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A notification of a Zoom meeting of the Brunswick (NC) Historical Society was posted on the Brunswick Co. Genealogy Society Facebook page. I decided it might be interesting to join their meeting. As it turned out, they normally meet quarterly but this was their first meeting since Feb. 2020 and their first Zoom meeting.

The topic was a letter that had recently been found in a book bought in a thrift store. The letter was taken to the historical society and they recognized the family names, so began their search for the owner. The letter was mailed in 1953 from France by a young man in military service. It was to his mother and although the contents didn't include anything of particular interest, they wanted to return it to the family.

They found the letter writer, now in his late 80's, still living in the area. They traced (with the help of a published work) the Sellers line of his ancestry back to his 5<sup>th</sup> great grandfather, Benjamin Sellers, who died in 1761. As it turns out Benjamin Sellers is also my 6<sup>th</sup> great grandfather. His 4<sup>th</sup> great grandfather, Elisha, was a brother to my 5<sup>th</sup> great grandmother, Mary Penelope.

It's often said that everyone is related to everyone else in Brunswick Co., many times over, either by blood or marriage. I have numerous pre-revolutionary families there. With the population of the county being only about 12,000 in 1900 and 19,000 in 1950, it's easy to see how all of us "older folks" could be related when many of our families were there before 1790 when the population was just 3,000.

Check out Facebook pages for genealogy societies in areas you are researching. You never know what you may find.

Becki Watters

**LAST CALL**  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
**RENEWALS**  
**ARE DUE**



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Thanks!

## Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are being held virtually via ZOOM at 7 pm.

An invite will be sent to members two days before.

If you are not a member please email- [infofcgs@gmail.com](mailto:infofcgs@gmail.com) to receive an invite.

### FEBRUARY MEETING

Tuesday March 9th at 7 PM via ZOOM.

Jamie Mayhew will be presenting on using Newspapers in genealogy.

Welcome to new members, Mark Ollie and Lynne Gould!



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At

[www.fresnolibrary.org](http://www.fresnolibrary.org)

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## 2021 FCGS Calendar

April 13<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Zoom

City Directories— Diane Manley

May 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Zoom

Mid-West Genealogy (KS, OK and NE)— Kathy Burrow

June 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Zoom

“Court Records” — Judy Harless

July 13<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Zoom

Using Excel and spreadsheets for genealogy

Speakers TBA

August 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

Ice Cream Social

September 14<sup>th</sup> –General Meeting-

Sicilian Genealogy— Linda Scramby

October 30<sup>th</sup> (Sat)- Seminar-Gena Philibert-Ortega

November 9<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Zoom

Eastern Southern States Genealogy (NC, VA, SC)

Kathy Burrow

December 4 Christmas Party

Annual Meeting TBA

## 2021 FCGS BOARD MEMBERS

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**More Learning Opportunities:**

**FamilyTree Webinars:** Free Wednesday webinars

- The Ten Percent: Free People of Color: Nicka Smith –Mar 5th
- Researching Ancestral Locations in Prussian Genealogy Records– Nancy E. Loe, MA, MLS – Mar 10th
- Reporting on Research: Standards Encourage Better Communication – Nancy A. Peters, CG, CGL – Mar 16th
- FamilySearch.org - 10 Links You Have to Try-Devin Ashby – Mar 17th
- 20th Century Immigrants to the West Coast-Linda Harms Okazaki – Mar 24th
- Fifty Overlooked Genealogical Resources in Fifty Minutes- Diane L. Richard –Mar 31st



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**FamilySearch Webinars-**

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Date	Class Title	Link to Webinar
Mon. Mar 1, 9:00 AM	Using the FamilySearch Catalog (Beginner)	<a href="#">Link to Register</a>
Thu, Mar 4, 11:00 AM	Research in Canada: An Introduction (Beginner)	<a href="#">Link to Register</a>
Tue, Mar 9, 9:00 AM	The Research Process, Research Help, and Searching Records on FamilySearch (Beginner)	<a href="#">Link to Register</a>
Wed, Mar 17, 08:00 AM	St. Patrick's Day Research Seminar Keynote (Beginner)	<a href="#">Link to Register</a>
	Lots of Irish classes this month	<a href="#">See list here</a>
Thu, Mar 18, 9:00 AM	Home on the Range: U.S. Federal Land Records (Beginner)	<a href="#">Link to Register</a>
Tue, Mar 23, 09:00 AM	Tips and Tricks for Finding Elusive Records in FamilySearch (Beginner)	<a href="#">Link to Register</a>

