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Please **TYPE** or **PRINT** the answers to the following questions. Use your own words and explain as best you can with the facts of your previous marriage. If the testimony includes information that is not firsthand, state your source or how you obtained this information. Do not use yes or no answers. **PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE SIGNATURE PAGE.**

## MARITAL HISTORY OUTLINE

**1. Growing up years:** Please describe your personal background, including details of family life, education, and social life while you were growing up. Please describe what you know of your former spouse's personal background. You might comment on the relationship of the parents, the quality of the parents' marriage, any incidence of divorce, school years and any unusual behavior in either party. Use additional space on pages 12-14 to answer the question, if needed.

**2. Courtship:** Where and when did you first meet each other? Please describe the development of your relationship. You might comment on your ages at the time, the length of the courtship, what common interests you had, why you were attracted to each other, problems in dating and whether or not there were breakups. Use additional space on pages 12-14 to answer the question, if needed.

**3. Engagement:** When did you and your former spouse decide to marry? Please describe the engagement period. You might comment on how long the engagement lasted, your ages, whether or not there were any unusual pressures to marry and any evidence of "cold feet" prior to the marriage. Use additional space on pages 12-14 to answer the question, if needed.

**4. Wedding/Honeymoon:** Please describe your wedding and honeymoon. Did anything unusual happen? You might comment on the reaction of both families to the wedding, how old you were, what sort of attitude you both had during the wedding and reception and if it was a pleasant experience. Use additional space on pages 12-14 to answer the question, if needed.

**5. Life of the marriage:** Please comment on the life of your marriage. In your opinion, were the two of you mature enough and ready for married life together? Did either of you have any personal difficulties which made it a serious problem to maintain a lasting marriage together? You might comment on the length of the marriage, physical or emotional mistreatment, role of parents in the marriage, the use of money, alcohol, drugs, faithfulness, work habits, responsibilities in caring for the home and children and how free time was spent.



**Life of the marriage:** Continued

Use additional space on pages 12-14 to answer the question, if needed.

**6. Causes of marital breakdown:** Please describe what caused the marriage to fail. When did difficulties first arise? Did either or both of you seek counseling to resolve the problems?



**Causes of marital breakdown:** Continued.

Use additional space on pages 12-14 to answer the question, if needed.

**7. You might want to note how the following were factors:** social backgrounds, values, problems in expressing mutual affection and understanding, problems in rearing children, infidelity and problems in forming a true community of life and love with your spouse. Use additional space on pages 12-14 to answer the question, if needed.

**8. Do you have anything else to add?** You might comment on what has happened to you and your spouse since the breakup of your marriage and how the pattern of your life has changed. Use additional space on pages 12-14 to answer the question, if needed.

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**I further swear that the testimony I have submitted is the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God.**

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Signature of Petitioner

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