

**Project Oral History:  
Lily Casey and Your Own Family**

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Talk to the older women and men of your family, Lily Casey's contemporaries.

Your own parents were probably born after WWII but they will probably remember something of their mother's and grandmothers' lives.

Ask them to tell you stories about how history affected the lives of these women.

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|----------------------|---------------|
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| the Great Depression |               |
| WWII                 | education     |
| the atom bomb        | love          |
| the post-war boom    | work          |
| the cold war         | family life   |
|                      | happy moments |

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- Conduct the interview letter, via (e-)mail or record a conversation, perhaps by telephone.
- Look for stories from each of the decades that overlap with Lily Casey's life.
- Sum them up in English and in your own words (>500). Be prepared to answer questions.
- The written version will be part of your portfolio. It would be nice if others could read it or hear you retell some stories.

Warning: This exercise can be time-consuming.

Promise: You might learn something, not only about history but also about yourself.

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|          | Great Depression     |             |                                   |                                   |       |                 |
|          | WWII                 |             |                                   |                                   |       |                 |
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