

Patterson Historical Society

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OPTIONS REGARDING RESEARCH REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Family membership in the Historical Society entitles researchers, as a courtesy until such time as the Society has an easily-accessible index, to a quick look through our records by our staff for possible information of interest.

Research fees for any extensive search in our collections or elsewhere are presently \$30/hr plus any travel and copying expenses.

A collaborative exchange of research, can result in a full or partial waiver of the research fees, if we feel the results will contribute to the database we are attempting to build on all past residents of the Town (and its antecedents) . Our research criteria are:

- All statements must be backed-up with source citations and, if possible, with digital copies of those sources (anything protected by copyright should be so noted, so that we can restrict use to "fair use" as permitted by copyright law). An unsourced listing on a genealogical site is not sufficient; public or private documents must be cited to support **all** statements or claims made. Secondary sources while encouraged, are not sufficient sources in-and-of themselves.
- Wherever possible, information should be in a standard digital format (.tiff, .doc, .pdf, for example, or a widely-used genealogical digital data form--but pdfs are much preferred) so that we do not have to scan and digitize.
- We also do not have the resources to catalog all descendants and only seek the portion of the family tree that begins with the first immigrant to America, traces their descendants to those who moved into Patterson and vicinity, and concludes with the destinations to which the descendants moved after leaving here. Family researchers can then link into this information with their own portions of their family tree.
- We do not want to possibly compromise personal security by having personal information on living persons, so we ask only for family trees that exclude the names of living descendants.

An alternative method of payment is for the researcher to perform some in-kind work for us such as transcribing old documents.