

Stark County Chapter OGS Survey Results

Forty-eight surveys were returned out of 214 members, making a response rate of 22%. It is important to note that not everyone responded to all questions. Percentages shown are based on the number of responses to each particular question. Response numbers are shown as a bold, italicized number following each question.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Please indicate your gender **(48)** 40% Male 60% Female
2. Are you an Ohio resident? **(48)** 54% Yes 46% No If no, name state: CA, CO, CT, FL, IN, KS, KY, MI, ND, NH, NY, OR, UT, VA
3. Are you a Stark County resident? **(30)** 63% Yes 37% No If no, name OH county: Butler, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Harrison, Summit, & Tuscarawas
4. Please indicate your age group? **(48)**
0% Under 20 2% 20 – 34 4% 35 – 49 33% 50 – 64 57% 65 – 79 4% 80 or over
5. How long have you been researching genealogy / family history? **(48)**
0% Less than one year 8% 1 – 5 years 15% 6 – 10 years 28% 11 – 20 years
33% 21 – 30 years 10% 31 – 40 years 6% 41 – 50 years 0% Over 50 years
6. How long have you been a member of SCOGS? **(47)**
4% Less than one year 17% 1 – 5 years 32% 6 – 10 years 47% Over 10 years
7. My ancestors lived in Stark County during the following time frames (check all that apply): **(47)**
9% No Stark ancestry 62% 1800 – 1850 72% 1851 – 1900 66% 1901 – 1950 49% 1951 – 2008
8. Do you usually attend six or more SCOGS monthly meetings per year? **(48)** 21% Yes 79% No

MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAMS

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. The programs are interesting / entertaining. (19)	19%	81%	0%	0%
2. The programs are relevant to my research. (19)	0%	75%	25%	0%
3. I would like more hands-on research at meetings. (19)	44%	44%	12%	0%
4. Please check the functions you attended in 2007. (19)	<u>21%</u>	Field Trip(s)	<u>14%</u>	<u>37%</u>
			Picnic	Banquet

NEWSLETTER

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. The articles are interesting / entertaining. (45)	40%	55%	5%	0%
2. The articles are relevant to my research. (44)	7%	68%	23%	2%
3. I would like more articles about the Internet & websites. (38)	21%	58%	16%	5%
4. I would be interested in meeting / program information for chapters from counties surrounding Stark County. (36)	8%	36%	56%	0%
5. I would like to receive the newsletter electronically. (44)	7%	25%	50%	18%
6. Please check all the types of programs / newsletter articles you would like to see the club offer. (46)				
<u>87%</u> Vital Records		<u>81%</u> Court Records		<u>85%</u> Land Records
<u>85%</u> Church Records		<u>63%</u> Military Records		<u>72%</u> Immigration/Passenger Lists
<u>74%</u> Naturalization Records		<u>46%</u> Religious Denominations		<u>22%</u> Joint programs with other clubs
<u>17%</u> Federal Census		<u>9%</u> Native American		<u>0%</u> African American
<u>0%</u> Jewish Americans		<u>20%</u> Joining Lineage Societies		<u>31%</u> Club sponsored research trips

- 11% Hiring a professional genealogist
- 15% Becoming a professional genealogist
- 46% Genealogy Computer Programs
- 9% Genealogy for Beginners

- 28% Preparing for your research trips
- 52% Organizing your research files
- 52% General history of the county.
- 2% Other: French settlements in Stark Co., put the website in the newsletter, Genealogy Lock-in at the library, Bible records, summaries of programs, pre-1800 [?] records.

WEBSITE

1. Have you ever visited the society's website? **(48)** 67% Yes 33% No
2. Would you like the club to offer a members-only section of its website? **(46)** 63% Yes 37% No
3. If yes, which of the following features would you like to see in a members-only section? **(29)**
 - 88% Transcriptions of Stark County records 52% Indexes to SCOGS publications
 - 28% Members' family photographs 41% Summary of meeting programs
 - 88% Surnames being researched by members 48% Monthly meeting program handouts
 - 41% *The Tree Climber* 4% Other: _____
4. Would you be willing to pay higher dues for an enlarged website? **(38)** 74% Yes 37% No

PUBLICATIONS (Books, Indexes, etc.)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. I would like future items to be published electronically. (36)	14%	50%	28%	8%
2. I would like future items to be published as books. (35)	26%	46%	28%	0%
3. I am willing to abstract info. for future publications. (33)	6%	24%	67%	3%
4. I am willing to help type future publications. (33)	6%	18%	70%	6%
5. Have you purchased any of our publications in the last three to five years? (48)			<u>46%</u> Yes	<u>54%</u> No
6. If yes, have you found them to be useful in your research (22)			<u>100%</u> Yes	<u>0%</u> No

PROJECTS / COMMITTEES

1. Please check all the types of projects / committees you would like to see the club develop? **(41)**
 - 64% First Families of Stark County 54% Cemetery Preservation Committee
 - 39% Publications Committee (Oversee future projects) 64% Surname File
 - 51% Ancestor Biographies / Photos 38% Military Committee (ID Stark Soldiers)
 - 27% Mentoring new & visiting members / researchers 12% "Dial-a-Ride" for those who don't drive
 - 12% Other: _____
2. Would you be willing to serve on any of these committees? **(38)** 37% Yes 63% No