

WHAGS September Program

The Home Archivist: Preserving Family Records Like a Pro

Presenter: Melissa Barker



Learn from a professional archivist how to preserve, protect, and archive family records, photographs, and artifacts. Best practices for organization, purchasing archival materials and practical records preservation that any home archivist can achieve! Learn how to process your collection of genealogical records from start to finish. Learn the steps archivists use to process small and large records collections at the archives and how you can use these steps to get a handle on your family records collections!

Melissa Barker is a Certified Archives Manager and Public Historian currently working at the Houston County, Tennessee Archives & Museum. Affectionately known as *The Archive Lady*, she lectures, teaches, and writes about the genealogy research process, researching in archives and records preservation. She conducts virtual webinar presentations across the United States for genealogical and historical societies. She writes a popular blog entitled [A Genealogist in the Archives](http://www.whags.org) and is a well-known genealogy book reviewer. Melissa has been a Professional Genealogist for 21 years with an expertise in Tennessee records. She has been researching her own family history for the past 35 years.

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Meet & greet at 10:00 am

Program begins at 10:30 am

If you'd like to join the meeting virtually, visit our website at www.whags.org for the Zoom registration link. Those attending in person will meet at the Steve Radack Community Center, 18650 Clay Road, Houston, TX 77084. Visitors are always welcome!