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INTERVIEW QUESTIONARE

You are invited to fill in the following.
(Leave blank any question you do not care to answer.)

Name _____

Place of Birth _____

Date of Birth _____

At what schools were you educated? _____

What colleges did you attend? _____

When did you first begin to write? _____

Did you ever work on a newspaper? _____

Did you teach school or college? _____

What was your first biography? _____

Why did you write the history of the Standard Oil? _____

How do you go about your task of writing a biography? _____

Which of your books do you think the best? _____

Are you working on a new biography now? _____

What advise would you give to a young man or woman interested in writing? _____

INTERVIEW QUESTIONARE

You are invited to fill in the following.
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What was the most interesting event in your career?

What was the funniest event in your career?

What was the most tragic incident in your career?

Do you think a woman can be successful with her carrer and make a success as a wife and mother?

What are your hobbies?

Any other incidents you desire to have known: