



Telling My Story Discussion Questions

The Barrington Area

How did you come to live in the Barrington area?

Were you born in the Barrington area? At the Barrington Hospital?

When did you move to the Barrington area?

Where did/do you live in the Barrington area?

Describe your house.

Tell us about your neighborhood.

Who were your neighbors?

What clubs or organizations did you belong to in the Barrington area?

What role did the Barrington Area library play in your life?

What do you remember that is no longer in the Barrington area?

Everyday Life

What did you do for fun the Barrington area?

Where did you go on a date?

Where did the kids go to swim in summer or ice skate in winter?

Where did you shop? What were the stores like?

Did you go to church? Which one? Who was the pastor or priest? What church activities do you recall?

How did you commute to Chicago? How long did it take? Describe the train station, a train ride, etc.

School Days

What grade school and/or high school did you attend in the Barrington area?

What did your school look like?

How did you get to school?

What did you wear to school?

What were the names of your teachers and classmates?

What was the size of your graduating class?

What special memories of your Barrington area school days would you like to share?

Work

Did you work in the Barrington area?

What was your first job in the Barrington area? How much were you paid? What other jobs did you have?

Special Events

What was life in the Barrington area like during hard times like the Depression or World War II?

What was the 4th of July like in the Barrington area?

On November 27, 1934, "Baby Face" Nelson was shot in Barrington. Can you tell us about that event?

What weather events like snow, flooding, or tornadoes do you recall?

What major fires do you recall? How did the fire department respond?

What changes to the Barrington area, such as the addition of street lights, paved roads, or sewers do you recall?

What other special events or people you remember?