



— 1994-2024 —

# WELCOME TO BIFHSGO's JANUARY MEETING

NEW YEAR'S  
RESOLUTIONS

Write a  
family  
story

Add  
citations to  
the tree

Join  
BIFHSGO\*



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

# WELCOME TO BIFHSGO

## NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS



EACH MEMBER IS A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE



## 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

## **SATURDAY, 8 February (NOTE: online meeting only)**

**9:00 a.m. EST** Excel and Family History: How they can work together (Paul Cripwell)

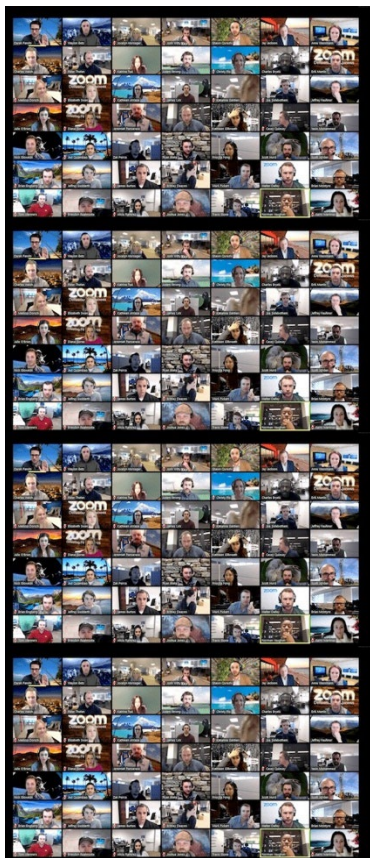
**10:00 a.m. EST** E.F. Kelly and the Champagne of Ginger Ales (Dawn Kelly)



## **SATURDAY, 8 March (Hybrid meeting)**

**9:00 a.m. EST** Exploring the Official Government Newspapers: the Gazettes of the UK (Ken McKinlay)

**10:00 a.m. EST** Ripped from the Headlines: Death on the Forest (Marianne Rasmus)



**Hang on...**

**Hang around...**

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

**In January and February!**

**(Bring your own coffee and Christmas leftovers!)**

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**DNA**

**Saturday,  
1 March  
9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Online**

**London**

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

**Tuesday,  
28 January 7-9 p.m.  
McNabb Community  
Centre**

**Irish Research**

**British Colonial America**

**Wednesday,  
22 January  
7-9 p.m. EST  
Online**

**Writing**

**Friday, 17 January  
1-3 p.m. EST  
Online**



**We are very grateful to:**

**Nancy Higgins—to serve as Program Director**

**Marnie McCall—to serve as Director-at-large**

**They answered the call for Board members and were appointed by the Board to serve until June 2025.**



# Looking for speakers

**Great Moments for June 2025**

**Monthly presentations for 2025/26  
(in-person or virtual)**

Can we give you a hand?

BIFHSGO's Mentorship Program can  
help with support.

Contact [programs@bifhsgo.ca](mailto:programs@bifhsgo.ca)

Thanks to all who have renewed or purchased a BIFHSGO membership for 2025



Memberships can be renewed until  
31 January 2025.

If you are a family member, do  
not forget to renew.

Go to "Membership" page at [www.bifhsgo.ca](http://www.bifhsgo.ca)

**How can we take advantage of AI capabilities?**

**How can BIFHSGO address this opportunity?**

**Interested in chatting with other members?**

Meta AI

Jasper

ChatGPT

Zapier Central

Claude

Gemini 2.0

**Join us on Zoom on:**

**Thursday, 13 February at 7 p.m.**

**See details and zoom link in January newsletter and  
Announcements in the Members' Area of website**



## **BIFHSGO Hall of Fame**



**It's time to nominate an outstanding member for the  
BIFHSGO Hall of Fame Award!**

**See "News" on the BIFHSGO website for the link to Members' Area to fill in  
the nomination form.**

**If you have questions, contact [secretary@bifhsgo.ca](mailto:secretary@bifhsgo.ca)**

**Deadline 30 April 2025 midnight**



*“Heritage Champions: Crafting a Legacy of Preservation and Innovation”*

*«Champions du Patrimoine : Bâtir un héritage de préservation et d’innovation»*

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



**ANISHINÀBE  
ODJIBIKAN**

PROCLAMATION  
RECIPIENT /  
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

CAPITAL HERITAGE  
**CONNEXION**  
PATRIMOINE CAPITALE



# Come for a visit!

## Volunteers needed for BIFHSGO booth

18 February 2025—booth setup at  
9:30 a.m.

Event ends / booths disassembled  
at 2:00 p.m.

If you can help, contact  
[outreach@bifhsgo.ca](mailto:outreach@bifhsgo.ca)

# Drop-in Chat

Thursday, 16 January 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.

# 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.

- Plan a visit to the library at 100 Tallwood soon
- New arrivals: Fermanagh Roots #2, Oxley Farm Diaries 1814-1823 [Sussex] and Religious Census of Sussex 1851
- Questions or suggestions, contact us at [ottawalibrary@ogs.on.ca](mailto: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, 23 January 2025**

**7 - 9 p.m. EST (Zoom meeting)**

**Three Sisters From Kensington & Chelsea Union (Gloria Tubman)**

**Thursday, 27 February 2025**

**7 - 9 p.m. EST (Zoom meeting)**

**One Team, Two Uncles, Three Victories (Robert Yip)**

**Provincial OGS presentation with BIFHSGO connection:**

**“Connecting Weather and Personal Histories” online (John Reid) 6 February 7 p.m.**

**Ottawa Genealogy Drop-ins**

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

**All meetings are online. <https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/events>**



# Stay in touch with BIFHSGO

**BIFHSGO Facebook**



Website [www.bifhsgo.ca](http://www.bifhsgo.ca)  
Send message to “Queries”

**NEW!**

**BIFHSGO Bluesky** 



**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.



And don't forget your New Year's resolutions!