QUIZ NIGHT · 8 ROUNDS, 80 QUESTIONS

# Family History Quiz Night, Volume 1

LARGE PRINT EDITION

A whole quiz night, ready to print

ROUND 1 · QUESTION 1

## What did a hod carrier do?

A. Chopped wood and felled trees for a living
B. Carried bricks and mortar for masons
C. Drove livestock on foot to market
D. Sold fresh fish to the public

FOR THE HOST

# How to run the night

**Before:** print one host copy (pages with answers), one answer sheet per team for every round and the score board. For a TV, open this file on a laptop and go to the slides at the back.

**On the night:** teams of 2 to 6 people. Read each question twice, with its choices. After each round, teams swap sheets and you read the answers and the story behind each one. One point per right answer.

**Timing:** about 10 minutes a round, so 8 rounds and a short break make a 90-minute evening. Leave out rounds to make it shorter.

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| **Round 1** Old occupations | 10 questions |
| **Round 2** Old causes of death | 10 questions |
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| **Round 7** Military records | 10 questions |
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# Round 1: Old occupations

HOST COPY, WITH ANSWERS

Jobs your ancestors listed in the census.

1 What did a hod carrier do?

A. Chopped wood and felled trees for a living B. Carried bricks and mortar for masons C. Drove livestock on foot to market D. Sold fresh fish to the public

**Answer: B. Carried bricks and mortar for masons**

A hod carrier was a laborer who carried bricks and mortar to bricklayers and masons in a hod, a box on a pole held on the shoulder.

2 What did a butler do?

A. A typist (the person, not the machine) B. Tested and stamped merchants' scales C. Head manservant in charge of wine and dining D. Inspected and graded goods for market

**Answer: C. Head manservant in charge of wine and dining**

A butler was the head male servant of a large household, in charge of the dining room, wine cellar and pantry, and of the other menservants.

3 What did a dispatcher do?

A. Directed trains over a line by telegraph orders B. Scottish word for a shoemaker or cobbler C. Made whole shoes by hand in a small shop D. Medieval English official who ran a manor

**Answer: A. Directed trains over a line by telegraph orders**

A dispatcher, on a railroad, directed the movement of trains over a stretch of line, sending train orders by telegraph.

4 What did a laborer do?

A. Did unskilled manual work for wages B. Extra hand hired to load and unload cargo C. Treated corns, bunions and other foot problems D. Coated walls with whitewash (kalsomine)

**Answer: A. Did unskilled manual work for wages**

A laborer did unskilled manual work for wages; in a census the word alone rarely says where, so enumerators were told to add the kind of work or industry.

5 What did a roustabout do?

A. All-round laborer on boats, circuses or oil fields B. Performed roles on the stage C. Male kitchen servant who did the roughest work D. Maid who cleaned and made up bedrooms

**Answer: A. All-round laborer on boats, circuses or oil fields**

A roustabout was an unskilled laborer doing all-round heavy work, especially on a ship, at a circus, or later in an oil field.

6 What did a chandler do?

A. Drove a motor truck hauling goods B. Attended passengers on railroad sleeping cars C. Made or sold candles D. Mixed and poured drinks behind a saloon bar

**Answer: C. Made or sold candles**

A chandler was a candle maker or candle seller; tallow chandlers used animal fat, and the word later spread to dealers in supplies.

7 What did a wrecker do?

A. Covered objects with gold leaf B. Cried goods for sale in the street C. Ground grain into flour at a mill D. Salvaged cargo from wrecked ships

**Answer: D. Salvaged cargo from wrecked ships**

A wrecker in older coastal records salvaged cargo and gear from ships wrecked or stranded near shore, a regular trade around the Florida Keys and the Bahamas.

8 What did a miller do?

A. Railroad worker in charge of checked bags B. Held inquests into sudden or violent deaths C. Ground grain into flour at a mill D. Female servant who cleaned the house

**Answer: C. Ground grain into flour at a mill**

A miller owned or ran a mill, most often a gristmill that ground farmers' grain into flour and meal.

9 What did a wigmaker do?

A. Ran a county or town poor farm B. Seaman qualified to captain a merchant ship C. Made and sold wigs D. Child or adult not at work or school

**Answer: C. Made and sold wigs**

A wigmaker made, dressed and sold wigs; in colonial records the same trade often appears as peruke maker, from the French word for wig.

10 What did a tobacconist do?

A. Stirred molten iron to make wrought iron B. Hung wallpaper C. Sold tobacco, cigars and pipes in a shop D. Cared for the sick, or minded children

**Answer: C. Sold tobacco, cigars and pipes in a shop**

A tobacconist sold tobacco, cigars, snuff, pipes and smoking supplies in a shop.