

WELCOME TO BIFHSGO's MARCH MEETING



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Hang on...

Hang around...

Join us for chat online after the
monthly 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 2025/26

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)



SATURDAY, 14 May (hybrid meeting)

9:00 a.m. EDT Spotlight on BIFHSGO's Research and Projects in 2026 (Sue Lambeth)

10:00 a.m. EDT A Good and Faithful Servant: the life of Henry Arrowsmith Brogdon (1812-1883) (Veronica Scrimger)

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Writing

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

British Colonial America

Wednesday,
7 April
7-9 p.m. EDT
Online

Note change
of date

London

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

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

Irish Research

DNA

TBD



“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 volunteers:

- **Program Co-Chair**
- **Registrar**
- **Promotion**

To volunteer, contact pastpresident@bifhsgo.ca

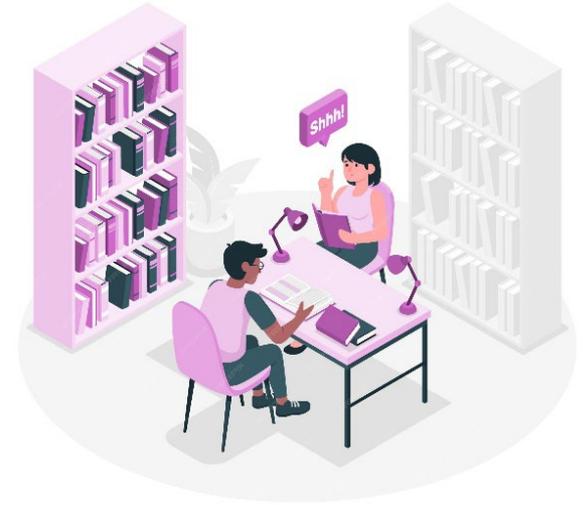
Tips for a successful research tour



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 or bring
them to the April monthly meeting.**



See the newsletter for details.

Are you interested in IT-related work?

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

- **Posting content to the Website**
- **Managing online membership and event registration**
- **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

BIFHSGO is seeking members to fill key positions for 2026/27:



Vice-president



Program director



Communications director



Membership director



But there are other ways to help...

Consider being a Member-at-large:



Support the program



Assist with the annual conference



Support outreach activities



Handle social media

You hold the  to unlocking BIFHSGO's continued success!

Contact pastpresident@bifhsgo.ca for more details

Thanks to our volunteers at:

Heritage Day

St Patrick's Day Parade



Drop-in Chat

Thursday, 19 March 2026 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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

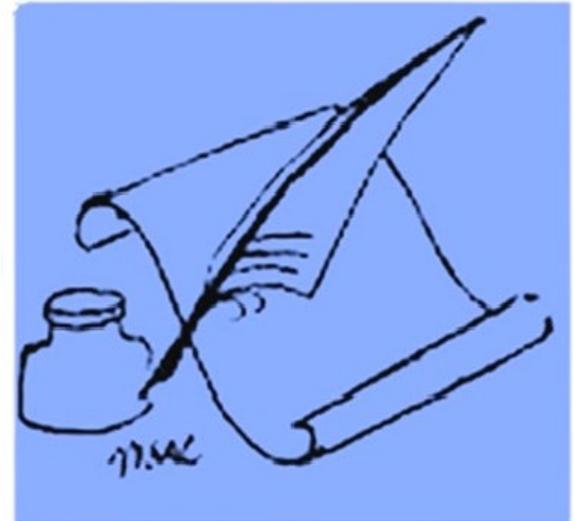


Drop in to The White Pine Café at Arlington Woods Church
225 McClellan Road, off Greenbank Road

Are you a Writer?

Join the BIFHSGO Writing Group SIG

- Meet online monthly September to June
 - 3rd Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm
- Present your stories to other members
- Receive constructive feedback
- Get to know a supportive group of writers



Contact coordinator writing_sig@bifhsgo.ca



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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.

- ❖ Many resources for Irish research in the Library, including books, transcriptions, journals, maps.
- ❖ Over 100 publications from the Ulster Historical Foundation, and 170 journal issues.
- ❖ Catalog at <https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/library/>
- ❖ Questions or seeking advice:
ottawalibrary@ogs.on.ca

Ottawa Branch

Thursday, 26 March 2026

19:00 – 20:45 EST (Zoom meeting)

The new Archives of Ontario website (Ken McKinlay)

Thursday, 28 May 2026

19:00 – 20:45 EST (Zoom meeting)

**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.

See 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.

Stay in touch with BIFHSGO

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BIFHSGO members on BIFHSGO Facebook Discussion Group

Email – link in “Contact” on web site

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DID YOU MISS SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS?

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

