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Forsyth County Genealogical Society members, guests, and interested parties:

Dear Friends,

First, let me wish you all a Happy New Year! I do hope that you and your families have stayed, and are staying, healthy and safe during these challenging times.

I'm sure that I am not alone in welcoming the arrival of 2021, and hope that this year will bring a return to some degree of social normalcy. It is with optimistic anticipation that I look forward to the resumption of monthly meetings of the Forsyth County Genealogical Society.

As you know, our meetings have been suspended since our first canceled meeting that was scheduled for April 7, 2020. Unfortunately, the pandemic situation has not improved, and I will not schedule group gatherings until it is PROVEN that such gatherings are safe. Therefore, although I hope that we can resume meetings this fiscal year, which runs through August, 2021, I can't project any expectations for meetings resuming until more is known about the transmission and control of this terrible virus.

Please rest assured that our society has not disbanded, and your board of directors stay in touch with one another periodically, as FCGS business requires attention. We are as anxious as any members to be able to resume our meetings and, as soon as it is feasible to do so, will do so. At that time, we will notify all of our members and interested parties of our plans via email and notifications placed on our website and Facebook page. Please check the website (Forsythgen.org) as well as the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/136697763030901/) frequently to stay updated about FCGS news, schedules, events, as well as interesting links and discussions.

As you were advised earlier, due to the interruption in both our monthly programs and Journal publications, we extended paid memberships to cover the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Therefore, if you were a paid member when our

programs were interrupted, you are automatically covered through at least August 31, 2021. All board members have continued in their current board position, as we carried over our board that was elected for the 2019-2020 fiscal year through the 2020-2021 fiscal year, as well.

We printed one edition of the *Journal of the Forsyth County Genealogical Society*, Volume 38, which was mailed in January 2020. Our editor, Darla Johnson, has continued to work on compiling articles for the next issue(s), and is hopeful that she will have the capability to print, compile, and mail a new issue in the near future. Darla hopes that you will use this home-bound time to work up stories about interesting people or events, or about research you have done, or are currently doing, that she can print in the Journal. Please send articles, questions or suggestions for the Journal to the e-mail address linked to our website: forsythgensoc@gmail.com.

It is my genuine hope that 2021 will see a time when the Forsyth County Genealogical Society will be able to return to a normal meeting schedule. Keep in mind that any decisions I make regarding the resumption of meetings will be steered primarily by the guidance of the medical professionals who are knowledgeable about any threat associated with transmission of the Covid-19 virus. As president of our society, it is my responsibility to choose the path that I feel is the safest for all concerned, keeping the wellbeing of you, and your fellow attendees, utmost in my mind. These decisions are in no way easy ones, and I appreciate your understanding.

Thank you for your continued support of the Forsyth County Genealogical Society! I hope that you all stay safe and healthy, and I sincerely hope to see you in 2021.

Terri Thrailkill
President, Forsyth County Genealogical Society