

Oral History Outline

PIONEER

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

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

Education and professional background

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

Conversion

Religious background

Conversion experience

Baptism

- Where, when, by whom
- Special details

Impact on family

Impact on education and career

Gospel study, including the Book of Mormon

Responsibilities and Service

Callings

- What and when
- Approach to callings (accepting them, fulfilling them, and so on)
- Most memorable
- Most challenging
- Blessings

Missions

- Where and when

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Establishment of the Church

Country dedication

Establishment of the first
branch, ward, stake

People who joined and
strengthened the Church

Early Church members

Growth of missionary work

Influential teachers

Early missionaries

Opposition

Memorable experiences
(challenges)

Early Church leaders

Influential Church leaders (no
names if it makes the narrator
uncomfortable)

Meeting places (personal
apartments, rented space,
your own meetinghouse,
addresses if possible)

Living the Gospel

Participation in family history

Placing yourself in Church
history

Ministering (home and
visiting teaching)

Receiving and providing
Church welfare

Education

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Living the Gospel (cont.)

Social activities and local traditions

Response to local disasters (political events, pandemics, and so on)

Changes to programs (local response and impact)

Changes to curriculum (local response and impact)

Significant changes in the Church in your area

Temples

Visits of Church leaders

Translation

Conclusion

Hand of the Lord

Blessings from Church membership and service

Testimony
