

## **Outline for Oral History Interview**

### **Mormon Women's Oral History Project**

#### **Part One – Personal History**

Tell me about your family background and early life. What was your school experience like?  
What were your early ambitions and interests, talents and skills?  
Tell me about your early religious experience.  
Were there significant moves and redirections in your youth?  
What has been your work experience?  
Tell me about your marriage, your children, and family life.

#### **Part Two – Attitudes on LDS Women's Issues**

What about the gospel is the strongest good motivation for you?  
Do you feel you exercise independent (free?) agency in your religious and life choices?  
What have been your patterns of personal devotion (prayer, fasting, scripture study)?  
What role has the temple played in your religious life? Have your feelings evolved?  
Do you want to mention any personal revelation?  
How do you perceive women's role in the gospel? In the Church?  
How and by whom are those roles or expectations set?  
How do you view the church's teachings on children, fertility, and reproduction? Experiences?  
What is your philosophy of motherhood? Of Mother's Day?  
What about the home vs. work issue for women?  
What has been your experience with the Priesthood and its role in home and church leadership?  
What crises in your life led to change?  
Are there important things you would have done differently?  
Did your life go according to your plan? What were the turning points in your LDS life?  
How do you feel about the Relief Society?  
What does sisterhood mean to you?  
Have you opinions about and experience with community involvement or other churches?  
Missionary experiences? Spiritual experiences? Cliques and exclusion?  
If your mother and/or daughters were/are also members of the church, how are their attitudes and experiences different than yours in terms of marriage, motherhood, education, work?  
Do you think women have special powers?  
Your concept of a mother in heaven?

#### **Part Three – Experience in the LDS Church**

How did you come to be a member of the LDS Church? Your conversion process?  
What is the central tenet of the gospel for you?  
Church callings you have held and how you feel about them? Most and least favorite?  
Do you accept all callings offered to you?  
How did church experiences affect various members of your family?  
Opinions about/experiences with the church's involvement in politics, i.e. the ERA, Prop. 8?  
Major milestones of the LDS church in your time? Memorable LDS events?  
Memorable male and female leaders of the church? Why were they successful?  
Changes in church organization and practice you aware of? Changes you would like to see?  
Did you fulfill your parents; expectations for you? Did your children fulfill yours?  
Lessons life has taught you?