



WELCOME TO BIFHSGO's MAY MEETING



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

As a society, we value:

- Stewardship
- Innovation
- Excellence
- Sharing
- Integrity
- Collaboration





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 2026

SATURDAY, 13 June (hybrid meeting)

9:00 a.m. EDT BIFHSGO's Annual General Meeting

10:00 a.m. EDT Great Moments in Genealogy:

- *William Wallace: Family Myth, Brick Wall, Loyalist* (Carolyn Brown);
- *Secrets: The Pullman Family Revisited* (Patricia MacGregor);
- *Nottingham's Old General* (Marianne Rasmus)



SATURDAY, 12 September (hybrid meeting)

9:00 a.m. EDT *Paper, Photos, and the Unexpected: What do Museums and Archives Want from Family Historians?* (Panel Discussion)

10:00 a.m. EDT: Small Moments



Notice:

**The Annual General Meeting of the
British Isles Family History Society of
Greater Ottawa**

will be held

Saturday, 13 June 2026 at 9:00 a.m.



**Plan to join us
in-person or online.**

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Writing Group:
Friday, 15 May
1-3 p.m. EDT
Online

**British Colonial
America:**
Wednesday, 20 May
7-9 p.m. EDT
Online

Irish Research:
Tuesday, 26 May
7 p.m. EDT
McNabb
Community Centre

London
Wednesday, 13 May
2-3:30 p.m. EDT
Online

DNA
TBD

Looking for speakers:

**Small Moments
(September)**

**Great Moments in Genealogy
(December & June)**

**If you have a presentation or suggestion,
contact the Program Director at
programs@bifhsgo.ca**



Types of BIFHSGO Talks



Family Histories: Tell a story and share your research techniques (40/60 minutes)

Tips & Techniques: Explain a strategy used in genealogical research (40/60 minutes)

Great Moments in Genealogy: Focus on a eureka moment that led to a family story (15 minutes)

Small Moments: A story focused on an incident, letter, artifact, etc. (5 minutes)

Mentorship Help



**Do you have a story to tell and but find
the process overwhelming?**

Mentors are available to help!

Please, contact programs@bifhsgo.ca

Call for Nominations to the BIFHSGO Board:

Terms of several Board members end in June...
Please consider volunteering for one of these key positions that are, or will become, vacant:



- **Vice President**
- **Communications**
- **Membership**
- **Outreach**
- **Programs**

For details, contact pastpresident@bifhsgo.ca



DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS?

**If so, please consider volunteering
for our 2026 conference.**

The Board is looking for help with the following:

- **Outreach**
- **Survey**

To volunteer, contact pastpresident@bifhsgo.ca



Inviting members to
an in-person
BIFHSGO Quiz Night

Friday, 22 May from 6-9 pm

Central Ottawa location

**Check the newsletter for details
and RSVP before May 15th to
[rsvp.bifhsgo@gmail.com!](mailto:rsvp.bifhsgo@gmail.com)**

**Join us
for
Food,
Fun &
Trivia!!**

& Door Prizes!!

Drop-in Chat

Thursday, May 21st from 9:00 – 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



A Book Grab is planned for the June 13th meeting

**If you have books to donate contact
Pam Cooper librarian@bifhsgo.ca
See BIFHSGO newsletter for
details.**

Congratulations to Julia Jaques,
who received an award from BIFHSGO
for her project on Irish immigration.

The award was presented at the
Ottawa Regional Heritage Fair
on April 28, 2026, at the
Museum of History.



Ottawa Branch OGS library

Library is open:

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

❖ Catalog at <https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/library/>

❖ Questions or seeking advice:
ottawalibrary@ogs.on.ca



Ottawa Branch

Thursday, 28 May 2026

19:00 – 20:45 EST (on Zoom)

Beginnings: The Early History of Perley Health, 1890-1920 (Glenn Wright)

Ottawa Genealogy Drop-ins

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

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



BIFHSGO members are eligible for a **\$5 discount on a **2026 OGS membership**—available for new and renewing members.**

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

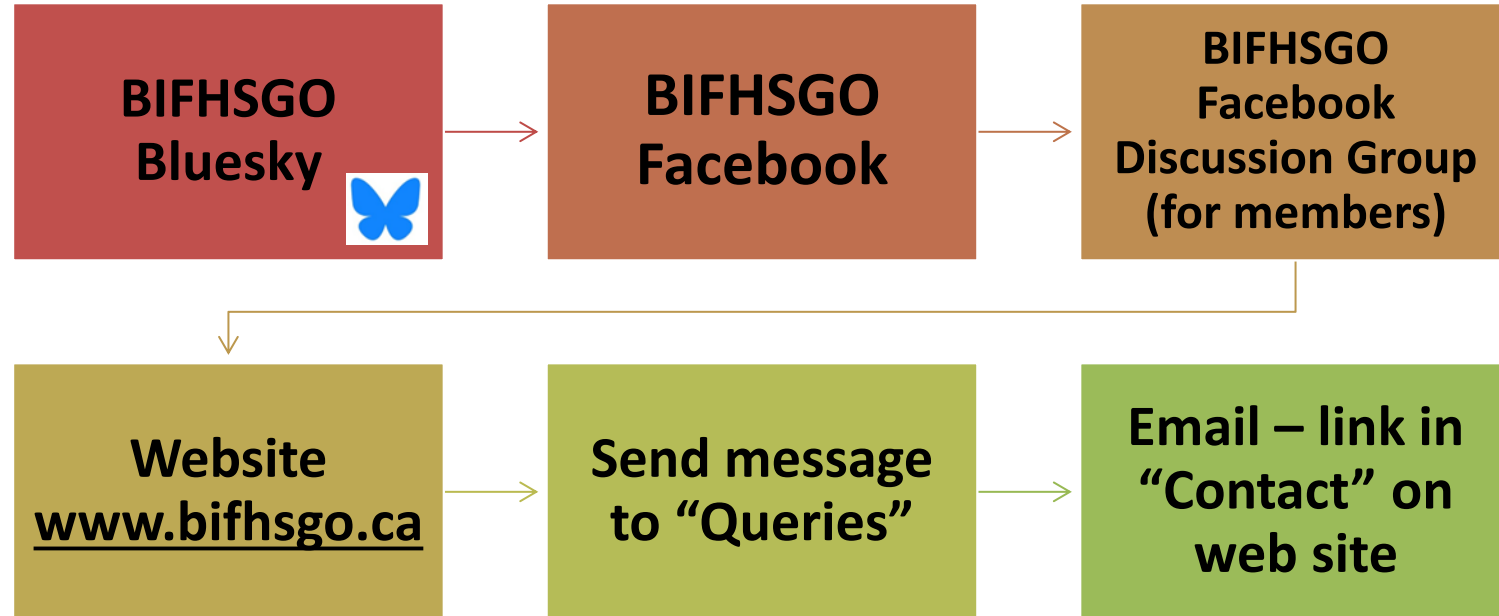


Hang on...

Hang around...

**Join us to chat online after
the monthly meeting...**

Stay in touch with BIFHSGO





DID YOU MISS SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS?

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