

# WELCOME TO BIFHSGO'S MAY 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, 8 June** (hybrid meeting)

9:00 a.m. EST Annual General Meeting / Launch of 30th anniversary

10:00 a.m. EST Great Moments in Genealogy (Veronica Scrimger, Paul Cripwell, Jim Pot/Jack Hanna)

## **SATURDAY, 14 September** (hybrid meeting)

9:00 a.m. EST Middlemore Children: In Their Own Words

10:00 a.m. EST Exciting Cause: an investigation into women confined in the 1890s to the Kingston Asylum for the Insane (Rockwood) in Kingston, Ontario (Laurie Fyffe)





# 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](mailto:programs@bifhsgo.ca)

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**DNA**

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

**London**

**Wednesday,  
15 May  
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, 24 May  
1-3 p.m. EST  
Online**

# BIFHSGO Mentorship Program

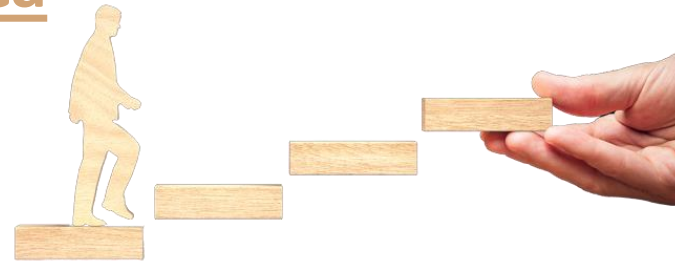
Do you have a story to tell and but find the process overwhelming?

OR

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

Please, contact [programs@bifhsgo.ca](mailto:programs@bifhsgo.ca)

Can we give you a hand?



**Don't miss the chance to have your say...**

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**Annual General Meeting is on 8 June ... (hybrid meeting)**

- ❖ Election of new Board members
  - ❖ Review of directors' reports and financial statements
  - ❖ Announcement of member recognition awards
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**On the website now on [About Us / Annual General Meetings](#):  
Agenda, 2023 AGM minutes, financial report and proposed  
bylaw amendments**

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**Directors' report and bios of Board candidates will be on  
website later in May**



Join also on

**Saturday, 8 June 2024 after the AGM**



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

Hear about plans for the year's activities

Watch for details on the upcoming 30th anniversary page on the website

There will be cake!





**Watch for an email invitation in mid-May to vote for  
Best Feature presentation (January—May)**

# 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](mailto: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



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

### *Teaghlach Gaelach: A Celebration of Irish Family History*



"Celebration" to echo BIFHSGO's 30th anniversary and the exciting developments in Irish family history research



Registration will open 1 September

Still looking for a technical assistant –  
contact [conference\\_admin@bifhsgo.ca](mailto:conference_admin@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.

- ❖ **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.

### Home Children Indexes

Checkout BIFHSGO's best-known website collection—its extensive indexes of home children records, including records from Dr. Barnardo's, Middlemore, immigration records prior to 1892, Fegan Homes and photos from St. George's Home in Ottawa.



Home children, St. John, NB. c.a. 1920 Library and Archives Canada



**Ottawa Branch**

**Saturday, 25 May 2024**

**1–3 p.m. EST (hybrid)**

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

**Saturday, 8 June 2024**

**1–3 p.m. EST (hybrid)**

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission (David Loveridge)**

# Stay in touch with BIFHSGO

**BIFHSGO Facebook**



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

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**BIFHSGO members on BIFHSGO Facebook Discussion Group**

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# DID YOU MISS SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS?

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

