

WELCOME TO BIFHSGO's FEBRUARY MEETING



Mozart – Piano Sonata In B-flat Major /
Brendan Kinsella
Chosic <https://www.chosic.com/>



Hang on...

Hang around...

Join us for chat online after the
monthly meeting...

(Bring your own coffee and treat!)



**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 2025/26

SATURDAY, 14 March (hybrid meeting)

9:00 a.m. EDT Tips for Using FamilySearch's Full Text Search (Ken McKinlay)

10:00 a.m. EDT Thistles and Cedar, Hearts Entwined in War (Wendy Jocko)

SATURDAY, 11 April (hybrid meeting)

9:00 a.m. EDT The Travelling Genealogist: BIFHSGO members' top tips for travelling to research your family history

10:00 a.m. EDT The Rise and Fall of John Lowther Kemp Sr. 1793–1869 (Doug Loucks)



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

DNA

TBD

London

Wednesday,
11 March
2-3:30 p.m. EDT
Online

Tuesday,
24 March 7 p.m. EDT
McNabb Community
Centre

Irish Research

Note change
of date

British Colonial America

Wednesday,
24 February
7-9 p.m. EDT
Online

Writing

Friday, 20 February
1-3 p.m. EST
Online



“Focusing on the Migrants: How Genealogy has Transformed our Understanding of the Irish in Canada”



Saturday 28 March at 2 p.m.

(Doors open at 1.30 p.m.)

Knox Presbyterian Church and online

David A. Wilson

Professor of History and Celtic Studies, U of T

Details on the BIFHSGO News and Events pages



Looking for speakers

Family History talks for 2026-2027



Contact the Program Director at programs@bifhsgo.ca



DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS?

If so, please consider volunteering for our 2026 conference.

The Board is looking for conference co-chairs:

- **Administration**
- **Program**

To volunteer, contact pastpresident@bifhsgo.ca

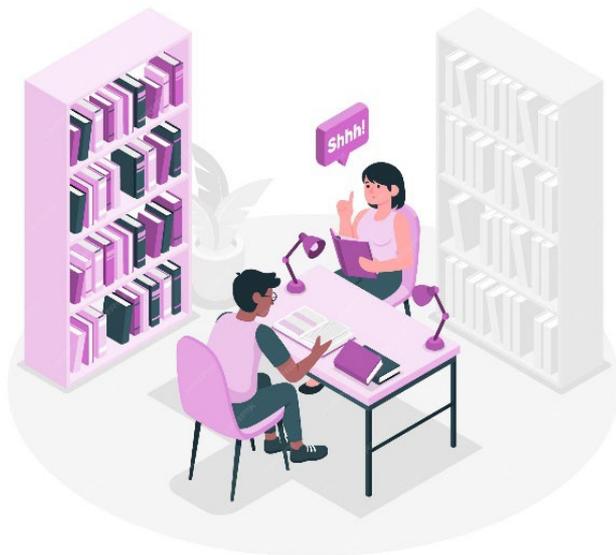
Tips for a successful research tour



What worked well? What was painful?

**Thank you to all who offered tips
for a research tour.**

**To add yours, please send them
to programs@bifhsgo.ca by
15 February.**



See the newsletter for details.

Are you interested in IT-related work?

BIFHSGO needs help with key IT-related tasks starting 1 April:

- **Website management functions**
- **Monthly meeting announcement slides**
- **Board's Google Workspace management**

Check the newsletter and website for details. Contact Past President, Dianne Brydon (pastpresident@bifhsgo.ca) to help.

BIFHSGO Hall of Fame



**Nominate an outstanding member for the BIFHSGO
Hall of Fame Award!**

Details on the Member Recognition page.

If you have questions, contact secretary@bifhsgo.ca

Deadline 30 April 2026 midnight

CAPITAL HERITAGE
CONNEXION
PATRIMOINE CAPITALE



HERITAGE DAY
FÊTE DU PATRIMOINE

17 February 2026 | **12 PM**
17 février 2026 | **12 H**

"Voices of a City: Celebrating Two Centuries of Collective Histories and Local Heroes in Ottawa."
« Les voix d'une ville : célébrons deux décennies d'histoire et de héros d'ici, à Ottawa »



**BYTOWN
MUSEUM/MUSÉE DE
BYTOWN**

PROCLAMATION
RÉCIPIENT /
RÉCIPIENDAIRE DE LA
PROCLAMATION



**HERITAGE SHOWCASE /
EXPOSITION DU
PATRIMOINE**

JEAN PIGOTT PLACE /
PLACE JEAN PIGOTT



**VOLUNTEER
RECOGNITION /
RECONNAISSANCE
DES BÉNÉVOLES**

PRIX LOUISE & ERIC
MOORE AWARD

 Jean Pigott Place, Ottawa City Hall
Place Jean Pigott, l'hôtel de ville d'Ottawa

**Join BIFHSGO at City Hall
for
Heritage Day
17 February 2026
12 - 2 p.m**

Drop-in Chat

Thursday, 19 February 2026 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.

- ❖ Looking for new leads for your British Isles research?
Try searching the catalog using a county name to discover specific resources.
- ❖ Catalog at <https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/library/>
- ❖ Questions or seeking advice: ottawalibrary@ogs.on.ca



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.

Ottawa Branch

Thursday, 26 February 2026

19:00 – 20:45 EST (Zoom meeting)

Introducing LAC resources related to the No. 2 Construction Battalion (Speaker: Nicholas Lockhead)

Thursday, 26 March 2026

19:00 – 20:45 EST (Zoom meeting)

The new Archives of Ontario website (Ken McKinlay)

Ottawa Genealogy Drop-ins Hosted by OPL and OGS, Tuesdays 2-3 p.m.

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

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BIFHSGO members on BIFHSGO Facebook Discussion Group

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DID YOU MISS SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS?

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

