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**Re: WikiTree Mentoring**

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**From** Feargal Ó hÉidhneacháin <[feargal.hennigan@gmail.com](mailto:feargal.hennigan@gmail.com)>

**Date** Sat 5/24/2025 7:02 AM

**To** Jason Sprouse <[jason\\_sprouse@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_sprouse@hotmail.com)>

Jason, a chara,

This matter has been escalated to Mediation. You should have recieved an email from Mediator Bobbie Hall ([bobbie.hall@gmail.com](mailto:bobbie.hall@gmail.com)); please respond to said email.

Le gach dea-ghuí,  
Feargal.

On Fri 23 May 2025, 19:56 Jason Sprouse, <[jason\\_sprouse@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_sprouse@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Feargal,

Hello - could I please get my account unblocked. Thank you. I also sent a previous email asking about researchers claiming ancestry to people they likely don't have ancestry too.

Best Regards,

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**From:** Jason Sprouse <[jason\\_sprouse@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_sprouse@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2025 12:51 PM  
**To:** Feargal Ó hÉidhneacháin <[feargal.hennigan@gmail.com](mailto:feargal.hennigan@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: WikiTree Mentoring

Hey Feargal ---

I'll keep it in mind. I don't flag any of Randall's comments. I let Randall speak his mind. I've sought to use sources to explain my reasoning, but like he says - he continues to disagree. I understand he's

passionate about his research....it'll take some time for him to "see the light", ie.....the sources. I told him to argue with the sources.

He made a post saying **\*\* Caution, Jason is a creative genealogist \*\*** --- I read it as having two meanings, 1) the family genealogical records show affluent English aristocrats that are closely related in England intermarrying again in the early British colonies, and as the records show — as Independence is obtained and westward expansion happens 2) I'm fabricating my research.

The only way for me to communicate to others what I shared with him in private is to address his comments in a public space with the same records and sources I shared with him in private and explain all things I explained in private emails.

He posted what he did with the intent of impressing the psychology of #2 on whoever might read it. I find his intent to be disingenuous when the private communication is contradictory to his public statements.

"We assume that mistakes are unintentional" and "be courteous to everyone".

He's not doing that unintentionally --- he's doing it because he's guarding the claims he's made to others in the Prouse/Prowse genealogy research arena. I see he deleted his comments, but I would of preferred to keep them public and allow other researcher to evaluate the evidence and assess the validity of what is communicated.

I don't take offense of much. I wouldn't too much engage your process --- I rather speak your mind and see what happens after the dust settles. The thing is, he said that he's been researching this for 50 years --- that a hard pill to swallow for someone whose claimed an ancestry to people uncontested for such a longtime.

That's why I communicate things like this. Thanks for bringing this to my attention.

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**Sent:** Saturday, May 10, 2025 6:20 PM  
**To:** Jason Sprouse <[jason\\_sprouse@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_sprouse@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: WikiTree Mentoring

Jason, a chara,

I see that you have made additional comments on [Prouse-98](#) that could reasonably be perceived as a breach of [WikiTree's discussion rules](#).

I would also ask that you please keep in mind points III and IV of the [WT Honour Code](#): "We assume that mistakes are unintentional" and "be courteous to everyone".

Please let me know if the discussion rules and Honour Code are clear... or if you have any questions.

Le gach dea-ghuí,  
Feargal.

On Thu, 1 May 2025 at 16:52, Jason Sprouse <[jason\\_sprouse@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_sprouse@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Hey Feargal - I don't take offense of much. I wouldn't too much engage your process --- I rather speak your mind and see what happens after the dust settles. The thing is, he said that he's been researching this for 50 years --- that a hard pill to swallow for someone whose claimed an ancestry to people uncontested for such a longtime.

Really what I'm criticizing isn't his claims --- it's the fact that our private communication contradicts what he posted here publicly. I laid out several possible scenarios and said I'll research it. I genuinely keep a good composure.....his private e-mail communication got predatory though. Anyhow --- we'll get it all sorted out.

Have a Good Day,

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**From:** Feargal Ó hÉidhneacháin <[feargal.hennigan@gmail.com](mailto:feargal.hennigan@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 1, 2025 10:03 AM

**To:** Jason Sprouse <[jason\\_sprouse@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_sprouse@hotmail.com)>

**Subject:** Re: WikiTree Mentoring

Jason, a chara,

Glad to see that access to your account has been restored :)

Please note that the WikiTree Discussion Rules apply all the time, regardless of remarks that come before. If you disagree with a member or feel as though their remarks breach the

discussion rules [Don't WikiTree While Angry](#) and follow the [Problems With Members](#) procedure.

I'm working my way through the details you provided - it's very thorough and thank you for sharing it - but I feel it's currently more important that we come to a consensus on the importance of the discussion rules first. Are you clear on the guidance at [Help:Don't\\_WikiTree\\_While\\_Angry](#) and [Help:Problems\\_with\\_Members](#)?

Le gach dea-ghuí,  
Feargal.

On Thu, 1 May 2025 at 14:45, WikiTree <[info@wikitree.com](mailto:info@wikitree.com)> wrote:  
Excellent; thanks for letting us know.

On Thu, May 1, 2025 at 8:18 AM Jason Sprouse <[jason\\_sprouse@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_sprouse@hotmail.com)> wrote:  
Thanks - it's unblocked now.

Best Regards,

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**From:** WikiTree <[info@wikitree.com](mailto:info@wikitree.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2025 11:24 PM  
**To:** Jason Sprouse <[jason\\_sprouse@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_sprouse@hotmail.com)>  
**Cc:** Feargal Ó hÉidhneacháin <[feargal.hennigan@gmail.com](mailto:feargal.hennigan@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: WikiTree Mentoring

Hello Jason,

Feargal did unblock you, but it seems that your IP address got "stuck". We unblocked that; please try again.

Thanks,  
***The WikiTree Team***

On Wed, Apr 30, 2025 at 11:48 AM Jason Sprouse <[jason\\_sprouse@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_sprouse@hotmail.com)> wrote:  
Hello --- I noticed my account is still blocked, Feargal said he put in for it to be unblocked, and asked that I report to him if it went through correctly. It doesn't seem to have.

How many people are blocked? Is it just my account? I didn't say anything too undeserving considering the circumstances.

Ran's comment --- abt. 3/30/2025

Jason has decided that the name Vincent was a clue that goes back to Vincent Sprouse son of Alexander Madison Sprouse in Albemarle, Virginia. He is also fixated on the Merchant Adventures coming out of Exeter. George Sprouse was the son of Vincent Sprouse. He feels this is a mistake. George Sprouse was born about 1762 in Albemarle, Virginia to Vincent Sprouse & his wife Mary "Sara" Armstrong Woodson. In order to find the real ancestry he chose the family of George Prouse & Rachel Harvey because George Sprouse's birth year fits perfectly into that family. George & Rachel lived in Dorchester Co, Maryland their whole life. Some how they had George in Albemarle County, Virginia and returned to Dorchester County.

Ran's asked on G2G 09/05/2024 - [Has anyone found solid evidence of the existence of Cape. Alexander Madison Sprouse-245 - WikiTree G2G](#)

There are many trees online claiming Alexander Madison Sprouse-245 is the father of Vincent Sprouse Sr. b. abt 1681 in Bedfordshire, England and died abt 1741, in Jamsstown, Virginia.

Evidence of his existence as well as his parents Jonathan Nicholas Sprouse & his wife Alice Minor are equally scarce or nonexistent.

Does anyone have sources to support the claim that he is the father of Vincent, Charles E, James & Thomas Sprouse that show his existence!

WikiTree profile: [Alexander Sprouse](#)

## My Response:

Good question. I'm of the opinion that this person is a myth, or an alias character for this family lineage. There's some relevant data that could explain the alias character hypothesis, but I don't think he is a real person. Vincent, Charles E, James & Thomas Sprouse do have parents, but not much by way of who they are at the moment.

Have some decent hypothesis of the lineage, but it will take some time to cultivate enough sources to present and build consensus with other researchers.

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Ran is literally posting misinformation and trolling people who are accessing what he is communicating --- such as yourselves.

In my last e-mail to Feargal I explained what research was being done that initiated the communication with Ran

I first started researching Maryland because there was a Robert Sprouse that was the first son of William Sprouse and Martha Coombs in Tennessee, and I found a Robert Prouse that also had proxy relationships to the Appleton's that the Sprouse's were married to. Robert was described as a Merchant in legal records with a Charles Hill.

Here's the record for that.

<https://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/000001/000060/html/am60-378.html> This isn't the primary source, this is a transcribed record, but I do have the primary records sourced, and the names are spelt Prouse and Prouse in the primary records. Prowse is an acknowledged variant of the Prouse/Prouz surname.

Ran told me about George Sprouse doing a land transaction in Tennessee with Amos Cohee who was married to Sarah Sprouse. I found the record for this.

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L9G1-XPLN?view=fullText&keywords=Amos+Cohea%2CGeorge+Sprouse%2CAmos&groupId=TH-1971-47684-20682-86>

Marriage Record for Amos Cohee and Sarah Sprouse

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q297-FSD6>

That marriage record is in Caroline --- and more closely aligned to the Rachael Sprouse and [George Sprouse](#) records in Dorchester. In fact there is a record that shows Rachael Sprouse of Caroline County - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C914-GQ9Y-M?view=fullText&keywords=Sprouse&lang=en&groupId=TH-909-53332-107629-33> That is why I've told him the data better suggest that Sarah and Gerge are daughter and son of this couple.....they appear to have removed to Tennessee together after the expansion beyond the original 13 colonies.

I've even researched the George he claims was married to Rachel in Talbot.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/sources/K143-MHVe> <---- all the records are in Talbot county, and that George is recorded as Prouse in the primary sources, but these are relatives

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Before this research I had already told him that I wasn't confident that Gerge Sprouse was the son of Vincent Sprouse. There were no records for George in Virginia. James. Thomas. John all have record in Virginia, as son's of Vincent.

He is also fixated on the Merchant Adventures coming out of Exeter.

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I then saw a Richard Prouse in Exeter that was married to Richard Vincent....and there is a Vincent Sprouse in Virginia and the Tennessee Sprouse's I researched have a couple descendants like James Vincent Sprouse.



I then put two and two together and found a source for Exeter Merchant Adventures. Logical progression of research and research areas. Phillipe, John and William Prouse are named in the Exeter Merchant Adeventures. The Alford's, and several other families in Maryland. The Walkers. The Spicers.....the evidence overwhelmingly confirms this hypothesis.

## Miss Sprouse - Mr. Sexton's Engagement Announced

An engagement of widespread social interest is being announced today by Mr. and Mrs. James Vincent Sprouse of Springfield, Tennessee of their daughter, Cynthia, and Mr. Edward William Sexton, Junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sexton of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The wedding will be an event of the late spring.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Springfield high school. She is also a graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Virginia where she held membership in the Chi Omega social sorority. Miss Sprouse is connected with the advertisement department of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corp.

Mr. Sexton is a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire, and Harvard College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he held membership in the Delphic Club and the Hasty Pudding. He is currently with the Department of the Army in Richmond, Virginia.

## Four Are Hostesses To Garden Club

Mrs. S. E. Meyer, Mrs. Oey Dean, Mrs. Elias Murphy and Mrs. R. W. Darke were hostesses Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock at a breakfast at New Chapel Club.

When I started researching in Maryland — he sent me a transcript of Edward Cotton's will --- that named a Prouse and Sprouse. He had the transcription as Prowse and Sprouse --- with a "c" specifically. He said Sprouse's were vagrants off the street in servitude.

The primary record is clearly not Prowse and Sprouse --- with a "c" --- it's Prouse and Sprouse.

**He tends too making a decision on what he wants his genealogy to be and then changes things to fit his preconceived notions. One example of this is his MyHeritage tree where he asserts that George Prowse was baptized on August 3, 1642 in Exeter, Devon, England. He fails to provide documentation. In fact he was baptized on August 3, 1642 in Tiverton at St. Peter's Church.**

1st off he is using the surname Prowse for this George Prouse and Prouse, in records, in Dorchester, Maryland --- the ancestor he claims is this Prowse --- in fact, you know???? None of the primary sources for any of these individuals in Maryland are recorded with the spelling Prowse .... the surname spellings in primary sources are Prouse/Prouse/Sprouse/Prouse. . I'm

guessing they did this intentionally to disambiguate descendants because of their knowledge of keeping track of records as the family tree grows. It's easier for the recorder to track the debts of two cousins - or three - with the name George if there is a small alteration to the spelling. The name is recorded as Prouse and Prouse in England too

It's actually Randall whose ancestry claims are sketchy. He's claimed ancestry to these people for some years, the full scope of the ancestral history wasn't well researched --- the descent he claims unlikely, the story he told me about his ancestral history very imaginative. One of the Prowse's were in Jamestown.....he went back to England, had kids and those offspring were picked up off the street as orphans and brought to Maryland.

I realize he's claimed these things for god knows how many years, but it's just not accurate. I've attached a lot of the primary sources. I get the phonetic claims he makes for Prowse/Prouse/Prouse, and there is a connection between Prouse/Prouz/Prowse in England ---- and just like the Prouse/Prouse/Prouse/Sprouse in Maryland --- it could be to disambiguate records of families.

I'm clearly doing the work to determine the validity of my own hypothesis. I'm fine with weaking, strengthening or eliminating my own hypothesis --- as accurate as the data supports. I'm all for building a consensus with other researchers. I've discovered things researchers researching this family haven't

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**From:** Feargal Ó hÉidhneacháin <[feargal.hennigan@gmail.com](mailto:feargal.hennigan@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 12:04 PM  
**To:** Jason Sprouse <[jason\\_sprouse@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_sprouse@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: WikiTree Mentoring

Jason, a chara,

Your Mentoring process has been resumed. Since we're in contact now, I've requested that you account be unblocked... please let me know if this goes through correctly.



In the meantime, please read over WikiTree's discussion rules:

[https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Discussion\\_Rules](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Discussion_Rules). I hope that you can understand how your comments on [https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Prouse-101#comment\\_8860407](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Prouse-101#comment_8860407) could be interpreted as a breach of discussion rule 2. Please let me know if these guidelines are clear or if you have any questions.

Le gach dea-ghuí,  
Feargal.

On Sat 26 Apr 2025, 23:01 Jason Sprouse, <[jason\\_sprouse@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_sprouse@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Hi - I would like to proceed with getting my account unblocked.

Thanks,

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**From:** Jason Sprouse <[jason\\_sprouse@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_sprouse@hotmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:22 PM

**To:** [info@wikitree.com](mailto:info@wikitree.com) <[info@wikitree.com](mailto:info@wikitree.com)>

**Cc:** Feargal Hennigan <[feargal.hennigan@gmail.com](mailto:feargal.hennigan@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** Fw: WikiTree Mentoring

Hey Feargal,

I sent an email - it was with my [jason@goodfaith.church](mailto:jason@goodfaith.church) email address, but I'll send another one.

Best Regards,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:10 PM  
**To:** Jason Sprouse  
**Subject:** Re: WikiTree Mentoring

Jason, a chara,

Your account was blocked when I was unable to reach you. If you are now ready to work with a Mentor, please contact [info@wikitree.com](mailto:info@wikitree.com) and let them know.

And no, that Facebook post is not about me.

Le gach dea-ghuí,  
Feargal.

On Tue, 22 Apr 2025 at 21:42, Jason Sprouse <[jason\\_sprouse@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_sprouse@hotmail.com)> wrote:  
Hey Feargal,

I'm actually doing fine, thanks for your perspective though. I called Wiki-tree's mainline yesterday after I saw my account was blocked. I just saw this email.

In what way do you think you can resolve conflict and courtesy? I don't too much take offense of others' disrespect, but I also don't take it laying down. Not sure why I WAS BLOCKED. I conduct myself with professional decorum. I'm not done with my research, but I've discovered information and shared it with other researchers in the community. Information that no other researcher researching this family lineage had discovered before - I'm guessing in the last 300 years of researching or so.

As it relates to what is deemed Professional A, and Amateur B - is who publishes critical and valuable long-lost information pertaining to a lineage 1st. They're really not that amateur. They just never investigated the lineage that thoroughly. I'm a thorough person.

I read a post from a professional genealogist once that said, "There are amateur genealogist that are quick to cloak the flesh of their relatives onto skeleton's that did not belong to them." I keep this in mind pertaining to the integrity of my hypothesis.

- **Separate the person from the issue.** Keep the focus on the issue/content. For example, "Here's where I got my information—DAR application #123456. I attach a copy of the image. This supports the 1748 marriage between John Smith and Sarah Jones. What do you think?" See Wikipedia's "[No personal attacks](#)" rule.

Obviously what I've said publicly is a continuation, in a roundabout way - of his "personal attacks," privately - but, my comments are all citing primary sources - that support, confirm or eliminate - those hypothesis with logical dissemination of the data.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/128608756150/posts/10164479974426151/> <----

Looks like this might be you, congrats

It's important to remember that WikiTree is a collaborative community, and things work a little differently here than on other genealogy sites. Communication is a big part of that, and we all need to work well together to achieve our mission of an accurate, single-family tree. Our goal in the Mentor Project is to make sure everyone has an opportunity to succeed with that goal.

When people conduct themselves - unprovoked, meaning - they initiate derogatory communication, and they persist that over several exchanges - they are eroding the decorum of respect. I have serval talents --- I do well at several things. I'll publish on what I've shared with them, I'm sure like everyone else - that got this new information.

Thanks for your assistance restoring my account.

Best Regards,

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**From:** WikiTree Private Message <[noreply@wikitree.com](mailto:noreply@wikitree.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 2, 2025 6:41 PM

**To:** Jason Sprouse <[jason\\_sprouse@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_sprouse@hotmail.com)>

**Subject:** WikiTree Mentoring

The following was sent via the private messaging system on WikiTree.com.

Jason, a chara,

Thank you for contributing to WikiTree!

My name is Feargal. I am a volunteer Mentor here at WikiTree. Mentors help our members who might be struggling with a certain aspect of the site.

Another member noticed that you may need some help surrounding conflict and courtesy. I'm here to help!

Courtesy is considered so important at WikiTree that it is enshrined in point IV of our honour code!

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Courtesy>

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Please reply to this email so that I know you received it. I'm looking forward to working with you.

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Feargal, WikiTree Mentor.

This message is from Feargal Hennigan (profile: [Hennigan-514](#); email: [feargal.hennigan@gmail.com](mailto:feargal.hennigan@gmail.com)). They were on [Sprouse-414](#) when they sent the message. DO NOT REPLY to Feargal Hennigan if this message is suspicious in any way. Instead, please forward it to [info@wikitree.com](mailto:info@wikitree.com). The team can tell you if it appears legitimate. [Click here](#) for information on recent scams involving the name Raymond Oliver.