

WELCOME TO BIFHSGO's FEBRUARY 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 2025

SATURDAY, 8 March (Hybrid meeting)

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

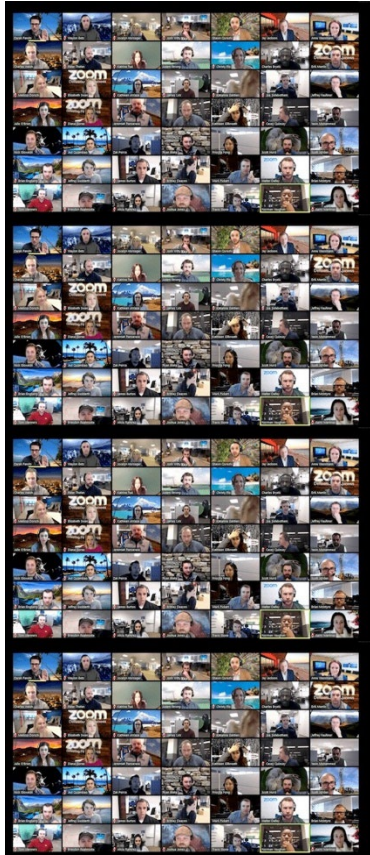
10:00 a.m. EST Ripped from the Headlines: Death on the Forest (Marianne Rasmus)

SATURDAY, 12 April (hybrid meeting)

9:00 a.m. EST Introduction to No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station Project (Nigel Lloyd/Sheila Dohoo Faure)

10:00 a.m. EST Illuminating the John Sayers Collection (Sue Lambeth and volunteers)





Hang on...

Hang around...

Join us for chat online after the
today's presentations!

(Bring your own coffee and treats!)

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,
25 March 7-9 p.m.
McNabb Community
Centre**

Irish Research

British Colonial America

**Wednesday,
5 March
7-9 p.m. EST
Online**

Writing

**Friday, 21 February
1-3 p.m. EST
Online**



Looking for presenters for:

☐ Great Moments for June

☐ Education/Feature talks for 2025/6

Contact the Program Director at programs@bifhsgo.ca

**How can we take advantage of
Artificial Intelligence (AI) capabilities?
How can BIFHSGO address this opportunity?
Interested in chatting with other members?**

Meta AI

Gemini 2.0

Jasper

ChatGPT

Zapier Central

Claude

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 is only led by volunteers

Terms of several Board members end in June...consider volunteering for these key positions:



- Program Director
- Communications Director
- Outreach Director
- Secretary
- Directors-at-large

... and join the parade

For details, contact pastpresident@bifhsgo.ca



Come for a visit!

Volunteers needed for BIFHSGO booth

18 February 2025

9.30 a.m. Booth setup

11.30 a.m. Event opens

2 p.m. Event ends / booths disassembled

Contact outreach@bifhsgo.ca

*"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



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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

CAPITAL HERITAGE
CONNEXION
PATRIMOINE CAPITALE



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

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS?



If so, you should volunteer for our 2025 conference.

There is a need for:

- Conference chairs
- Committee members
- Coordinators
- Facilitators ...

To volunteer, contact president@bifhsgo.ca



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 2025 midnight

Drop-in Chat

Thursday, 20 February 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.



**Join us for the
St. Patrick's Day Parade
Saturday March 15 11 a.m.**

**Join fellow BIFHSGO walkers... at the north
door of City Hall (Laurier Street) at 10:30 am.**

We need lots of leprechauns to join us!



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.

- * **NEW:** over 200 books on Cornwall, England
- * County, parish, and town histories; guidebooks; family histories; industry studies; and more!
- * Search Cornwall England in the online catalogue at ottawa.ogs.on.ca/library/
- * Questions? Contact us at ottawalibrary@ogs.on.ca



**British Home Children
Special Interest Group**

**BIFHSGO Research Director
Sue Lambeth will present:**

BIFHSGO's BHC Research Resources

Thursday, 27 February 2025

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

For Zoom registration details, see Member Announcements



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, 27 February 2025 7 - 9 p.m. EST (Zoom meeting)

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

Thursday, 27 March 2025 7 - 9 p.m. EST (Zoom meeting)

Collections and Research at Ingenium – Canada's Museums of Science and Innovation (Adele Torrance, Archivist)

Ottawa Genealogy Drop-ins

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

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

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Website 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.

