Oral History QUESTION CARDS
What is your full name?
Where were you born?
What brought you to the place you live now?
Where else have you lived?
What organizations have you been part of? What did they do?
What historic events (marches, protests, performances, etc.) have you experienced?
Tell me about your parents. Where are they from? What did/do they do for a living?
What schools did you go to?
Who was your favorite teacher?
Which classes did you like?
What was your first job? How did your career or job skills change over the years?
Do you have siblings, children, grandchildren, or nieces and nephews? Tell me about them. What family traditions do you have?
What has provided you with the most satisfaction in life? What are you most proud of?
Have you been married or in a long-term relationship? Tell me about how you met your partner.
How has the world changed since you were young? How has your profession or community changed?
What are your memories of events such as segregation, the Civil Rights movement, or wars?
What were you like growing up?
What were your interests?
Who were your friends?
What would you say are the greatest challenges you've faced in your life?
Who had the greatest influence on you as a child or as an adult?
Who is the earliest ancestor you know about? Where and when did they live?
What stories have been passed down in your family?
Did any of your family serve in the military? Who and what conflicts?
Have you experienced or observed prejudice or racism in your life?
Do you have hobbies or play sports?
How do/did you or your family celebrate holidays? Any favorite memories?
What music do you like?
How does music impact your life?
Do you have a favorite song?
Describe the neighborhood or community you grew up in. What were the 'gathering places' in your community?
Tell me about the building(s) your family lived in. Did you move to another home while you were growing up?
What kinds of values did your family or community teach you? Are there ways your views have changed over time?