

Thank you for your interest in the Oral History Project. The following questions are intended serve as “conversation starters” for interviews. We don’t expect you to answer every one; rather, we hope they will stir memories of people, places and events that are meaningful to you. Interviews will be conducted by a commission member or other volunteer and should take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

New Milford Oral History Interview Questions

1. Can you tell me your name and age?
2. How long have you lived in New Milford?
3. What was it like when you grew up here/first moved here?
4. How has it changed over those years?
5. What do you miss most about the way it used to be?
6. Is there a tradition or event that you would like to revive?
7. Do you remember any great stories or legends about either people who lived here or events that took place in New Milford?
8. Where did you grow up?
9. Can you describe what your neighborhood was like?
10. What is your earliest memory?
11. Who were you parents?
12. What were your parents like?
13. Do you have any siblings?
14. What were they like growing up?
15. Did you have a nickname and how'd you get it?
16. Who were your best friends and what were they like?
17. What would you and your friends do for fun?
18. What school(s) did you attend?
19. How did you get to school?
20. Did you enjoy school?
21. Did you have a favorite teacher? Who was it and why?
22. How would your classmates remember you?
23. Are you still friends with anyone from that time in your life?
24. What are your best memories of grade school/high school?
25. Did you participate in sports either in school or recreation teams?
26. Which ones?

- 27.** Who were some of your favorite coaches and teammates?
- 28.** What games stand out most in your mind?
- 29.** Are you married? How did you meet your spouse?
- 30.** Do you have children? How has being a parent changed you?
- 31.** What made you decide to raise your family in New Milford?
- 32.** What do you do for a living?
- 33.** What did you want to be when you grew up?
- 34.** What lessons has your work life taught you?
- 35.** Were you in the military? Which branch?
- 36.** When and where did you serve?
- 37.** How did that experience change you?
- 38.** What lessons did you learn from this time in your life?
- 39.** Are you a member of a local religious congregation? Which one?
- 40.** What are some of the traditions and/or rituals of your congregation?
- 41.** Which members of the clergy (past or present) stand out most in your mind?
- 42.** There are certain momentous events in history when people say, "I remember where I was when _____ happened?" Is there a particular day or event that stands out in your mind?
- 43.** What are your memories of that time?
- 44.** How would (or can) you sum up your feelings about New Milford?
- 45.** Is there anything you wanted to talk about that we didn't get to? Is there anything we didn't talk about that you would like to add?

New Milford Oral History Release Form

I have volunteered to be interviewed for the New Milford Historic Preservation Commission's Oral History Project.

By signing below, I authorize the New Milford Historic Preservation Commission to share the entire interview with the public and to use my name, image, and voice, as well as my story in connection with the Oral History Project. I understand that the New Milford Historic Preservation Commission may use the audio/video recording, photographs, and transcripts of the interview noted above for the following purposes:

- Historic research
- Educational use (in seminars, workshops, conferences or teaching)
- Broadcasting, including online video platforms
- Publication, including Internet publication
- Public performance, display or exhibition
- Deposit in a research library or archive

Accepted and Agreed:

Name: _____

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