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Is pleased to present

John D. Reid



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At the Scandinavian Community Centre
6540 Thomas Street
Burnaby, BC

Doors open at 8:30 am / Seminar 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Early Bird Prices until September 8, 2010

Tickets \$40.00 for BCGS & Affiliate Society Members
\$50.00 for non-members
(lunch & refreshments included)

After September 9th, the prices increase:
\$50.00 for BCGS & Affiliate Society Members
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A Little About John

John has been a resident of Ottawa continuously since 1985. Formerly a research scientist, with a PhD in Atmospheric Science, and a manager with Environment Canada, he stepped up his interest in family and local history on retirement joining the board of the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (BIFHSGO) in 2000, serving as President from 2004 to 2006. For the Society he compiled a monthly email newsletter, which spawned a blog, *Anglo-Celtic Connections*, which has over 1500 postings since March 2006.

John is author of *Researching Canada's Home Children*, editor of *The Ottawa Sharpshooters*, author of magazine articles in *Anglo-Celtic Roots*, *Families*, *Your Family Tree (UK)*, *Family Tree (UK)*, *Family Chronicle*, *Internet Genealogy* and *The Ottawa Genealogist*, and is a frequent speaker on topics in family history. He is a member of the Society of Genealogists and, since 2007, a member of the Library and Archives Canada Services Advisory Board.

LECTURE TOPICS:

- **Early 20th Century British Immigrants to Canada**
Using case studies, and focusing on 20th century immigrants pre-WW1, the period of greatest English emigration, this presentation shows how to use Canadian and British records together to track down that elusive ancestral family.
- **Some lesser-known websites for British family history**
In four years of writing my blog, *Anglo-Celtic Connections*, and even longer working on my British family history, I've seen an explosion of British family history websites. While many are commercial, accessed by subscription or pay per view, with relatively familiar offerings from the census and civil registration indexes, others are hidden gems.
- **Find Your Family History in Newspapers Online**
Chances are there is information about your family history recorded in a newspaper that, when discovered, will be news to even the most diligent researcher. That information is usually carefully preserved on microfilm, but virtually inaccessible. Digital and optical character recognition technology, still imperfect, is now making millions of frames newspaper microfilm searchable online. Learn how digitized newspapers can help your family history search.

The BCGS Boutique will be there too!

So pass the word around.
We'll look forward to seeing you there!

Check out the BCGS website too! – www.bcgs.ca