

*Note to the Interviewee:*

Thank you for taking part in the Citizen Spotlight at the Museum. This interview covers a range of life events. If you are not comfortable with a question, please let your interviewer know and we will avoid that question. Interviewers may interject questions that are not included here, based on your discussion. Your recording, after your review, will be included on the Museum's monthly podcast, The Brick, and/or on the Museum's Oral History Digital Collection on [www.brickstoremuseum.org](http://www.brickstoremuseum.org).

These questions are based upon a variety of sources, and focus especially on your experience as an individual and how your own history and environment has shaped you. Specifically, these questions relate to personal parts of your history that you may never record elsewhere (think about it!).

Some of these questions ask about emotional events. The Museum sees history as a chance to understand other human beings through shared emotions and experiences. Your storytelling and openness will help others to share their own stories; increase the role of emotional bonds in our community's strength and understanding; and show how we are all connected.

Thank you so much for sharing your story with us.

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**Starting question:** Of what generation do you consider yourself a part? (*We don't need to publish your birthdate but general era is helpful for context*)

Silent (1928 – 1945)    Baby Boomers (1946-1964)    Generation X (1965 – 1980)  
Millennial (1980 – 1995)    Generation Z (1996+)

**Life**

- 1) Tell me about your first name. Where does it come from?
- 2) Where did you grow up? What do you remember most about it?
- 3) Tell me about your parents.
  - a. and siblings, if any.
- 4) What toy did you play with the most when you were young?
- 5) Tell me something that you know about your ancestors (can be anything!).
- 6) What made you come to the Kennebunks? How long have you lived here?
- 7) Tell me about what you do (did?) for work, and how you got to that job.
- 8) Things that we might not share in common are dates, places, gender and ethnicity. But as human beings, we all share emotions.
  - a. Tell me about a time that you were scared.
  - b. Tell me about a time that you were sad or depressed.
  - c. Tell me about a time that you were happy.

## **Culture**

- 9) What is your favorite book?
- 10) What was the first movie you saw in the theater?
- 11) Tell me about your first car.
- 12) Do you have a favorite song?
- 13) What did you want to be when you grew up? What was your first job?
- 14) What was school like for you?
- 15) Tell me about a piece of art that resonated with you.
- 16) When did you first use a computer?

## **Beyond**

- 17) What do you wish you knew more about?
- 18) If you suddenly became an artist, what would you create?
- 19) Tell me what you would do if time travel existed.
- 20) War touches most of our lives in one way or another. How are you related to it? (i.e. veteran family members, your own service, etc.)
- 21) What is one thing you wish for in the future?
- 22) Is history important? Why do/don't you think so?