Family Story Archive

UI/UX Design Reference for Claude Code

Design System Overview:

Background: Warm cream (#F5F0E8)
Primary text: Dark charcoal/black (#1a1a1a)
Secondary text: Gray (#999999)
Buttons (active): Dark/black with white text, fully rounded corners
Buttons (inactive): White with dark border, dark text
Recording button: Dark circle (idle), Red circle (recording) with pink pulse ring
Handwriting font: Cursive/handwritten style (e.g. Caveat, Patrick Hand, or Kalam)
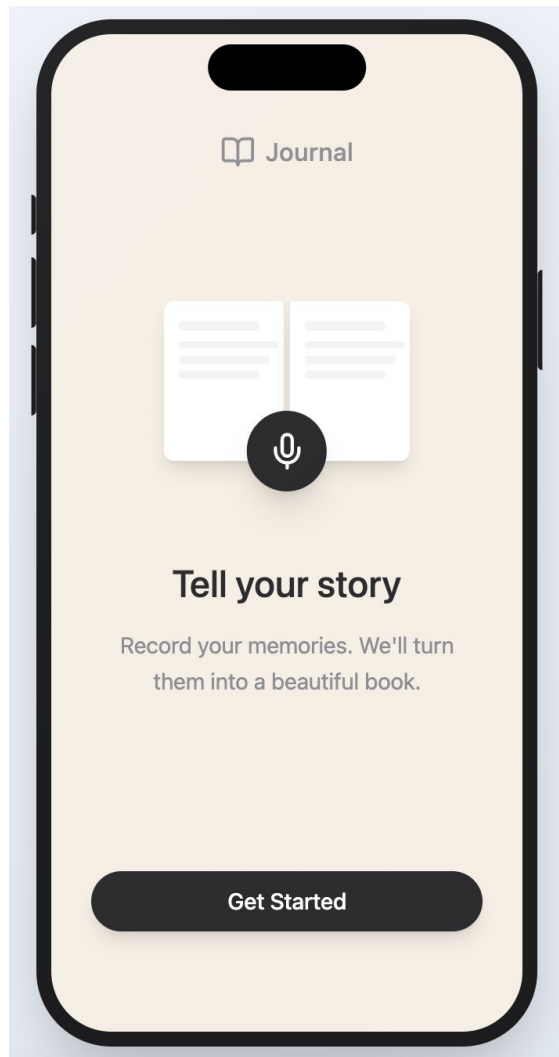**Layout:** Mobile-first, centered content, generous vertical spacing
Header: Open book icon + 'Journal' text, present on every screen
Approach: Voice-first input. One question at a time. Text appears like handwriting then fades out.

SCREEN 1: ONBOARDING

Suggested filename: 01-onboarding-landing.png

Design Notes:

• First screen users see when opening the app

• Journal logo (open book icon) + 'Journal' text at top center

• Custom illustration: open book with microphone icon overlaid

• Heading: 'Tell your story' (bold, dark, large)

• Subtext: 'Record your memories. We'll turn them into a beautiful book.' (gray, smaller)

• CTA button: 'Get Started' — full-width, dark/black, rounded corners, bottom of screen

• Background: warm cream (#F5F0E8 approx)

• Mobile-first layout centered in iPhone frame

SCREEN 2: PROJECT SETUP

Suggested filename: 02-project-setup-filled.png

Design Notes:

• Title: 'Who's story are we telling?' (bold, large)

• Name field: text input with rounded corners, light background (example: 'Roberto Elias')

• Relationship selector: 4 pill buttons in 2x2 grid — Parent, Grandparent, Friend, Other

• Selected state: dark/black fill with white text

• Unselected state: white fill with dark border and text

• Life topic selector: 'What part of their life would you like to explore?'

• 6 pill buttons in 2-column grid: Childhood, Immigration, Career, Family, War/Service, Education

• Same selected/unselected styling as Relationship pills

• CTA: 'Begin Interview' button — same style as Get Started (full-width, dark, rounded)

• Same cream background and Journal header as all screens

SCREEN 2B: PROJECT SETUP (scrolled)

Suggested filename: 03-project-setup-scrolled.png

Design Notes:
• Same screen scrolled down — shows full topic grid + Begin Interview button
• Confirms the page is scrollable on smaller screens

SCREEN 3: INTERVIEW — WAITING STATE

Suggested filename: 04-interview-waiting.png

Design Notes:
• AI-generated question displayed prominently at top: e.g. 'What is your earliest childhood memory?'
• Font: bold, dark, large, center-aligned
• Faded/ghost text visible in background (previous answers fading out effect)
• Large circular mic button at bottom center — dark circle with white mic icon
• Label below button: 'Tap to speak your answer' (gray, small)
• This is the idle state before recording starts

SCREEN 4: INTERVIEW — RECORDING STATE

Suggested filename: 05-interview-recording.png

Design Notes:
- Same layout as waiting state but button changes to RECORDING mode
- Button: red circle with white square (stop icon) inside
- Pink/light red pulsing ring around the button (animation indicator)
- Red text above button: 'Recording 0:02' (timer counting up)
- Question remains visible at top
- No 'Tap to speak' label during recording

SCREEN 5: INTERVIEW — TEXT APPEARING (Writing State)

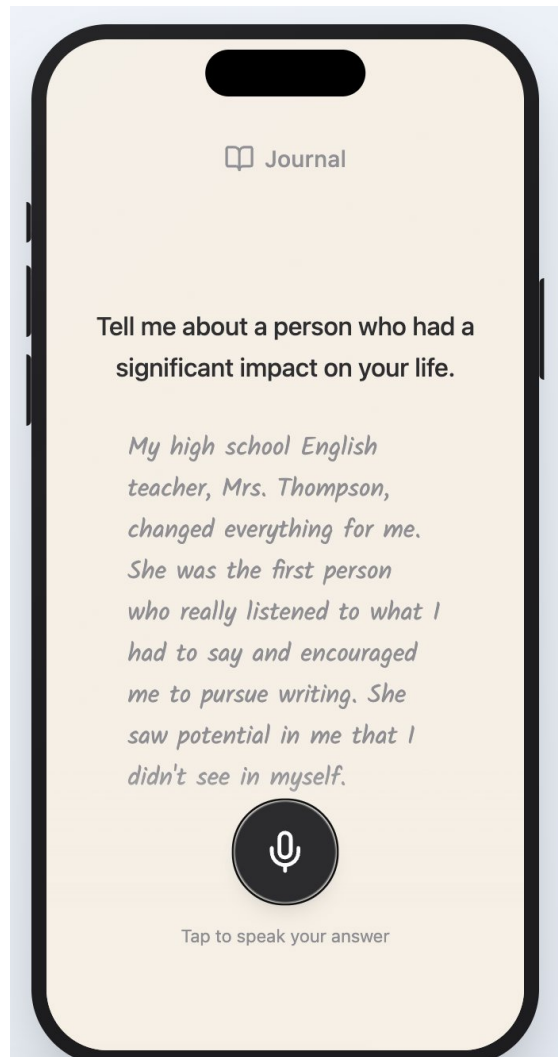**Suggested filename:** 06-interview-writing.png

Design Notes:

• After recording stops, transcribed text appears in HANDWRITING STYLE font

• Text color: dark gray/charcoal, italic cursive/handwritten appearance

• Text appears with typewriter animation (character by character)

• Label below text: 'Writing your story...' (gray, centered)

• Mic button returns to dark/idle state at bottom

• KEY DESIGN ELEMENT: The handwriting text is the signature visual of this app

• Font suggestion: use a handwriting web font like 'Caveat', 'Patrick Hand', or 'Kalam'

SCREEN 6: INTERVIEW — COMPLETED ANSWER

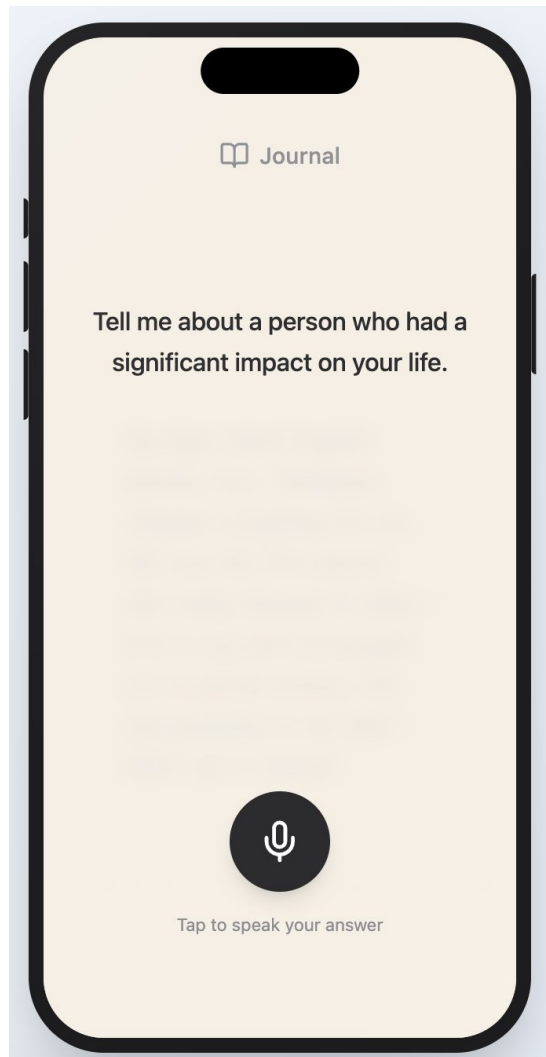**Suggested filename:** 07-interview-answer-complete.png

Design Notes:

• Full transcribed answer visible in handwriting font

• Example shown: story about a teacher named Mrs. Thompson

• Text fills the space between question and mic button

• Mic button at bottom ready for next interaction

• 'Tap to speak your answer' label returns

• After a moment, this text fades out and the next question appears

SCREEN 7: INTERVIEW — NEXT QUESTION

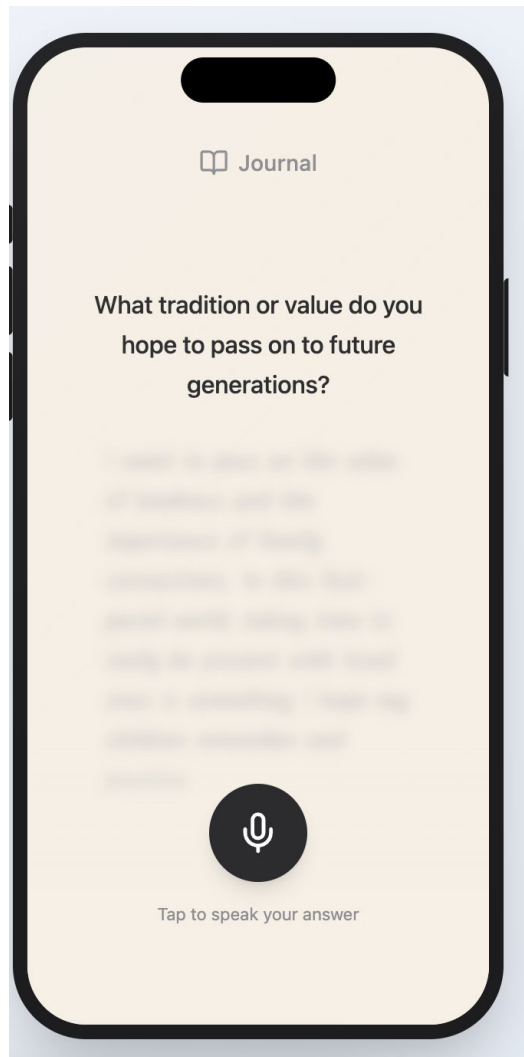**Suggested filename:** 08-interview-next-question.png

Design Notes:

• Previous answer has faded out

• New AI-generated question appears: 'Tell me about a person who had a significant impact on your life.'

• Same layout and styling as Screen 3 (waiting state)

• Ghost/faded text from previous answer may still be partially visible in background

• This demonstrates the question-by-question flow cycle

SCREEN 8: INTERVIEW — ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Suggested filename: 09-interview-more-questions.png

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What tradition or value do you hope to pass on to future generations?

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Tap to speak your answer

Design Notes:

• Shows another question in the cycle: 'What tradition or value do you hope to pass on to future generations?'

• Faded handwriting text visible in background from previous answer

• Demonstrates that the app cycles through multiple AI-generated questions

• Same consistent layout throughout the interview flow

USER FLOW SUMMARY

Complete User Journey:

1. **Onboarding** — User sees 'Tell your story' landing. Taps 'Get Started'.

2. **Project Setup** — User enters name, selects relationship (pill buttons), selects life topic (pill buttons). Taps 'Begin Interview'.

3. **Interview Loop** (repeats for each question):
   a. AI question appears at top
   b. User taps mic button to record answer
   c. Button turns red with timer during recording
   d. User taps stop — transcribed text appears in handwriting style with 'Writing your story...'
   e. Text fades out, next question appears

4. **Story View** (not yet designed) — Generated narrative from all answers

Key Animations:
• Recording button: idle (dark) to recording (red + pulse ring)
• Text appearance: typewriter effect, character by character, in handwriting font
• Text fade: completed answer fades out before next question
• Ghost text: faint traces of previous answers visible in background