

# WELCOME TO BIFHSGO's APRIL MEETING





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

# As a society, we value:

- **Stewardship**
- **Innovation**
- **Excellence**
- **Sharing**
- **Integrity**
- **Collaboration**





## 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.



**Notice:**

**The Annual General Meeting of the  
British Isles Family History Society of  
Greater Ottawa**

will be held

**Saturday, 13 June 2026 at 9:00 a.m.**



**Plan to join us  
in-person or online.**

# Call for Nominations to the BIFHSGO Board:

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



- **President**
- **Vice President**
- **Membership**
- **Programs**
- **Communications**
- **Treasurer**
- **Directors-at-large**

For details, contact [pastpresident@bifhsgo.ca](mailto:pastpresident@bifhsgo.ca)



# **DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS?**

**If so, please consider volunteering  
for our 2026 conference.**

**The Board is looking for help with the following:**

- **Outreach**
- **Survey**

**To volunteer, contact [pastpresident@bifhsgo.ca](mailto:pastpresident@bifhsgo.ca)**

# A big “thank you” to those who have already stepped forward to volunteer!



- **Conference Program Co-Chair:  
Barbara Tose**
- **Conference Registrar:  
Kathryn Potter**
- **Web Manager: Kim Carson**
- **IT Support: Marianne Rasmus**

## **BIFHSGO Hall of Fame**



**Nominate an outstanding member for the BIFHSGO  
Hall of Fame Award!**

**Details on the Member Recognition page.**

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

**Deadline 30 April 2026 midnight**



# UPCOMING IN 2026

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

**9:00 a.m. EDT Spotlight on BIFHSGO's Research and Projects in 2026** (Sue Lambeth and friends)

**10:00 a.m. EDT A Good and Faithful Servant: the life of Henry Arrowsmith Brogdon (1812-1883)** (Veronica Scrimger)

## **SATURDAY, 13 June (hybrid meeting)**

**9:00 a.m. EDT BIFHSGO's Annual General Meeting**

**10:00 a.m. EDT Great Moments in Genealogy: Carolyn Brown, Patricia MacGregor, Marianne Rasmus**

**Looking for  
speakers:  
Family History talks  
for 2026-2027**

**If you have a presentation or suggestion  
contact the Program Director at  
[programs@bifhsgo.ca](mailto:programs@bifhsgo.ca)**



# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

## Writing

**Friday, 17 April**  
**1-3 p.m. EDT**  
**Online**

## Irish Research

**Tuesday, 28 April**  
**7 p.m. EDT**  
**McNabb Community  
Centre**

## British Colonial America

**Wednesday,**  
**20 May**  
**7-9 p.m. EDT**  
**Online**

## London

**Wednesday,**  
**13 May**  
**2-3:30 p.m. EDT**  
**Online**

## DNA

**TBD**

# Drop-in Chat

Thursday, 16 April 2026 9:00 – 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



Inviting members to  
an in-person  
**BIFHSGO Quiz Night**

**Friday, 22 May from 6-9 pm**

**Central Ottawa location**

**Check the newsletter for details  
and RSVP before May 15<sup>th</sup> to  
[rsvp.bifhsgo@gmail.com!](mailto:rsvp.bifhsgo@gmail.com)**

**Join us  
for  
Food,  
Fun &  
Trivia!!**



## **Head's up ... Ottawa Regional Heritage Fair on 28 April 2026 at the Museum of History**

BIFHSGO is giving an award to a Grade 4 to 10 student for a project highlighting family of British Isles ancestry.

Drop by, see the projects and meet the students.



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**In This Issue**

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*We Shall Remember Them:*

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**The latest issue of the ACR  
is available online.**

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# A Book Grab is planned for the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting

If you have books to donate contact  
Pam Cooper [librarian@bifhsgo.ca](mailto:librarian@bifhsgo.ca)  
See BIFHSGO newsletter for  
details.



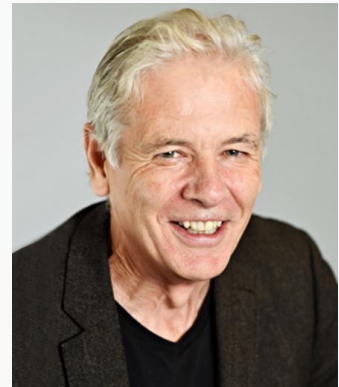
# “Focusing on the Migrants: How Genealogy has Transformed our Understanding of the Irish in Canada”



If you missed it – the recording is now  
available on the **BIFHSGO** website

**David A. Wilson**

**Professor of History and Celtic Studies, U of T**



# 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.

- ❖ Many resources for Irish research in the Library, including books, transcriptions, journals, maps.
- ❖ Over 100 publications from the Ulster Historical Foundation, and 170 journal issues.
- ❖ Catalog at <https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/library/>
- ❖ Questions or seeking advice:  
[ottawalibrary@ogs.on.ca](mailto:ottawalibrary@ogs.on.ca)



## Ottawa Branch

**Thursday, 23 April 2026**

**19:00 – 20:45 EST (Zoom meeting)**

**Logging Experiences on the Ottawa River (Gord Black)**

**Thursday, 28 May 2026**

**19:00 – 20:45 EST (Zoom meeting)**

**Beginnings: The Early History of Perley Health, 1890-1920  
(Glenn Wright)**

**Ottawa Genealogy Drop-ins Hosted by OPL and OGS, Tuesdays 2-3 p.m.**

**See details: <https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/events>**



**BIFHSGO members are eligible for a \$5 discount on a 2026 OGS membership—available for new and renewing members.**

**Check Member Announcements in the Members' Area of the website for details and the discount code.**



Hang on...

Hang around...

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

# Stay in touch with BIFHSGO

**BIFHSGO Facebook**



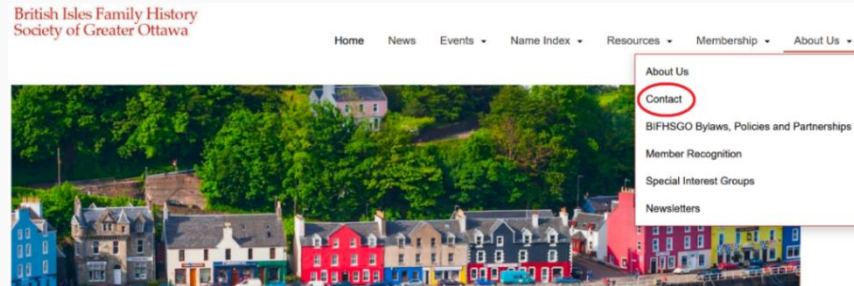
Website [www.bifhsgo.ca](http://www.bifhsgo.ca)  
Send message to “Queries”

**BIFHSGO Bluesky** 



**BIFHSGO members on BIFHSGO Facebook Discussion Group**

**Email – link in “Contact” on web site**



# DID YOU MISS SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS?

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

