

WELCOME TO BIFHSGO'S JANUARY MEETING



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NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS



EACH MEMBER IS A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE



Hang on...

Hang around...

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

In January and February!

(Bring your own coffee and Christmas leftovers!)



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, 14 February (online meeting only)

9:00 a.m. EST Exploring Pictures with AI: the Good and the Bad
(Paul Cripwell)

10:00 a.m. EST Rain-Soaked Roots: Weather Shaped the Lives of Our British Isles Ancestors (John Reid)



SATURDAY, 14 March (hybrid meeting)

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

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

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

DNA

TBD

Wednesday,
14 January
2-3:30 p.m. EST
Online

London

Tuesday,
27 January
7 p.m. EST Online

Irish Research

British Colonial America

Wednesday,
14 January
7-9 p.m. EDT
Online

Writing

Friday, 16 January
1-3 p.m. EDT
Online

Looking for speakers

**Talks on Tips and Techniques or
Family History for 2026-2027**



Contact the Program Director at programs@bifhsgo.ca

Tips for a successful research tour



What worked well? What was painful?

**Provide your feedback in a poll at this meeting
for presentation at the April monthly meeting**



**See the newsletter for
details and contact the**

**Program Director with tips!
programs@bifhsgo.ca**



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



2026 BIFHSGO memberships available!

Note: Membership renewals end after 31 January 2026

Join the more than 210 people who have already signed up!



Go to www.bifhsgo.ca/member



Are you interested in IT-related work?

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

- Website management functions**
- Email query response**
- 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.

CAPITAL HERITAGE
CONNEXION
PATRIMOINE CAPITALE

Ottawa

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
HERITAGE SHOWCASE / EXPOSITION DU PATRIMOINE
VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION / RECONNAISSANCE DES BÉNÉVOLES

PROCLAMATION RECIPIENT / RÉCIPIENDAIRE DE LA PROCLAMATION
JEAN PIGOTT PLACE / PLACE JEAN PIGOTT
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

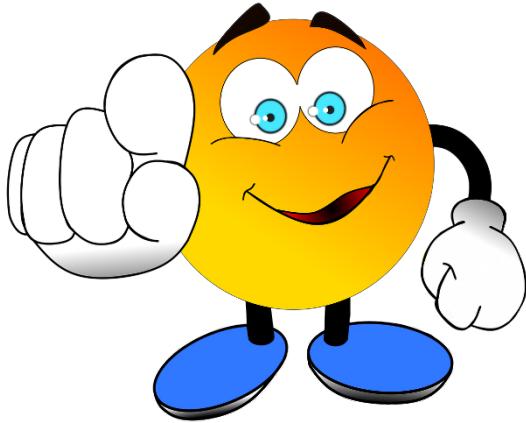
Drop-in Chat

Thursday, 15 January 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**



**Now's the time for you to
be a published author!**

Next *Anglo-Celtic Roots* deadline is 22 January.

For ideas, see “Guide to writing stories about your family history” on Resources tab of the website.

Contact the managing editor: acreditor@bifhsgo.ca

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.

- ❖ Over 100 excellent new additions for Scottish and Eastern Ontario from a 2025 donation
- ❖ To identify them, search the catalog using these key words { family John Hay 2025 }
- ❖ 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.

Thursday, 22 January 2026

19:00 – 20:45 EST (Zoom meeting)

Epic Tales From New France: Dawn and Carol's Greatest Hits (Carol Ufford and Dawn Kelly)

Thursday, 26 February 2026

19:00 – 20:45 EST (Zoom meeting)

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

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.

