

# WELCOME TO BIFHSGO's SEPTEMBER MEETING

## Our 30th anniversary year!



— 1994-2024 —





**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 2024/25



## **SATURDAY, 12 October** (hybrid meeting)

**9:00 a.m. EST** How can the Ottawa Branch OGS Library help my research? (Grace Lewis)

**10:00 a.m. EST** Travels With My Aunt: Adventures in Europe, 1914 (Barbara Tose)

## **SATURDAY, 9 November** (hybrid meeting)

**9:00 a.m. EST** I'm Sorry—We Don't Have Your Grandfather's War Records... (Seana (Shea) Jones)

**10:00 a.m. EST** From the Rebuilding A Life After Service in the Canadian Forestry Corps, With Help from the Soldier's Settlement Board (Dianne Brydon)

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**DNA**

**Saturday,  
2 October  
9:30-11:30 a.m. EST  
Online**

**London**

**Wednesday,  
18 September  
2-3:30 p.m. EST  
Online**

**Irish Research**

**Tuesday,  
24 September 7-9 p.m.  
McNabb Community  
Centre**

**British Colonial America**

**Wednesday,  
18 September  
7-9 p.m. EST  
Online**

**Writing**

**Friday, 20 September  
1-3 p.m. EST  
Online**



# Looking for speakers

**Great Moments for  
December 2024 and June 2025  
(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)

**2025 BIFHSGO memberships go on  
sale on 1 October 2024**



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**10% discount on all new and  
renewing memberships  
1 October - 30 November**

**Join now and avoid the rush!**

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

*Calling all Irish research lovers—  
conference registration is open !*

*TEAGHLACH GAELACH :*  
*A CELEBRATION OF IRISH FAMILY HISTORY*  
**26/27 October 2024**



**Six wonderful speakers / Expert Connect and  
Conference Connect sessions /  
Virtual Expo Hall / Special discounts and prizes /  
Ottawa Irish pub night**

**Get details and register at <https://www.bifhsgo.ca/2024-conference>**



# Drop-in Chat

Thursday, 19 September 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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



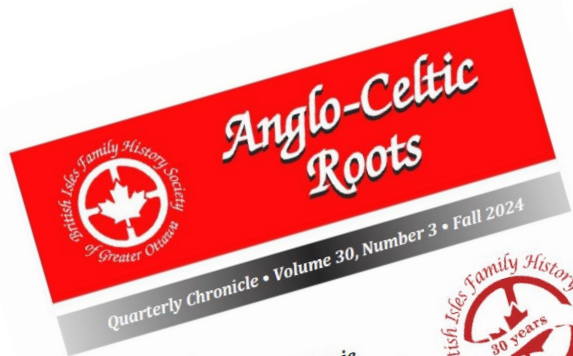
Drop in to The White Pine Café at Arlington Woods Church  
225 McClellan Road, off Greenbank Road.

# 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



**In This Issue**

The Misses Strachan of Eyvie  
Margaret Anderson's 1823 Letter  
—Revealed

A Scottish War Bride's Legacy:  
Margaret Deschamps, née Taylor  
Hannan (1924–2016)

We Shall Remember Them:  
Private John McAuley



Fall issue will be coming to  
you and in the Members'  
Area next week

Don't forget to check out the  
winners of the 30th Anniversary  
Writing Competition

# 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 in the Library: over 30 volumes of transcriptions by Linda Corupe - Upper Canada justice & land records, bastardy affidavits and more
- Search the catalog at <https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/researching/indexes/library-catalog/>

**Saturday, 14 September 2024**

**1–3 p.m. EST (hybrid)**

**‘Twas a Dark and Stormy Night: Connecting Weather and Personal Histories (John D. Reid)**

**Saturday, 19 October 2024**

**1–3 p.m. EST (hybrid)**

**Exploring Library and Archives Canada Online (Ken McKinlay)**

**Ottawa Genealogy Drop-ins**

**Hosted by OPL and OGS, Tuesdays 2-3 p.m. Meetings alternate between in-person at Nepean CentrepoinTE Library and virtual meetings.**

# Stay in touch with BIFHSGO

**BIFHSGO Facebook**



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# DID YOU MISS SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS?

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

