

RURAL LIFE

1. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of living in a rural area?
2. How would you compare the life of the rural woman with that of the urban woman?

CHILDHOOD

1. How does your family life now compare to family life when you were a child?
--financially?
--free time, etc.?
2. Describe some of the things you and your brothers and/or sisters did when you were children?
--were you, your sisters, or your brothers expected to go on to school?

COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE QUESTIONS

1. Discuss some of the things you remember about your courtship and early married life. Some specific things you might cover are:
--how long did you know the man you married?
--what were some of the reasons you married?
--what were your expectations before marriage? have these expectations been met?

CHILD BEARING/RAISING

1. What medical services were available to you when you were having your children?
2. What factors most affected the number of children you have/had?
3. Where did you get your knowledge about childbirth and child rearing?
4. What do you see as the future for your children? Grandchildren? (Ask specifically for each child.)
5. How has the role of children changed since you had children. How? Over again?

RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME

1. What do you personally do for recreation? For relaxation?
2. What does your family do together for recreation? For relaxation?

ROLE QUESTIONS

1. Thinking back, what are some of the things you have done to help support the family? Do you can, help in the fields, sew, care for garden? Have you?
2. How do the things you do now compare with what you did 30 years ago?
3. Has there ever been a time when you have had major responsibility for the financial support of your family? If so, describe. (Part-time jobs)?
- 4) Have you ever thought what you would do if something happened to your husband?

5. What community/church activities are you/have you been involved in and why?
6. Have you ever displayed anything in a county fair?
7. What suggestions would you give a young woman that would best prepare her for farm life or life in a small town.

FAMILY-DECISION-MAKING

1. What magazines/newspapers does your family subscribe to?
2. What T.V. programs do you enjoy most?
3. Thinking back what are the most common things your husband asks you about?
4. Discuss some of the important factors involved in your decision to live in a small town/farm? Or your decision to come to Idaho if you haven't lived here all your life?

Is there anything else you would like to tell me about your experiences as a rural woman?

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS 2

Prior to courtship questions:

1. Have you ever been married, divorced or widowed?

NEVER MARRIED

--why/why so late?

--urban or rural area (advantages and disadvantages)

--is it easier to be single in rural area? why?

--discuss your job, career

--was it an advantage

--what is your degree of community involvement?

--who do you associate with?

DIVORCED/SEPARATED

Based on your experience, what have been the advantages/disadvantages of being divorced in a rural or urban area?

Do you mind talking about your divorce?

Community involvement - who do you spend time with?

How would you compare your life experiences before being divorced and after? How has it affected you?

What were some problems in readjusting life?

What factors influenced you to marry or not remarry?

WIDOWED

Advantages/disadvantages

Community

Life experiences (from divorce section)

What were some of your problems in readjusting your life?

What factors influenced you? If there is a change -- remarry or not?

INTERGENERATIONAL

Depression

What were the effects on you at that time and since?

How is your life different from others that did or didn't live through the depression?

Does the depression come out in social gatherings? Is it discussed?

What has had more effect on your life, the depression or the war?

What is your attitude toward work? How do you think working affects maturity?

How did you spend your free time yesterday - do you think this is different from 20 years ago, 10 or 5 years ago?

What would you do if you had more leisure time?

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