



BIFHSGO's 2025 Annual Conference Features England and Wales



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Throughout history, societies have included unfortunates who grappled with poverty, mental illness, or plain bad luck. These disadvantages might well worsen in times of wars, epidemics, changing social policies or other conditions. Your English and Welsh ancestors could have been among the disadvantaged people facing such challenges.

Recognizing this, BIFHSGO has chosen as its theme for this year's virtual annual conference, to be held **Saturday and Sunday, 18 and 19 October 2025:**

"Researching the Disadvantaged of England and Wales"

Expert speakers for this event include **Mark Carroll, Nathan Dylan Goodwin, Peter Higginbotham, Judith Hill, Clare O'Grady, and Gloria Tubman.** Their talks will cover topics related to this theme: early poor relief methods, the Poor Law, mental institutions and the Workhouse, showing how affected individuals and their society faced these predicaments.

Back this year is the popular Expert Connect when several of our speakers will be available for attendees to discuss British Isles genealogy and ask questions. As well, the conference will fit any schedule since you have the choice of attending the live sessions or watching the recorded sessions later at your convenience.

Whether you are a novice genealogist or a seasoned family historian, you will find tips on furthering your research skills and gain the impetus to expand your family history story. Although of particular interest to people with English or Welsh roots, the conference will benefit anyone interested in family history research and genealogy in other countries.

The conference registration fee (\$C35 for members, \$C50 for non-members) includes the expert presentations, the Expert Connect session, and access to the presentation videos and handouts until 30 November. Visit our [website](#) for all the details and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Bluesky](#) for the latest updates.

Plan to register for BIFHSGO's 2025 virtual conference!

Registration Opens 1 September!

BIFHSGO is the leading Canadian family history society with a focus on the British Isles. Located in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, the Society encourages research and its dissemination through programs that connect, educate, share, and inspire. In May 2025, the American National Genealogical Society presented BIFHSGO with an Award of Excellence for its outstanding work in the pursuit of genealogy.