

## **WHAGS November Program**

### ***Introduction to U.S. Naturalization***

**Presenter: Sarah Cochran**



Millions came, stayed, and naturalized. The benefits of becoming a U.S. citizen were significant and included the right to vote and claim land under the homestead act. In this overview of the naturalization process we'll look at key laws and requirements for citizenship, from 1776 to the mid-1900s, and the records

generated by the process.

**Sarah Cochran** is a full-time professional genealogist with over thirty years of research experience. Her research has taken her to nearly every state in the USA and Ireland. She especially enjoys breaking down brick walls, discovering the stories of black sheep ancestors, and helping individuals preserve their photographic legacy.

Sara holds a Boston University Genealogical Research Certificate, a Bachelor's Degree in Library Science, and is an alum of the ProGen Study Group. She is a member of DAR and other lineage societies, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and the Genealogical Speakers Guild. You can find her online at [TheSkeletonWhisperer.com](http://TheSkeletonWhisperer.com)

### **Saturday, November 21, 2026**

*Meet & greet at 10:00 am*

*Program begins at 10:30 am*

Join us in person at the Steve Radack Community Center, 18650 Clay Road, Houston, TX 77084. Visitors are always welcome! If you'd like to attend the meeting virtually, visit our website at [www.whags.org](http://www.whags.org) or contact [publicity@whags.email](mailto:publicity@whags.email) for more information.