

WELCOME TO BIFHSGO's OCTOBER MEETING





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 2025/26

SATURDAY, 8 November (hybrid meeting)

9:00 a.m. EST Where are my Military Records (Ken McKinlay)

10:00 a.m. EST Military Moments (Carol Annett, Susan Smart, Sally Doherty)

SATURDAY, 13 December (hybrid meeting)

9:00 a.m. EST Holiday Social

10:00 a.m. EST Great Moments (Dianne Brydon, Gloria Tubman, Jeanette Logan)



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

DNA

TBD

London

Wednesday,
12 November
2-3:30 p.m. EST
Online

Tuesday,
28 October 7-9 p.m.
McNabb Community
Centre

Irish Research

British Colonial America

Wednesday,
29 October
7-9 p.m. EDT
Online

Writing

Friday, 17 October
1-3 p.m. EDT
Online

Looking for presenters for:



Great Moments for June 2026

Contact the Program Director at programs@bifhsgo.ca

Urgent Board Business

The Board Secretary had to resign due to family commitments.



This means... the Board:

- doesn't have a secretary
- is short one director for the number required by the bylaws

Please consider stepping forward to help. Contact Dianne Brydon at pastpresident@bifhsgo.ca

THIS IS YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Do you know who is who?



Find all the answers in About Us on the website?



BIFHSGO's virtual annual conference
18 – 19 October 2025

Researching the Disadvantaged of England and Wales

Don't miss out on the opportunity to:

- ✓ **Hear 9 expert speakers**
- ✓ **Participate in an Expert Connect session with 8 of our speakers**
- ✓ **View recordings of all sessions until 30 November**

To register, go to www.bifhsgo.ca/registration



Researching the Disadvantaged of England and Wales

18 and 19 October 2025

Member price of \$C35, or
\$C50 for non-members.

Videos and handouts available until 30 November

<https://www.bifhsgo.ca/2025-conference>



Speakers

Denise Bates

Researching History From Newspapers

Dr. Angela Buckley

Family Felons: Uncovering the Criminal Past

Dr. Mark Carroll

Life and Death in the Workhouse

Nathan Dylan Goodwin

Finding Henry

Peter Higginbotham

The History of the Workhouse

Dr. Judith Hill

The Poor and Their Increasing Dependence on the Parish Before 1834

Clare O'Grady

Researching Your Pauper Ancestors

Gloria Tubman

English Poor Law Records

Sarah Wise

The Undesirables (Mental Institutions)

Book grab at monthly meeting on 8 November



**If you have books to donate,
contact Pam Cooper**

librarian@bifhsgo.ca

**See BIFHSGO newsletter for
details.**





No matter how you say it... it's a good deal. Same fees as last year.



2026 BIFHSGO memberships on sale since 1 October 2025

**A 10% discount for all new and renewing members
from 1 – 19 October 2025**



Go to www.bifhsgo.ca/member



Consider making a DONATION with your 2026 membership

DONATE Before the end of December
to get a 2025 tax receipt

*Thanks to those
who have already
donated!*

Add a donation to your Cart when you purchase your
membership or make a separate donation online



Also looking for a production assistant for monthly meetings

Tasks include:

- Running the Zoom meeting
- Setting up and operating sound and video equipment and computers
- Assist with take-down following the meeting



For more information, see “Volunteer Opportunities” in About Us on the website or contact videosupport@bifhsgo.ca



When you join, please think about how you can help the society...



Help with meeting refreshments



To help, contact Dianne Brydon programs@bifhsgo.ca

Q: Where is London?

A: More or less inside the M25 orbital road

Join the London SIG!

- Now meeting online every 2 months
- Tracing ancestors who lived (temporarily or permanently) in London
- Focus on members' family history research (brick walls and breakthroughs)
- Access to a private shared drive

Contact Maureen Amey london_sig@bifhsgo.ca



Drop-in Chat

Thursday, 16 October 2025 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Want to chat over a coffee and sweet treat with BIFHSGO friends?



Drop in to The White Pine Café at Arlington Woods Church
225 McClellan Road, off Greenbank Road

Resources at the Ottawa Branch OGS library

Library is open:

- **Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
- **Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Did you know that the library holds over 1,000 family histories (Canada, the British Isles, etc.)? Search using a surname, a place (country, county) and { 929.2 }

Catalog is at ottawa.ogs.on.ca/library/

Questions or to donate a copy of your family history, contact ottawalibrary@ogs.on.ca



BIFHSGO members are eligible for a \$5 discount on a 2025 OGS membership—available for new and renewing members.

Check Member Announcements in the Members' Area of the website for details and the discount code.

Ottawa Branch

Thursday, 23 October 2025

19:00 – 20:45 EDT (Zoom meeting)

Royal Canadian Chaplain Service (speaker TBD)

Thursday, 27 November 2025

19:00 – 20:45 EST (Zoom meeting)

Finding the records for impossible genealogy (Linda Yip)

Ottawa Genealogy Drop-ins

Hosted by OPL and OGS, Tuesdays 2-3 p.m.

Meetings are online or in-person. <https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/events>

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DID YOU MISS SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS?



**They are available in “News” on
BIFHSGO website after the meeting.**