

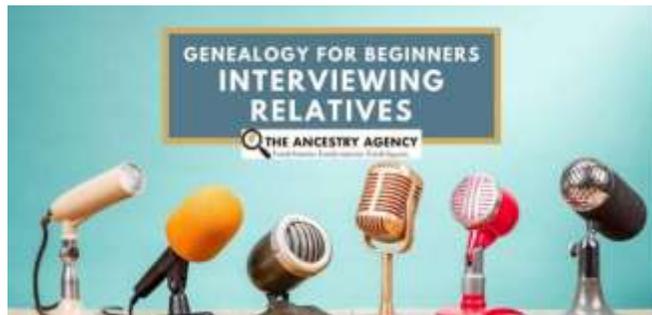
[Asking the Right Genealogy Question](http://kuzmich4.com/Facebook/Asking%20the%20Right%20Genealogy%20Question.pdf) for priceless memories for future generations at <http://kuzmich4.com/Facebook/Asking%20the%20Right%20Genealogy%20Question.pdf>

At the heart of focused, effective research there are questions. These questions are specific and designed to help you gather needed information about an ancestor. [This article](https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/blog/are-you-asking-right-genealogy-research-question) at <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/blog/are-you-asking-right-genealogy-research-question> from the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society does a great job of explaining how to ask the kinds of questions that will get results in your research. For more tips on questions to ask, see [Goal 2](https://www.thefhgguide.com/project-4-discover02.html#b) at <https://www.thefhgguide.com/project-4-discover02.html#b> in Project 4: Discover.



Closing Comments:

Interviewing relatives can be an art because unless you specifically know what they are capable of sharing with you, you may never get your high priority questions answered. Instead, they may give you more than what you really need to learn from the conversation. My brother in-law has a very important phone interview to do in the next day or so who has a second cousin once removed to interview about his grandfather, the first mission president of the Japan Mission in 1904 which Heber J. Grant presided. This living relative is 91 years of age and was born 13 years after the death of his grandfather. The purpose of the call is to learn as much pertinent information about the grandfather and not about his life or his father. So my brother in-law needed to draft the questions in advance so they could be sent to prime this 91 year old about the specific information being sought. Namely, Don't just find facts—collect stories which can be priceless memories for future generations.



The New York Genealogical and Biographies organization offers some articles to learn more strategies. Here is a very good article entitled [Looking to start researching your family? Interview your relatives and grow your family tree](https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/blog/genealogy-interview-asking-relatives-questions-grow-your-family-tree) at <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/blog/genealogy-interview-asking-relatives-questions-grow-your-family-tree>.

For those of you still looking to gain even more insight about the art of interviewing relatives, there are two previous Facebook postings below that might also be of assistance.

• **Interviewing with Informed Questions: Accelerating Your Genealogy Pursuits** at <http://www.kuzmich4.com/Face.../Interviewing%20Questions.pdf>: or see August 24, 2021 posting.

• **Don't Miss These Top Ten Family History History Interviewing Questions:** Live" Podcast on Thursday, May 6, 2021 and even later at: <http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/Top%20Ten.pdf>: or see May 5, 2021 posting.

