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Hello Fans of Fairfield County Genealogy,

Another year of CT Ancestry Society programs is about to begin. I am very pleased to invite you to a workshop on analyzing documents presented by Barbara Mathews. Barbara is a Certified Genealogist with many years of experience in breaking through brick walls. Her direct and reasonable approach to attacking difficult research problems and assessing evidence helps to dispel the discouragement so many of us feel at certain points in our family-history work. Note this is not a lecture, but a 2-hour workshop in which you will have the opportunity to examine and analyze documents yourself. There will be a 32-page handout. Please let us know via our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ConnecticutAncestrySociety>) or email (president@connecticutancestry.org) if you will be attending so that we can have enough copies printed. You can read the full flier, including Barbara's biography, at our Web site www.connecticutancestry.org . You can download the flier, print it and distribute it to your local library or genealogy buddies.

I'm also happy to talk about a new project for the journal *Connecticut Ancestry*. You probably noticed the introductory information when you read the August issue which recently arrived in your mailbox. Connecticut Ancestry Society now has a 1790 US Census project similar to the ones for Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Western Massachusetts. We are first requesting submissions from our members before expanding the solicitation to other genealogy societies and the general public. We are looking for sketches of Fairfield County families who were enumerated in 1790 in the first decennial census. Again, full information about this project can be found at our Web site <http://www.connecticutancestry.org/projects/> . We look forward to receiving your sketch. Send an email to our editor Harlan Jessup at editor@connecticutancestry.org if you have questions or to let him know you are working on a sketch (or sketches).

One of the best ways to find out where the gaps are in your research is to write a report about what you've done, or to write a sketch of an individual or a family. This can seem to be a daunting task if you do not normally sit down and write. To help with this task CAS Genealogist Fred Hart will present a talk on genealogical writing at our Trumbull meeting on November 9th. Fred is a Certified Genealogist and Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, a group of renowned genealogy writers numbering no more than 50 people at any one time. These are the 50 most outstanding writers in our field. But Fred is quite down-to-earth when he explains his methods and successes. This will be a great experience and I hope to see you there.

That's all for now. I look forward to another great year of research success in southwestern Connecticut. Feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions at president@connecticutancestry.org.

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