

Telling My Story: Memoirs of Today's Woman

Basic Data

Dear Family;

This letter contains information about me:

Name:

Nickname:

Full Address:

E-mail address:

Birth date:

Time:

Place:

Who named after:

Other languages spoken:

Schools attended:

Degrees/s: Where, When:

Military service:

Husband/s:

Date of Marriage:

Child/ren:

Name:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Religious affiliation:

Membership in community organizations (include dates):

Volunteer activities (include dates):

Parents' Names: Mother:

Father:

Country of Immigrant Ancestors:

Ancestors' approximate date of arrival in the U.S.A.:

Other Information:

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Family Genealogy

Dear Family;

This letter contains information about our family tree: Birth and Death Dates, Places of Birth and Death, and Occupations.

Parents:

Mother:

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Father:

Date of birth

Place of Birth

Siblings:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Grandparents: (Birth and Death date, Places if known)

Father's Father:

Father's Mother:

Mother's Father:

Mother's Mother:

Great-Grandparents:

Father's Father's Father:

Father's Father's Mother:

Father's Mother's Father:

Father's Mother's Mother:

Mother's Father's Father:

Mother's Father's Mother:

Mother's Mother's Father:

Mother's Mother's Mother:

Why they came to the U.S.A.:

Interesting facts and stories:

Name of First family member to live in Nevada: When? Where? Why? Occupation?

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Important Issues/Events/Causes in My Lifetime

(Use the following list for examples to write about)

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Some Events of the Twentieth Century

1910-1919

U.S. enters World War I
First transcontinental railroad call by Bell, Watson
Panama Canal opened

1920-1929

Scopes Trial on Evolution
Supreme Court rules 19th Amendment constitutional
Stock market crash
Penicillin
Nellie Tayloe Ross elected Governor of Wyoming
Lindberg's transatlantic flight, New York to Paris

1930-1939

Dionne quintuplets
Depression
Social Security Act signed
WPA Projects
Hitler's expansion of Germany; Holocaust

1940-1949

Japan bombs Pearl Harbor
U.S. enters World War II
Roosevelt dies 83 days into fourth term; Harry Truman becomes President
U.S. drops atomic bomb on Japan; World War II ends
GI Bill for Education
VA mortgages

1950-1959

Transcontinental TV introduced
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Sputnik
U.S. enters Korean War
Polio vaccine
The "TV dinner" invented
Elvis on Ed Sullivan Show

1960-1969

The Beatles hit the USA
Civil Rights March on Washington
President Kennedy assassinated
Peace Corps created
U.S. lands on the moon
Birth control pill available
Betty Freidan publishes *Feminine Mystique*

1970-1979

Three Mile Island nuclear accident
Legionnaires Disease
Nixon first U.S. President to resign
U.S. pulls out of Vietnam
Kent State
Roe vs. Wade decision rules abortion legal

1980-1989

Sally Ride first woman astronaut in space
Geraldine Ferraro first woman vice-presidential candidate
Iranian hostage crisis
Sandra Day O'Connor first woman member of Supreme Court
Carter loses to Reagan
Challenger explosion
Coin Powell becomes Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff
Margaret Albright Secretary of State

1990-1999

Bill Clinton impeached
Republicans gain control of Congress
Desert Storm
Mammal cloning
Janet Reno first woman U.S. Attorney
O.J. Simpson trial
Brady Bill passed

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Homes/s

Dear Family,

This letter describes the homes I lived in during my life:

Childhood

Describe the type of house you lived in:

Located where?

Garden?

Pets?

Raise Animals?

Who worked in it?

Other buildings on the same property

Special holidays and celebrations

Moved to

When?

Fuel used to heat?

How did your family get water?

First Home I purchased:

Where?

Date:

Cost:

Other Homes:

Town/s Where I Lived:

For fun, when I was growing up, my friends and I ...

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Life Work or Career/s

Dear Family;

This letter is about my life work and education:

Inside the home:

Describe an ordinary day:

Describe a special day or event:

Outside the home:

First job:

How old:

Wages:

Spent them on:

Other jobs I've had over the years included:

Special education/training:

Description of skills/activities included:

Equipment used:

Places, Companies:

Important things I learned in choosing a career:

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Daily life & Activities

Describe entertainment, sources of food, responsibilities, transportation, interaction with other household members, neighbors, pets ...

Childhood

Young Adulthood

Mature Adulthood

Retirement

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Foods

My mother's cooking

Favorite foods and recipes

Source of food

Table Etiquette

How meals served, customs

Ethnic foods, celebrations, customs

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Religion

Name of Church or Synagogue

Classes

Choir

Other Activities/Special Events

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Fashions

Favorite outfit/s (at different ages)

Hair styles

Jewelry

Fashion etiquette

Makeup

"Beauty treatments"

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Significant Medical History

Describe situations, treatment, those who assisted you (including childbirth)

Medical discoveries and fads

Folk treatment and remedies

Alternative treatments and medicine

Epidemics

Residential treatment programs

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Recreation and Travel

Describe your recreational activities at different stages in your life:

Describe the places to which you have traveled, why, and your impressions:

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Impact of Technology

In Entertainment

In Travel

In My Work

To My Family

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“Famous” People I Have Known

Who, When, Where, Why, What happened:

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Music and the Arts in My Life

Dancing

Instruments

Vocals/Songs

Popular Music

Trends

Theatre/Movies

Competitions entered

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Retirement

What I will do/have done in retirement

Where I live/will live

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Holiday Celebrations and Customs

Religious

Non-religious

Family

Neighborhood

Community

Country

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My Treatment as a Woman

Describe any incidents or treatment, positive or negative, that you believe might have been different had you not been a woman. Include as many details as possible, such as:

Place

Date

Time

Describe Event

Others involved

Possible cause

Result

Please indicate if you are using pseudonyms

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