

WHAGS March Program

Navigating the Ever-Changing Ancestry®

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Ancestry® is the most complete genealogical site—offering family trees, records, newspapers, DNA matching, ethnicity, traits, and more. It is an ever-changing site. New records are added, new tools come and go, and subscriptions change. The evolution of Ancestry® was very apparent over the last year as it added new tools and curtailed access to free and DNA-only accounts. Where do these changes leave subscribers now? Let's explore Ancestry® as it is now,

including new tools (e.g., Pro Tools), records, trees, and search strategies, to learn how to maximize our research and Ancestry® membership.

Gail R. Colby has always had an interest in the combination of history and science to discover stories of our past. She earned a B.S. in anthropology and did graduate work in physical anthropology specializing in human skeletal analysis. Gail earned the respected Boston University's Genealogical Research Certificate and continues her education at genealogical institutes. With the addition of DNA analysis in the genealogy toolbox, Gail is again incorporating science with history, this time it is family history. She coordinates the DNA special interest group for the West Houston Area Genealogy Society (WHAGS), educating and helping WHAGS' members integrate DNA into their research. Since January of 2018, Gail has served WHAGS as a member of the Board and is currently President. She is also a member of the National Genealogical Society, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, and the International Society of Genetic Genealogy.

Saturday, March 15, 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!