

WELCOME TO BIFHSGO's SEPTEMBER MEETING



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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, 11 October (hybrid meeting)

9:00 a.m. EDT How I Built a Brick Wall – Part 2 (Barbara Tose)

**10:00 a.m. EDT Navigating the New Library and Archives
Canada Website (Ken McKinlay)**

SATURDAY, 8 November (hybrid meeting)

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

10:00 a.m. EST Military Moments (multiple speakers)



Looking for presenters for:



Great Moments for:

- December 2025
- June 2026

Contact the Program Director at programs@bifhsgo.ca

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

DNA

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

London

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

Irish Research

**Tuesday,
23 September 7-9 p.m.
McNabb Community
Centre**

British Colonial America

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

Writing

**Friday, 19 September
1-3 p.m. EDT
Online**



**Book grab planned for
September has been
postponed until November.
See BIFHSGO newsletters
for details.**





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)



Researching the Disadvantaged of England and Wales

Need a few more conference volunteers

For Expert Connect breakout rooms:

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- **Facilitators (chairing the session)**
 - **Tech assistants (assisting with recording and helping participants)**

**To sign up, contact Duncan Monkhouse
conference_program@bifhsgo.ca**





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



2026 BIFHSGO memberships for sale on 1 October 2025

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



Go to www.bifhsgo.ca/member





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



- **program planning committee**
- **help with meeting refreshments.**



To help, contact Dianne Brydon programs@bifhsgo.ca

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

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 Share Drive

Contact Maureen Amey london_sig@bifhsgo.ca



Drop-in Chat is back!

Thursday, 18 September 2025 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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



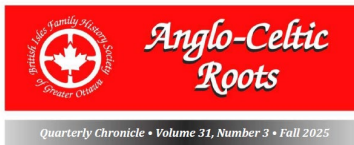
Drop in to The White Pine Café at Arlington Woods Church
225 McClellan Road, off Greenbank Road



Do you see it?

*It's the fall issue of ACR
In the mail and on the website now*

*Deadline for Winter issue is 23 October
Short articles are welcome*



In This Issue

*DNA Confirms a Lloyd Family in Ireland for
Two and a Half Centuries*

Which John and Mary Knight?

*Corporal Alexis Ernest Paul Robinson
2nd Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers*





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.**

Use the library to prepare for the conference. We have books by:

- * **Peter Higginbotham on workhouses**
- * **Gloria Tubman on British Home Children**
- * **Denise Bates on newspaper research**
- * **books to research the poor, the sick and criminals**

Questions? 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.

Thursday, 25 September 2025 7 - 9 p.m. EST (Zoom meeting)

Canadian Forays into the Genealogical Resources of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) (Stephanie Enns-Coulter)

Thursday, 23 October 2025 7 - 9 p.m. EST (Zoom meeting)

Royal Canadian Chaplain Service

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.**