

# The History Wardrobe

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## “My Life in Clothes”

*Clothes can evoke the past and hold many memories...*

I hope you'll enjoy filling in this questionnaire for a History Wardrobe oral history of clothes.  
If you run out of space just scribble in the margins or use extra sheets of paper.

Pass a copy on to your friends!

When you've done, please post the questionnaire and any photos to me at the above address.

### Some Details about You

**Name:**

**Year of Birth:**

**Occupation & Family Background:**

**1)** What are your first memories of clothes? Have you saved any clothes from your childhood?

**2)** What did you wear to your first dance/disco/date? What about school clothes – love or loathe?

**3)** Who or what were your fashion inspirations? Where did you shop?

**4)** Go on, share with us: what's the most embarrassing outfit you've ever worn? (Have you kept photos??)

5) How did your clothes change as you grew older?

6) If you've been married, what did you wear for the occasion? Have you kept this outfit? Has anyone else in your family borrowed it? Do you save other clothes from special occasions?

7) What's your favourite garment ever? Do you still wear it? Have you still got it?

8) Do you have any memories of older generations' clothes? Perhaps memories of your Grandfather in a suit & tie, or your Grandmother complaining of her stays...?

9) What sort of clothes are you most comfortable in nowadays? Do you buy clothes for keeps or for a quick fashion fix?

10) Last of all... Do you have a favourite era for fashion *ie*, the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, or the 1920s, or the 1960s?

Please sign here if you're happy for your replies & photographs to be included in this oral history, and add an email address if you'd like to receive the History Wardrobe newsletter with updates about this project

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you so much for your reply*