



ARRA Rosie Biographies

Questions to Help Write Rosie's Biography

1. First name, middle, maiden, last name of Rosie
2. Where was she born?
3. Where did she grow up?
4. Did she work before the war? Where? Doing what?
5. Dates/years worked for war effort
6. Why did she join the workforce during WWII?
7. Why did she work at that company/volunteer job?
8. Did she apply to a company with a relative or friend?
9. What shift did she work?
10. How did she get her job and why?
11. Provide a job description, training involved, or any kind of information about her job.
12. If she worked on a vessel or plane, what part did she work on?
13. Can she describe a typical day or share any stories about working.
14. Does she remember any amusing stories while working?
15. What did she wear?
16. Who did she work with (as a team, with a partner)?
17. Were there other women working with her?
18. Does she remember what she did with her first paycheck?
19. Did she have to move for her job (from where)?
20. Where did she live when working?
21. Describe the living arrangements.
22. How did she get to work (bus, walking, carpool)? How long did it take?
23. How did she meet her husband? What was her husband's name? And where was he from?
24. What did she do with her free time? (evenings or weekends)
25. Were there any family members who also worked at a war plant?
26. Were there family members who were in the service during the War? Did she know what branch of the military they were in and where stationed/deployed?
27. Was her husband/future husband in WWII? Branch of service? Stationed?
28. Do she remember any difficulties during the War? (buying clothing, shoes, transportation, food rationing?)
29. Any particular food that she couldn't have during the war?
30. Did she have a "Victory garden"? Describe if possible
31. Did she do any canning of garden vegetables?
32. Did she have any difficulties with things breaking and not being able to get them replaced?
33. Does she remember (describe) blackout drills or pulling down the blackout shades at home?
34. Did she do things like saving fat, scrap metal, or collecting war stamps? Or remember any groups coming around the house to collect these items?
35. Does she have any memories about listening to the news about the war on the radio? Any particular event?
36. Can she describe the scene the day the war ended? Where were she?
37. Did she work up until the end of the war? If so, did her job end?
38. If she stopped working before the war ended, why?
39. When/where did she get married?
40. Did she work after WWII? Doing what?
41. If there is something she could tell a young person today about working during WWII, what would she say?
(conclude with a reflection)

Be Sure To Include a Biography Checklist (send a request by mail or email if you need one) and Email the signed Checklist, story, and copies of photos to: RosieBiographies@gmail.com

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