

# BH+R Collaborative Oral History Project

## Example Questions

### Introductory Questions

- What's your name and when you were born?
- Is your family from Cincinnati? Where have they lived?
  - What do you remember most about your parents?
- Where did you go to school?
- What made you want to participate in this project?

### Early Neighborhood Memories

- What do you know about the history of Bond Hill / Roselawn?
- Did you grow up in Bond Hill / Roselawn? What do you remember about it?
  - When did your family move into Bond Hill / Roselawn and what do you remember about it?
- Can you describe the first street you lived on in Bond Hill / Roselawn?
  - What about your first house in Bond Hill / Roselawn? Did your family make any renovations?
  - Did you have a garden?
- What were your favorite places to go in Bond Hill / Roselawn? What would you do there?
- How would you describe your neighbors?
  - What was it like growing up so close to Norwood? (Dividing road = Section Avenue)
  - What are your neighbors like now?
- How has the neighborhood changed since you have lived here?
  - What places do you wish were still around?
    - What kind of businesses used to be in the neighborhood?
    - How have the racial demographics changed?
    - How have the religious demographics changed?
- Are there any important historical sites in your neighborhood? What makes them significant?

### Family Life

- Could you tell me about your family life growing up?
- What were some of your important family traditions?

- Did your family regularly go to church? What do you remember about your congregation? Is it still around?
- What foods were always at your family gatherings?
- How did you celebrate the holidays?
- What's your favorite story to tell over family gatherings?
- What was your first job? What kind of jobs did you have over the years?

## Outside the Neighborhood

- What is the most significant event in Cincinnati's history during your lifetime?
- What is your recollection of local Civil Rights movements?
  - How did it effect you?
  - How did it effect Bond Hill / Roselawn?

## Current Events

- What's the biggest issue your community is facing today?
  - OR What do you see as the biggest community need today?
- How has your view of policing changed over time? Why?
- What do you think about MercyHealth?

## Reflection

- If you could give your past self some advice, what would it be?
- What would you like people to know about Bond Hill / Roselawn?
  - OR what do you think is special about Bond Hill / Roselawn?
  - OR what is the #1 thing you want us to take away from this interview?
- Are there other stories about the neighborhood we didn't get to that you'd like to share?