

WELCOME TO BIFHSGO's SEPTEMBER MEETING

**WELCOME
BACK**





**BIFHSGO's vision:
To connect, educate, share
and inspire**



Land acknowledgement

The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa acknowledges that its activities take place in the ancestral homeland of Indigenous people who have inhabited these lands for millennia. We acknowledge the enduring presence here of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit people. We recognize the importance of bringing awareness and understanding of our diverse nation's past to all, and we promote research and education programs that bring us together as Canadians.

UPCOMING IN 2023/24



SATURDAY, 14 October (hybrid meeting)

9:00 a.m. Back to Basics: Ireland (Ken McKinlay)

10:00 a.m. From Derry to Pontiac: The Dales of Clarendon
(Nancy Dale Conroy)

SATURDAY, 18 November (hybrid meeting)

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

9:00 a.m. Back to Basics: Military Service (Ken McKinlay)

10:00 a.m. "We Will Remember Them" / Family stories
from times of war



Back to basics

Special BIFHSGO Feature for 2023/24

**Ken McKinlay will present a
“Back to Basics” series as Education Talks**



September	England & Wales
October	Ireland
November	Military Service
January	Scotland
February	Census Records
March	Civil Birth, Marriage & Death Registrations
April	Church Records
May	Immigration & Emigration

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

DNA

**Saturday,
4 December
9:30-11:30 a.m.
Online**

London

**Wednesday,
13 September
2-3:30 p.m.
Online**

Irish Research

**Tuesday, 26 Sept
7-9 p.m.
McNabb Community
Centre**

British Colonial America

**Wednesday,
13 September
7-9 p.m.
Online**

Writing

**Friday, 20 September
1-3 p.m.
Online**



Leaving Their Scottish Homes: What Were They Thinking?

**BIFHSGO's Virtual Annual Conference
Saturday/Sunday 28-29 October 2023**

**Expert speakers / Conference Connect session
with Scottish regions / Social time**



Leaving Their Scottish Homes: What Were They Thinking?

Members \$30 / Non-members \$40

Presentation videos available to registrants until 30 November

**To see details and purchase a conference pass:
www.bifhsgo.ca/2023-conference**



Updates

An additional presentation:

**My Dear Brother: Alexander Carlyle—A Study of Scottish
Emigration to Upper Canada / Robin Baird Lewis**

**The story of Alexander Carlyle's emigration to Upper Canada in
the early 1840s**

**Watch the conference webpage for details about our
exciting door prizes!**

Behind the News Page

Do you want to

Learn more



**Do you know about all the information you can find
on the BIFHSGO website?**

**Every couple of months, the News page will
highlight hidden gems from the website.**

**In September... Are you ready
to get back to researching?**

Links to Online Resources

**Have you discovered the useful “Links to Online
Resources” on the website? Well over 150 links to
resources—from general genealogy sites to very
specialized sites.**

Your society needs your help in so many ways...

- ☐ **Assistance at monthly meetings, conferences, workshops and events**
- ☐ **Transcription and indexing projects: home child records, past BIFHSGO presentations and ACR issues**
- ☐ **Research and writing stories for the Canadian Casualty Clearing Station database**
- ☐ **Social media coordinator**

See “Volunteer Opportunities” in About Us on the website or contact:

Duncan Monkhouse
pastpresident@bifhsgo.ca
to put your hand up





BIFHSGO Discussion Group Facebook... for members only

Ask a question / share information

I just discovered two websites I thought some with Scottish ancestry may be interested in



One of our past BIFHSGO librarians passed away on Sunday ...

...hoping someone can answer a query regarding British Home Children

... help me figure out what the writing to the left of the marriage record says.

... would you be able to find out if they sell a booklet about St George's Cemetery

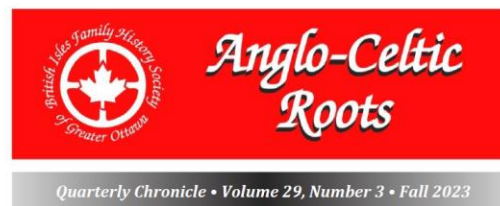
To participate, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BIFHSGO>



Do you see it?

It's your member copy of ACR

On the website now

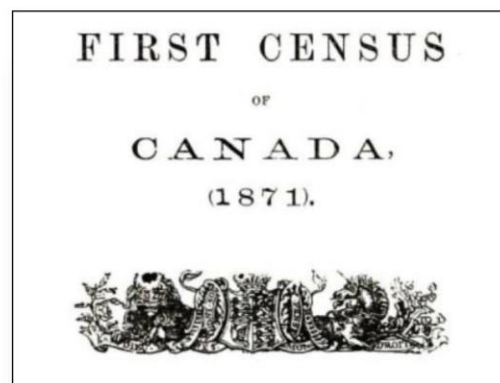


In This Issue

The 1871 Canadian Census
—A Snapshot of our Ancestors' Lives

Injustice in New England:
A Witchcraft Accusation Before Salem

We Shall Remember Them:
Corporal George Henry Stevens, DCM, MM



Resources at the Ottawa Branch OGS library

**The library is open,
no appointment needed.**

- **Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
 - **Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
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- **New additions weekly! Recent additions from Yorkshire, Essex and London**
 - **Active subscription to the British Newspaper Archive (thanks BIFHSGO!)**
 - **Resources for Eastern Ontario / West Quebec, British Isles & British Colonial America**

Get your pens ready...



BIFHSGO is celebrating its
30th Anniversary with a family history
writing competition

Prizes: \$300 / \$200 / \$100

- ✓ Open to all members
- ✓ Must be about a family with origins in the British Isles
- ✓ Articles may be published in *Anglo-Celtic Roots*

Deadline is 31 May 2024

Details and submissions form on the website at "Writing Competition"

Ottawa Branch

Saturday, 16 September 2023

1–3 p.m. (hybrid)

Restorations of Biblical Proportions (Kyla Ubbink)

Saturday, 21 October 2023

1–3 p.m. (hybrid)

**Researching Your Argyll Ancestors in the Argyll
Estate Papers (Dena Palamedes)**

8-10 September 2023

Ontario Ancestors: Diversity in Genealogy / Virtual Conference

OGS is offering some hybrid meetings

City of Ottawa Archives, 100 Tallwood Drive and Zoom

<https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/events>

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**DID YOU MISS SOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS?**

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**They are available in “News” on BIFHSGO
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