

WELCOME TO BIFHSGO's APRIL MEETING





**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 2024

SATURDAY, 11 May (hybrid meeting)

9:00 a.m. EST Back to Basics: Immigration and Emigration (Ken McKinlay)

10:00 a.m. EST My Farrell Brick Wall and New Cousins: From Inchigeelagh, Cork to Holytown, Scotland and St Andrew's West, Ontario (Helen O'Farrell Sloan / Dena Palamedes)

SATURDAY, 8 June (hybrid meeting)

9:00 a.m. EST Annual General Meeting

10:00 a.m. EST Great Moments in Genealogy (Veronica Scrimger, Paul Cripwell)





Special BIFHSGO Feature for 2023/24

Ken McKinlay is presenting a “Back to Basics” series as Education Talks



September	England & Wales
October	Ireland
November	Military Service
January	Scotland
February	Census Records
March	Civil Birth, Marriage & Death Registrations
April	Church Records
 May	Immigration & Emigration

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

DNA

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

London

**Wednesday,
17 April
2-3:30 p.m. EST
Online**

**Tuesday,
23 April 7-9 p.m. EST
McNabb Community
Centre**

Irish Research

British Colonial America

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

Writing

**Friday, 19 April
1-3 p.m. EST
Online**



Looking for speakers

**Great Moments for December 2024
(both in-person or virtual)**

Can we give you a hand?

BIFHSGO's Mentorship Program can
help with support.

Contact programs@bifhsgo.ca

BIFHSGO Mentorship Program

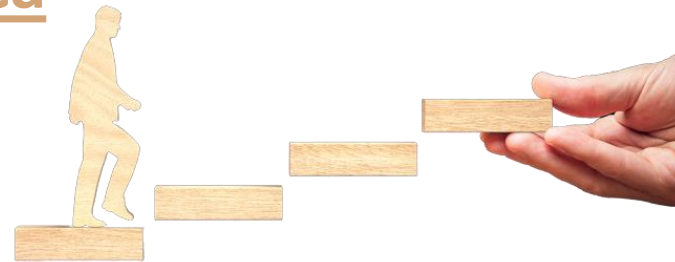
Do you have a story to tell and but find the process overwhelming?

OR

Are you an experienced presenter and would be willing to help someone tell their story?

Please, contact programs@bifhsgo.ca

Can we give you a hand?



Join us in person or online on:

Saturday, 8 June 2024 9:00 a.m.

For our Annual General Meeting

Board reports and nominations will be available on the website later in May

And the launch of our **30**th anniversary year

There will be cake!



Heads-up!



Information on BIFHSGO's goals for 2024-2026 and a member survey will be coming to your inbox shortly.

It will soon be BIFHSGO's 30th anniversary—as we look into the future, we have plans and would like your inputs.

Seeking interested members to fill key positions for 2024/25:



President



Program director



Communications director



ACR managing editor

**You hold the key to unlocking BIFHSGO's
continued success!**

Contact pastpresident@bifhsgo.ca for more details

Your society needs your help...

Looking for a production assistant for monthly meetings



For more information or to put your hand
up, see “Volunteer Opportunities” in About
Us on the website

LAST CALL

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

Deadline 30 April 2024 midnight

Get your pens ready...



BIFHSGO is celebrating its
30th Anniversary with a family history writing
competition

Prizes: \$300 / \$200 / \$100

- ✓ Open to all members
- ✓ Must be about a family with origins in the British Isles
- ✓ Articles may be published in *Anglo-Celtic Roots*

Deadline is 31 May 2024

Details and submissions form on the website at "Writing Competition"

2024 Irish Family History Virtual Conference

26-27 October 2024

(Registration will open 1 September)



**We are looking for
volunteers:**

- **Outreach coordinator**
- **Technical assistant**
- **Communications coordinator**



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.

- ❖ **British Military Resources in the Ottawa Branch OGS Library (see the library article in the Spring 2024 ACR)**
- ❖ **Research guides to church records in the British Isles, both established and non-conformist churches, Huguenots, Quakers, etc.**

Behind the News Page

Do you want to

Learn more



Do you know all the information you can find on the BIFHSGO website?

Every few months, the News page will highlight hidden gems.

The best-known member benefit—but have you looked recently?

Members have access to the rich history of BIFHSGO meetings:

- Over 270 videos, slideshows and documents from the past 13 years
- Presentations by many well-known speakers at our conferences before 2020

Only in the Members' Area



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REGIONAL
HERITAGE FAIR

Head's up ... Ottawa Regional Heritage Fair on 24 April 2024 in the Grand Hall at the Museum of History

**Consider joining us to promote genealogy
among young people (Grades 4 to 10 students).
We particularly need bilingual volunteers.**

Ottawa Branch

Saturday, 20 April 2024

1–3 p.m. EST (hybrid)

Restorations of Biblical Proportions (Kyla Ubbink)

Saturday, 25 May 2024

1–3 p.m. EST (hybrid)

**If It Is Not Going To Be A Book – Then What
(Gordon L McBean)**

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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.

