

## Ellington Historical Society Member Survey on Genealogical Research

For each of the following questions, please rate your level of interest using a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 indicating the highest level of interest and 1 indicating no interest in the subject area. For the final questions, please choose a yes or no answer.

### GENERAL INTEREST

**1. I am interested in conducting genealogical/family history research.**

5	4	3	2	1
very interested	somewhat interested	not sure	minimal interest	no interest

**2. Other members of my family are interested in conducting genealogical/family research.**

5	4	3	2	1
very interested	somewhat interested	not sure	minimal interest	no interest

**3. I or another family member belongs to the Ellington Historical Society.**

yes	no
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**4. I or another member my family belongs to a Genealogy Society.**

yes	no
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For each of the following questions, please rate how important each of the reasons given for doing genealogical or local history research is to you, using a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 indicating great importance and 1 indicating no importance.

### REASONS TO CONDUCT GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

**1. I want to create my family tree.**

5	4	3	2	1
great importance	fair importance	some importance	minimal importance	no importance

**2. I hope to find missing relatives.**

5	4	3	2	1
great importance	fair importance	some importance	minimal importance	no importance

**3. I want to know if I am related to anyone famous.**

5	4	3	2	1
great importance	fair importance	some importance	minimal importance	no importance

**4. I want to prove I had an ancestor who fought in the Revolutionary War so I can join the Daughters of the American Revolution (or another war/organization).**

5	4	3	2	1
great importance	fair importance	some importance	minimal importance	no importance

**5. I want to confirm my ethnic or religious background.**

5	4	3	2	1
great importance	fair importance	some importance	minimal importance	no importance

**6. I am looking for information on my family's medical history.**

5                      4                      3                      2                      1  
great importance      fair importance      some importance      minimal importance      no importance

**7. I hope to find out whether or not some of our family stories are true.**

5                      4                      3                      2                      1  
great importance      fair importance      some importance      minimal importance      no importance

**8. I want to document family stories to share with future generations.**

5                      4                      3                      2                      1  
great importance      fair importance      some importance      minimal importance      no importance

**9. I want to plan a trip to my ancestral homelands.**

5                      4                      3                      2                      1  
great importance      fair importance      some importance      minimal importance      no importance

**10. I want to know where my ancestors are buried.**

5                      4                      3                      2                      1  
great importance      fair importance      some importance      minimal importance      no importance

**GENEALOGY/FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**1. I have done genealogy research in the past.**

5                      4                      3                      2                      1  
a great amount      a fair amount      some      a minimal amount      none

**2. A member of my family has done genealogy research.**

5                      4                      3                      2                      1  
a great amount      a fair amount      some      a minimal amount      none

**3. I have attended classes or workshops on genealogical research.**

5                      4                      3                      2                      1  
a great amount      a fair amount      some      a minimal amount      none

**4. I would like assistance getting started or continuing my research.**

5                      4                      3                      2                      1  
a great amount      a fair amount      some      a minimal amount      none

**RESEARCH METHODS**

**1. I will make phone calls or visit relatives to discuss family history.**

yes                      maybe                      no

**2. I will use library books and/or magazines for research.**

yes                      maybe                      no

**3. I will use books and/or magazines I have purchased for research.**

yes                      maybe                      no

**4. I will use websites accessed via the library (i.e. HeritageQuest.com).**

yes                      maybe                      no

**5. I will use websites I can access on my own (i.e.familysearch.org)**

yes                      maybe                      no

**6. I will use websites for which I have paid subscription fees.**

yes                      maybe                      no

**7. I will use software I have purchased (i.e. Family Tree Maker).**

yes                      maybe                      no

**8. I will visit cemeteries to do research.**

yes                      maybe                      no

### **WORKSHOPS AND TALKS**

**1. I would be interested in attending a workshop on how to get started doing genealogical research.**

yes                      maybe                      no

**2. I would be interested in attending a talk given by a member of the Ellington Historical Society on items they have that might help me with my research.**

yes                      maybe                      no

**3. I would be interested in attending a talk given by a member of the Ellington Town Hall on items they have that might help me with my research.**

yes                      maybe                      no

**4. I would be interested in attending a workshop on how to write and document my family history.**

yes                      maybe                      no

**5. I would be interested in individualized assistance with more complex genealogical research issues.**

yes                      maybe                      no

**Please add any other thoughts or comments that you have in the space below.**

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