

Love, Marriage & Family

For courtship, partnership, marriage, parenthood and the private architecture of a family.

This is preparation, not homework. You do not need complete dates, perfect memory, or a box of scanned records. Circle what helps. Leave the rest. Uncertainty is part of an honest history.

Before we speak

- Think beyond the wedding: first meeting, first disagreement, first home, first crisis.
- List family rituals the couple created together.
- Decide which private material is yours to tell and which belongs to someone else.
- Note turning points that changed the relationship.

Gather only if it is easy

- Wedding and early-family photographs
- Letters, cards or invitations
- Recipes, travel documents or household objects with stories
- A simple timeline of births, moves and major changes

Prompts worth thinking about

- What did you notice first?
- When did you know this was serious?
- What did you fight about that seems funny now?
- What did you learn from raising children?
- What held the family together?

Set your boundaries first

Before the interview, decide what may be explored, what should be handled carefully, and what is off limits. You can change those boundaries later. A useful history does not require surrendering privacy.

After the first conversation

No quotation is given before the first conversation. If the project is a fit, use the Story Mixer to show the balance you want - emotional depth, humour, intimacy, historical context, voice and boundaries. I then assess the actual scope and normally send a written quotation within 24 hours.

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