

Here's a simplified, non-technical version written for a general audience:

Family History App – Stage 1 Prototype: What It Will Do

This document explains what the first version of the *Family History* app will include. This early prototype focuses on a single family living in Stalowa Wola, Poland, during the 1960s. All information is pre-filled — nothing is created by AI just yet.

1. What the App Is Made Of

People (Family Members)

Each person in the family will have:

- A name and basic life details (birth date, death date if known, job, personality, and key life events in the 1960s).
- A short personal story (about a page long).
- A photo or image representing them.
- Information about who they're related to (e.g. parents, children, spouse).
- A starting point for conversation with the user.
- A scene or place they appear in (e.g. kitchen, garden, steelworks).

Dates

Because exact dates aren't always known in history, the app can show:

- Specific dates (like 15 March 1925)
- Approximate ones (like "early March 1945" or "circa 1920")
- Date ranges (e.g. "1923–1925")

Conversations

You can "talk" to the family members through a Q&A interaction:

- You start by clicking on a person in a scene.
- The person might say something first.
- Then you pick a question from a list to ask them.
- Based on your choice, they'll respond, and new questions may appear.
- If a conversation path ends, you can go back and try a different question.

Scenes (Places)

Scenes help set the mood and context. They might show places like:

- A family kitchen
- A garden
- A steelworks factory

Each scene shows who's present and where it is.

Historical Info

There will be an area where you can read about real-life topics from that time and place, like:

- What housing was like in 1960s Poland
 - What it was like working in a steel mill
 - How children were educated back then
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2. How You'll Use It

- You'll start by seeing a scene with some family members.
 - Click on someone to start a conversation.
 - Choose questions to ask them, and learn about their life.
 - When a conversation thread finishes, you can backtrack and try different questions.
 - You can explore scenes and read more about the historical background separately.
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3. What's Included in This Prototype

- A single, ready-made family from 1960s Stalowa Wola.
- Pre-written stories and conversations.
- Real historical context to explore.
- No AI-generated responses — everything is written in advance.