



WELCOME TO BIFHSGO's OCTOBER MEETING



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Bobby Watt.
From his 1991 CD, *Homeland*.





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.



**From the
Board:**

**Watch this space each
month for announcements
of decisions made at the
previous Board meeting.**

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From the Board: *Membership*

Renewing your membership

"Thank you" to those volunteers who have stepped forward to help while the search for a new Membership Director continues.

The role of the Membership Director is critical, especially at this time of year.
Please consider how you can help.

From the Board: *AI Guidelines*

A statement for use of AI within BIFSHGO is being finalized. The main points are:

- Authors can use AI at their discretion
 - Significant use of AI must be acknowledged by the author
 - All AI generated sources must be checked
 - The author remains responsible for all content, regardless of source.
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Policies from other organizations will be provided for detail.

From the Board: *Workshop*

Old Maps Workshop

Following the survey conducted at last month's meeting, plans are underway.

Watch for an announcement next month.





No matter how you say it... it's a good deal. Same fees as last year.



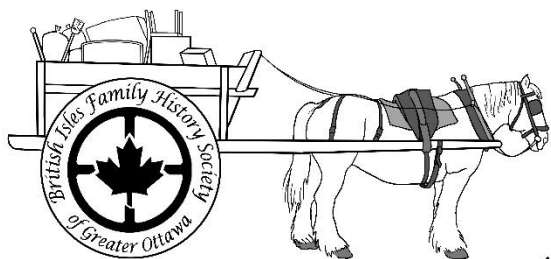
2027 BIFHSGO memberships now on sale

**A 10% discount for all new and renewing members
until 18 October 2026**



Go to www.bifhsgo.ca/member





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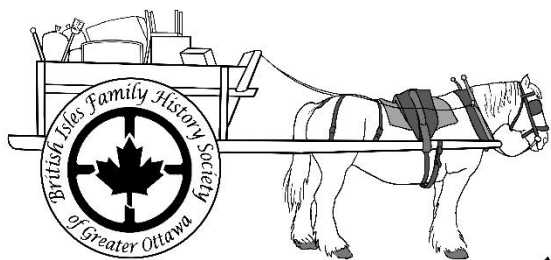
Flittin' Day:

Forces That Moved Our Scottish Ancestors

BIFHSGO's Virtual Fall Conference
is set for October 17 & 18!

Register Now!!!

See: www.bifhsgo.ca/2026-conference to register



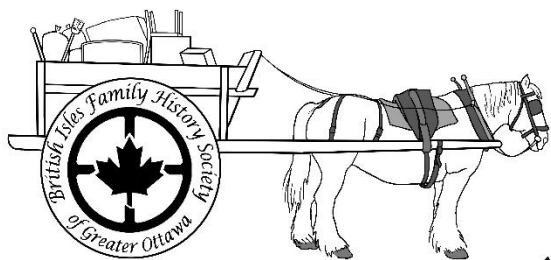
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Flittin' Day: *Forces That Moved Our Scottish Ancestors*

Speakers include:

**Graeme Morton, Francis Wilkins,
Alison Spring, Morag Peers, Marjory Harper,
Chris Fleet and Laura House.**

See: www.bifhsgo.ca/2026-conference for updates!!



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Flittin' Day:

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Registration fee:

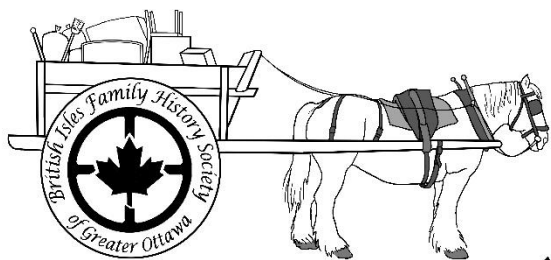
\$40 members & \$60 non-members

Includes: Live Sessions, Handouts & Other Resources

Expert Connect Session

Session recordings & handouts until 30 November 2026

See: www.bifhsgo.ca/2026-conference for updates!!



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Flittin' Day:

Forces That Moved Our Scottish Ancestors

Volunteer still needed!

Can you help with the following?

Shadowing Tech Support

To volunteer, contact conference_admin@bifhsgo.ca



UPCOMING IN 2026

SATURDAY, 14 November (hybrid meeting):

9:00 a.m. EST: *A Life Lost, A Face Found* with Sara MacKenzie

10:00 a.m. EST: *Lillian: the challenges of researching and writing the true story of a Secret Radio Operator in WW2 France* with Paul McCue

SATURDAY, 12 December (hybrid meeting):

**9:00 a.m. EST: Holiday Social – Tell Us Your Favourite
Genealogy Books**

10:00 a.m. EST: Great Moments in Family History Research

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Writing Group:
Friday, 23 October
1-3 p.m. EDT
Online

**British Colonial
America:**
Wednesday,
28 October
7-9 p.m. EDT Online

Irish Research:
Tuesday,
27 October
7 pm @ McNabb
Community Centre

London
Wednesday,
November 18
2 PM EST
Online

DNA
Watch for details
this fall

Drop-in Chat

Thursday, 15 October from 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

Members needed for the BIFHSGO Board:

**Several Board positions remain vacant!
Please consider volunteering for one of
these key positions**



- **Vice President**
- **Communications**
- **Membership**
- **Outreach**

For details, contact pastpresident@bifhsgo.ca

Looking for Speakers and Suggestions for the 2027-2028 Program Year

**If you have a presentation or suggestion,
please contact the Program Director at
programs@bifhsgo.ca**



Types of BIFHSGO Talks



Family Histories: Tell a story and share your research techniques (40/60 minutes)

Tips & Techniques: Explain a strategy used in genealogical research (40/60 minutes)

Great Moments in Genealogy: Focus on a eureka moment that led to a family story (15 minutes)

Small Moments: A story focused on an incident, letter, artifact, etc. (5 minutes)

Mentorship Help



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

Mentors are available to help!

Please, contact programs@bifhsgo.ca



*Anglo-Celtic
Roots*

**Stories Needed:
Great or Small**

**Deadline for Winter edition: 22 October 2026
Assistance with writing and editing available.**

**Please contact Barbara Tose at
acreditor@bifhsgo.ca**

This is *YOUR* journal. We can't produce it without *YOU!*



Visit the Ottawa Branch OGS Library at 100 Tallwood

Library is open:

- Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
- Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

- ❖ Get ready for the 2026 BIFHSGO Scottish Conference**
 - ❖ Fall ACR has an article on the library's Scottish resources related to the Conference themes**



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- Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- ❖ Catalog at <https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/library/>
- ❖ Questions or suggestions:
ottawalibrary@ogs.on.ca



Ottawa Branch

Thursday, 22 October 2026

19:00 – 20:45 EDT (on Zoom)

Title: *Faces of Liberation – The Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery* Speaker: Brigadier-General Peter Holt (Ret'd)

Ottawa Genealogy Drop-ins

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

Details: <https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/events>



BIFHSGO members are eligible for a **\$5 discount on a **2027 OGS membership**—available for new and renewing members.**

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

Stay in touch with BIFHSGO





DID YOU MISS SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS?

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

