

Black Camden Oral History Project

Pre-interview Survey

<https://blackcamden.org/>

We are conducting life-course interviews; this means we will ask you about your family history and your life experiences from childhood until now. This survey will help us prepare our questions for the interview session. The survey also provides a genealogical resource for your family – a copy of this form will be attached to your transcript to share with your family after the interview process is complete.

Please complete as many of the questions as you feel comfortable answering. You can omit any information that you do not feel comfortable sharing. Feel free to add any supplementary information that you think will help us prepare for your interview. You can also attach other biographical materials that you want to share, such as your resume or articles about you and your family.

This is the printable form for participants who prefer to **handwrite** their answers. If you would prefer to use an electronic form that you can fill out on your computer using Microsoft Word, you can download it at this link: <https://blackcamden.org/survey>.

How to return the survey

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Your contact information

Name: _____

Current address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

About your parents/guardians

Parent/guardian #1

Name:

Relationship to you (mother, father, grandmother, etc.):

Place and year of birth:

Place and year of death (if applicable):

Racial and ethnic background:

Highest level of education attained (if they attended college, please list name of school and date of graduation if possible):

Occupational history:

Religious affiliation:

Political affiliation:

Military service:

Parent/guardian #2

Name:

Relationship to you (mother, father, grandmother, etc.):

Place and year of birth:

Place and year of death (if applicable):

Racial and ethnic background:

Highest level of education attained (if they attended college, please list name of school and date of graduation if possible):

Occupational history:

Religious affiliation:

Political affiliation:

Military service:

Marriage

Date and place of parents' marriage (if applicable):

About you

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Fill in all that apply to you:

Years lived in Camden: from _____ to _____

Years worked in Camden: from _____ to _____

Years studied in Camden: from _____ to _____

Your education

Schools attended from elementary to high school or technical school (please list name, location, and years of attendance for each):

Undergraduate college (name, location, and years of attendance):

Major(s):

Scholarships held:

Greek organizations:

Athletic teams:

Other student organizations:

Were you a member of the ROTC or other military training course?

Graduate school (name, location, and years of attendance):

Your career and life experiences

For this section feel free to attach your resume or C.V. instead of filling in your occupational history. However, if you have held jobs or volunteer positions that do not appear on your resume, please list them here.

Occupational history (please list by date, in reverse chronological order, including positions held):

Did you ever run for and/or hold political office? Please explain:

Did you ever own a business or participate in a cooperative business venture? Please explain:

Did you serve in the military? Please explain:

Were/are you involved in any civic or volunteer activities? Please explain:

Were/are you involved in any social, cultural and/or political movements? Please explain:

About your spouse/partner

Name:

Place and year of birth:

Racial and ethnic background:

Highest level of education attained (if they attended college, please list name of school and date of graduation if possible):

Occupational history:

Date and place of marriage (if applicable):

About your siblings

Please list the names of your siblings, year of birth, and highest level of education attained (list name of school and date of graduation, if possible):

About your children

Number of children:

Please list the names of your children, year of birth, and highest level of education attained (list name of school and date of graduation, if possible):

Experiences to include in the interview

Please list any other important topic that you would like to talk about during your oral history interview.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this extensive survey!