

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### Call and Orientation

#### Circumstances of your call

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#### Reaction (yours and family's)

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#### Previous experience

- Influential teachers and leaders

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#### Training

- Who, where, what?
- Explanation of calling

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#### Ordination, setting apart, sustaining in general conference

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#### Wife setting apart

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# Oral History Outline: Area Seventy

## Responsibilities and Service

### Day-to-day responsibilities

- Training leaders
- Geographic responsibility
- Stewardship
- Lines of reporting
- Speaking engagements
- Travel
- Changes to calling
- Church history
- Committee assignments

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### Changes in your day-to-day life

- Time commitment of calling
- Marriage relationship
- Maintaining family relationships
- Seeking balance
- Maintaining employment

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### Meetings and councils

- Annual quorum meetings (topics, memorable experiences)
- Area Council meetings (topics, memorable experiences)
- Coordinating Council meetings (topics, memorable experiences)
- Area organization advisers (topics, memorable experiences)
- Stake conferences
- Stake reorganizations

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### Relationships with General Authorities and Church Officers

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### Relationships with area organization advisers

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## Living the Gospel

### Missionary work

- Interaction with mission leaders
- Interaction with missionaries

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### Temple and family history

- Temple recommends
- Access to the temple (transportation, jurisdictions, and so on)
- Temple construction and dedications; memorable experiences

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### Church history (annual histories)

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## Living the Gospel (cont.)

Humanitarian work

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Emergency response

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Community service

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Public affairs or community relations

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Other areas of emphasis

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Alignment of the following to local traditions and culture

- Materials (such as teaching manuals, gospel library, and so on)
- Programs (such as ministering or Children and Youth)
- Music
- Activities and conferences
- Local adaptations

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## Conclusion

The greatest challenges and opportunities for the Church

- How addressed?
- Blessings from?

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Impact of your calling in your life

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Transformative experiences

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Testimony

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