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**Re: Post-mediation mentoring**


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**Date** Mon 6/16/2025 7:04 PM

**To** Scott McClain <js3mcclain@gmail.com>; WikiTree <info@wikitree.com>; Randall Prouse <rlprouse@icloud.com>

Admin,

I have unblocked your account now, but sometimes it takes a little time for the system to update.

If there is any cache that needs to be cleared for my account to be unblocked on y'all's side, could you please apply your known process to unblock an account. Thanks.

Scott,

A preamble about communication - **this isn't an accusation**, it's an explanation and example about perspective :

It's easy to put forth thinly veiled threats that may seem harmless, but are just part of a more complex psychological attack.

Your e-mail name for example - js3McClain --- I have a friend from high school named Brandon McClain that got shot and killed under some weird circumstances.

js - the initials of my first and last name - 3 --- the images below to the right - metaphysical features that has the appearance of the twin towers --- it's not a stretch of the imagination to comprehend how a thinly veiled threat could be interpreted just in that. What I'm getting at is - there is more elements of physical and digital interaction that could be deemed inappropriate than communication about the assessment or opinion of a person's ability to assess facts that can be ascertained from sources.

Do I too much care about your e-mail name and the reasoning behind the ability to make that kind of interpretation - not really - does it register, yes. If I allowed those kinds of nuances to dictate my reality --- everything would go to hell. No computer would turn off and get turned back on, thus restart. It's only weak people and a weak system with access to a vast collection of data that would find it fun to intentionally pop innuendos into your range of perspective like that.

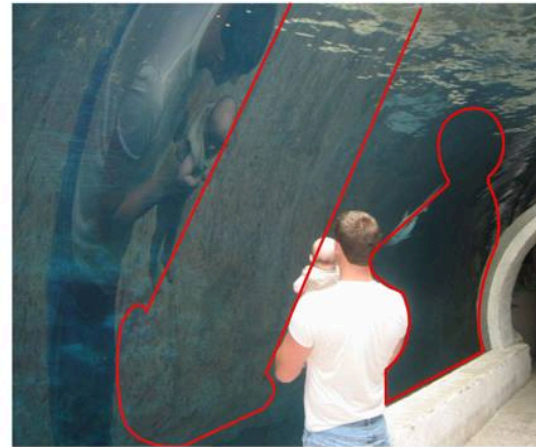
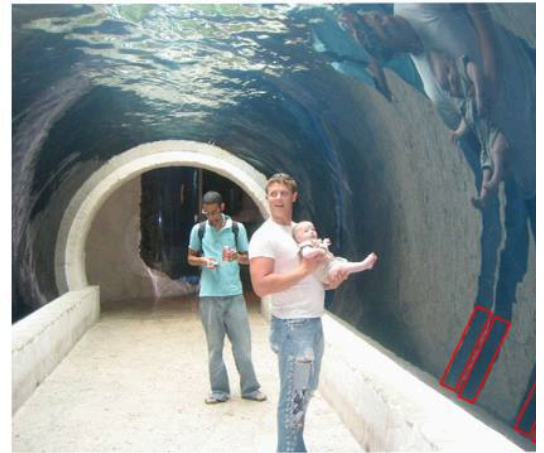
#### **Our Honor Code**

III. We know mistakes are inevitable. We don't want to be afraid to make them. We **assume that mistakes are unintentional** when others make them and ask for the same understanding.

I've had both digital and physical attacks directed from very weak people as described above. Is that nice to say??? Rendering an opinion that I consider it weak and cowardly for that level of integrity of group think targeting one person? For me it is challenging those weak cowards to fundamentally function at higher level of integrity. This isn't directed towards you. I'm not sure who has access to a vast collection of data - or the keystrokes that get deleted before the transmission of communication - to even intentionally inflict those kinds of attacks, or thinks that kind of psychosis is good for national security, but I know how a group of inferiors targeting one person in that way works behind the scenes, I mean, I understand the hardware components, software and the process by which every keystroke makes a computer represent something on screen.

I'm going to request that you internalize the analogies and metaphors I am intentionally expressing here --- you will quickly understand what I look for in my interactions with those I have exchanges with to understand their depth and complexity of awareness, or lack thereof.

# Never Forget



I'm going to get off topic a bit. A quick - relevant, aside. You seem to have some familiarity with law and the judicial processes, and what might be deemed reasonable expectations, fairness and equality.

WAS COLONIALISM ORGANIZED CRIME? Did religion, primarily Christianity, play a foundational role in colonialism? I pose this question now, in the context of genealogy research more as a thought experiment, but I will say that it doesn't fair too well for the branches of our political system ( judicial, legislative, executive ) to seek to spin narratives to demonize divinity to exploit one person in the 21st century.

Exploitation, huh?

[PENAL CODE CHAPTER 71. ORGANIZED CRIME](#) <--- In this legal code --- one of the types of crimes that constitute Organized Crime codified in Sec. 71.02 (8) is Fraud.

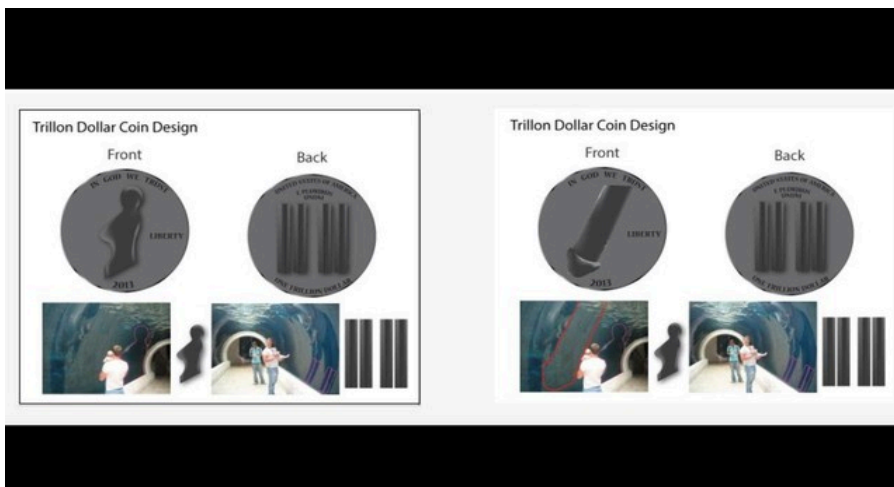
[PENAL CODE CHAPTER 32. FRAUD](#)

Sec. 32.01. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Financial institution" means a bank, trust company, insurance company, credit union, building and loan association, savings and loan association, investment trust, investment company, or any other organization held out to the public as a place for deposit of funds or medium of savings or collective investment.

(2) "Property" means:

- (A) real property;
- (B) tangible or intangible personal property including anything severed from land; or
- (C) a document, including money, that represents or embodies anything of value.



The concept of striking a trillion-dollar coin that would generate one trillion dollars in [seigniorage](#), which would be off-budget, or numismatic profit, which would be on-budget, and be transferred to the Treasury, is based on the authority granted by Section [31 U.S.C. § 5112](#) of the [United States Code](#) for the Treasury Department to "mint and issue platinum bullion coins" in any denominations the Secretary of the Treasury may choose.

Just coincidences?

Ambassador Ken Hackett to the Holy See was nominated by President Barack Obama on June 14, 2013. Caysen's Birthday, [my son](#).

Pope Francis was elected by the papal Conclave on March 13, 2013. [My dad's birthday](#).

Patriarch of Moscow and all Rus:

His Holiness

Patriarch Kirill

since February 1, 2009 - [my mom's birthday](#)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) - which President Obama signed into law on February 17th, 2009 - was an unprecedented action to stimulate the economy.

[The day my dad passed away, but 10 years earlier in 1999.](#)

I'm not sure how one places a value on an assertion these images are of a "divine origin", a "manifestation of the Holy Spirit", but there are some strong arguments and references that strengthen that assertion. The value of those assertions would be, in my estimation, worth well north of a couple trillion --- and obviously have value to the end of time beyond earth's existence. This was designed to represent significant value, but also as a solution for the 2013 debt ceiling crisis.

There's several ways to skin a cat - so to speak, but I have no intention to attack the system with a clown show in court - my expectations is collaboration. My intent is to bring awareness to the historical context of how these images could be interpreted, the growth and progress they could bestow on the development of future generations and civilization at large. I'm aware of complexities, but there are some "in the system" who have disenfranchised a very sharp minded person who probably has a sharper legal mind as a paralegal, than some credentialed lawyers, and it's a flavor of disrespect that I have very little tolerance for.

I have a variety of skill sets that I'm proficient in - programming, legal, architectural, music, and others....and after about 3000 hours of genealogy research, I've become pretty proficient in genealogy research.

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Moving on. Getting back on-topic.

First off - I want to say - I understand Randall created these profiles with research he did --- probably with a GEDCOM file upload --- so it was fast and efficient from his desktop genealogy program. I understand the time he spent researching all that though. I've given Randall praise for this, but I've pointed out issues to him too. I don't know how many people are actively researching Prouse/Sprouse here in the States, and how many people are evaluating that research. I'm one that has come along and am doing so. I'm researching the trail of records for my family history --- with lots of scrutiny. I want accuracy reflected in my charts --- and I have reasons I want accuracy.

Time is valuable. There is several things I could be doing with my time that is WAY more productive and WAY more valuable than genealogy research, or even the time spent to address this mediation. My time doing my genealogy research resulted being better time utilization than I would have expected - again, with a high degree of scrutiny and criticism of my own research to get to the truth --- I didn't really care what that truth was. If what Randall told me was the truth - so be it, it's just not so. The issue with Randall is not that critical to me, this is very very low on my care or concern - even with the disrespect Ran started with. What I've discovered in my research is not published in any other sources. What do you think that reason is? Is someone who has 3000 hours of research under their belt, a better researcher than the field of professional genealogy researchers over the last 200 years or more?

Factually, not an attack on Randall or anyone else --- it's a casual observation, and statement about that observation.

differing opinions tend to unravel into a shouting match and a lot of wheel-spinning, which is what seems to have happened between you and Ran. I am working with him now on trying to identify and add reliable sources to the Prouse profiles he manages

It doesn't bother me that different opinions exist in interpreting records. No wheel spinning with me --- a lot of progress and discoveries in my research. There is no issue between me and Randall. Randall can believe in Santa, the Tooth Fairy and whatever Randall wants to believe. At the end of the day it's not about what I

think. It's not about what Ran thinks. It's about what a community of researchers that can build consensus with the records, and soon artificial intelligence, thinks. I've consistently reiterated that, over and over again. I am not the final word. Ran is not the final word.

If my research is used to up someone else's profile contributions --- is that plagiarism, riding my coattail to front run my research? There is a reason no professional, or amature for that matter, researcher discovered or published the information I have sourced. Have I just been more thorough in my efforts? Is it due to me questioning what the legacy research said and just not accepting it? Why is that? There is plenty of Prowse/Prouse researchers that have been researching England and America, yet here I am — bringing fresh insight to lineage decent in 2025. In February I started researching England to learn more about the family history before immigration.

### Our Honor Code

VII - We give **credit**. Although most genealogy isn't copyrighted, researchers deserve [credit](#) for the work they've done.

The tone of several of your recent comments and private communications, especially those which include personal attacks on Ran's integrity or his research skills, are simply not permitted on WikiTree.

This is my comment you are citing: This was communicated responding to Randall's comments

Caution --- in private e-mails Ran got real predatory in his communication claiming things that --- upon him saying the things he said --- I said, OK, if that's what my lineage is - so be it, but I'll do my own research. This just to say - I was willing to accept whatever the data said was correct. Him saying that I'm "fixated" on something is him knowing his research is not nearly as credible as the research performed by a person with more integrity than himself.

This is the only thing I posted after my research indicated this descent---

These Prouse's likely come form Exeter, Devon.....and were members of the Exeter Merchant Adventures. The Alford's mentioned on this page as the securities of the estate are likely Mary's relatives - the Alford's are also members of the Exeter Merchant Adventures.

I propose a change of Mary Wade to Mary Alford as this George's wife.....and I also propose another change of ancestral decent. It should more closely follow the records on FamilySearch - <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/pedigree/landscape/GQ89-P6G>.

There are several other Prous/Prouse/Prouz/Prowse - that are relatives of the father of this George that are likely individuals found in Maryland around 1650 - Robert, John. There was a plague in Europe around the region at this time - and there is also 1st English Civil War around this time, so there's a couple of motives for their migration.



Ran Prouse

[Comment Deleted]

posted 3 months ago by [Ran Prouse](#)

edited 3 months ago by [Ran Prouse](#)

deleted about a month ago by [Ran Prouse](#)

flagged 3 months ago by [Elizabeth \(Greet\) Viney](#)

Randall deleted his comments responding to my proposal shared above --- which had zero negative or derogatory comments, but I'm fine with him posting his opinions or anything else that he thinks someone else should think as they review the evidence. As it's the evidence that matters in building consensus with other researchers or Ai. I would not request someone to make him not speak his mind. I'm mature enough to respond to the intent of his attempts to skew people's opinions with a fire hose of false and misleading statements.

It doesn't matter whether you felt provoked or you think he started it, these kinds of communications are not allowed, and if you can't or won't refrain from making them, it is likely that your account will be permanently closed. If another member is behaving in a way that you believe does not comply with these courtesy rules, then it's important to step back and ask for help, which you can do by requesting that a Mentor be asked to intervene.

I don't foresee any other issue with other researchers, and I suppose it's the length of time Ran has used the sources he did to make the claims he has that makes him invested in his claims - which weren't well formulated and conflated records of different people. 🙄 Again - my observation. Some people will find a record and will quickly claim it's associated with their person of research interest without fully vetting it + I am aware that the research quality has recently gotten better. It's not a big deal, but in his communication he has constantly sought to redirect my research interest elsewhere and persistently rejected proposals that more accurately reflect the sources, and that results in conflating people and records even when the evidence suggests he is wrong.

Although I aim to keep my communication cordial and understand the reason for your suggestions, saying it doesn't matter who is being the aggressor or influencing others with false public comments --- is just plain wrong. I don't engage in either of those psychological tactics. No one in their right mind who applies a high degree of scrutiny to their research - is critical of their own research, ect..... is going to **not** address someone making false statements about what the data in their research indicates. The main reason I commented on his research integrity was him persistently trying to say the probate proceedings for Geroge Sprouse/Prouse with Rachael Sprouse/Prouse in Dorchester was for someone he was claiming was Geroge Prouse in Talbot married to a Rachael Harvey.....I had shown him that Geroge in Talbot was still alive in 1772 and after 3 or 4 times of showing him the evidence he continued to persist that he is right. I told him if you're unwilling to assess new evidence and accept that you have errors in your research you are more of a fraud than a researcher. What I said publicly was that his research lacks integrity. He is trying to conflate records — and I don't want erroneous conflated records with any of these ancestors. I'm not going to "spin my wheels" addressing that just because he thinks he is right. This is why --- you're more of a fraud than a researcher is applicable.

You may be able to see the comments he deleted, and by the context clues from my response - get an idea of what that comment said, if you can't. It opened up with - Caution, Jason is a creative genealogist that is "fixated" on this lineage having association with Merchant adventures, ect.....then he went on to say what my lineage should be which was a son of Vincent Sprouse in Virginia ---- on, and on, and on about that topic, and why he is of the opinion that should be right, but

there is no Geroge that was a son of Vincent. Researchers in the 1960s likely thought the Tennessee Sprouse's were from Virginia because of their proximity to the Washington's in Tennessee, Joesph Washinton is a relative of Geroge Washington.

Here is where my lineage and Ran's lineage gaps of verified data start.

#### My Ancestry ----

Past George Sprouse in Tennessee is where I first started questioning the legacy research. In the 1960s, researchers claimed he was from Virginia and was a son of Vincent Sprouse. I found no records of a George Sprouse in his birth range in Virginia where Vincent was. Geroge in Tennessee's son William m. Martha Coombs 1<sup>st</sup> son was named Robert. There were no Robert's in my ancestral charts in the 1960's research and this is what started me looking for a Robert Sprouse elsewhere. Geroge in Tennessee is married to a Margaret Appleton - she used the pseudonym Elizabeth - I spent ALOT OF TIME vetting pretty much every Elizabeth Appleton researching the Appleton's - so I learned ALOT about them and those family relationships, at one point I was even skeptical that Geroge was married to an Appleton --- found a Geroge with an Elizabeth Botfield in Maryland and though she might be a Botfield, but then my research quality took off --- and I found all the evidence. I also found a Robert in Maryland that was associated with a Charles Hill. Charles Hill ancestry had relationships associated with the Appleton's and Robert and Charles were described as Merchant's in legal records. When I found that it was the 1<sup>st</sup> time I ever had any inkling of Merchant anything. I wasn't even aware of anything called Merchant Adventures, much less Exeter Merchant Adventures. When I found Richard Prouse married to Richard Vincent --- my knowledge of Vincent Sprouse increased my "proverbial" probability score that they might be from that couple. I found some info that Richard Prouse was active with Merchant Adventures and researched Exeter Merchant Adventures and low and behold --- found a book on the Exeter Merchant Adventures. Noone had researched them. Noone knew anything in detail about the Prouse's in Exeter other than what was in the Devon visitations of 1620.

Anyhow, I vetted Robert as a potential candidate for Geroge's ancestry, but it appeared the chances were slim --- something might have been overlooked, as there was a Robert in Maryland that went to Virginia and died and a statement from Benjamin Rozier that he had no descendants, but some time later in Virginia another Robert showed up in the records --- but I didn't see descendants cited there either. These mentions of Robert Prouse are all cited in the wiki-tree disussions.

About this time Randall told me about a land transaction that Sarah Sprouse m. Amos Cohee did with Geroge Sprouse in Tennessee, I found the primary source --- and I hypothecated that Geroge Sprouse could be a brother of that Sarah Sprouse. I added Geroge as a brother to the same profile as Sarah who is mentioned in her grandmother Jane's will as a daughter of another Geroge --- Ran posted some notes saying there is nothing to support that....I had gotten some research notes from him - identified that there was a Geroge Sprouse whose ancestral history that was missing that was a son of Philip Sprouse/Prouse m. Rachael Ingram in Dorchester. Found many records of Geroge in Dorchester hyphicated he might be a son of that Geroge and Rachael and researched that the past couple three months or so, I researched that George m. Rachael what I now say is, Sisk not Harvey, thoroughly --- and I've recently found - within the last two weeks - that it's a slim chance that Geroge in Tennessee is his son. Rachael doesn't make much mention of a son in her will nor is there nor is there anything in Geroge's proceedings that indicates a son.

I'm going through a process of elimination with a high a degree of scrutiny --- and along the way - piecing other profiles together with primary sources with the level of scrutiny I apply. Everything on Familysearch for Geroge m. Mary Alford is correct (Although Randall still says her name is Mary Wade) ----> George m. Mary Cheezum is correct. ---->There is a lot of birth records for Geroge m. 1) Mary Loveday 2) Jane Harding so not a lot of questions about how that family is derived. I haven't researched the evidence that describes how Randall pieced together the family names of Geroge Prouse and Rachael Farrell (he says Harvey), so I'm going to have to do that now and vet that family. This is the family that Sarah Sprouse who George in Tennessee completes a land indenture with.

There are a couple possibilities and pieces of evidence that suggest there are a couple Geroge's in Talbot....

George Prouce m. Margaret Dulin <----- not sure of any of their off-spring

\*the ones listed above

#### Ran's Ancestry ----

When Randall began being disrespectful with his communication in private email exchanges, I evaluated his records to assess any relation he and I might share if he and I do share common ancestors. There about, I soon discovered that Randall has issues in his ancestral chart. I've encouraged him to do more research, starting with the people below. We do not have a DNA match, but I'm aware of Non-Parental Events --- either through his lineage or mine. I would expect to see primary records that add credibility that he is descended from this line of ancestors. Some people who left a region assumed surnames that were not their own. I'm not saying this is the case with Randall, but he has shown a tendency to persist claims using records that are not associated with the person at hand to "prove" his opinions are correct -- both in private communication and in public.

Randall's history has problems at this point: George William Prouse b. 1815 d. 1877 m. Nancy Poulson b. 1833 d. 1910 - 18 year difference

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/details/LCCZ-LTW>

They have a son Harvey Lee Prouse b. 1877-1969 --- George would be 60 at her pregnancy, Nancy - 47

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/M1YK-5BY>

This George William Prouse is attached to the John Prouse below with zero sources and zero evidence that George William Prouse is the son of John Prouse. Ran appears to find records and claim this person is a descendant of the other with very little scrutiny. I can not take his comments or opinions seriously anymore. <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/M1YK-5BY>

I have a DNA match with Perry Snelling --- For the Perry match: <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Perry-13977> <--- this is the common ancestor I match with Perry -- there is evidence that corroborates the time period and I recently found the most likely ancestors for these Snellings that are in Illinois.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/memories/memory/88158323?returnLabel=William%20Snelling%20%289VQP-VL7%29&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fchangelog%2F9VQP-VL7> They have common relationships to my ancestors in Maryland --- the same ancestors that go to Tennessee and Illinois --- and it's many of the same people they are in association with in England.

It is William T. Sprouse m. Malinda Nevins who is the son of William T. Sprouse m. Martha Coombs that is with Judge David Perry Snelling cited in the article. If William T. Sprouse m. Malinda Nevins is the one who impregnated the woman whose ancestor tested ---- the Perry/Snelling ---- that is a Sprouse male dominate NPE. He is not a Perry/Snelling --- he is a Sprouse.

This DNA match confirms that in Tennessee/Illinois the two William T. Sprouse's are blood related. Lots of records for both William's, but I haven't attached all the sources to William Sprouse m. Malenda Nevins as I'm focused evaluating who my direct ancestors are 1st. I'm including this so that someone doesn't try to say I'm a Perry/Snelling and that they there is a DNA match and he is the rightful descendant of the Maryland family group --- although I'm not saying that he is not.



Factually Randall and I do not a DNA match, but somewhere in the family genome history we have a common ancestor. We all do.

I'm a stern communicator, meaning I'm upfront and blunt, and again there is the perspective in my preamble that should be given consideration. Maybe I need to put in a request to wiki-tree to rethink the rigidity by which communication is evaluated between parties, because in my opinion --- if I'm doing my own research --- after someone tells me lies, and disrespects me - and I discover the research I'm evaluating is erroneous --- and I point it out to the researcher, and they continue to persist with an argument that is conflating sources just to "prove" their point ---- I'm not in an argument with that person's opinion. I tell him to argue with the sources. I tend to think --- Jesus, professional researchers evaluating this evidence would be baffled at his argument. I'll have a couple back and forth's about it, but then I will not invest the time in those exchanges anymore. Furthermore, I think other researchers should be aware of the tendency of another researcher that does that. He shared his opinion - I shared mine. Let the wisdom of the crowd or Ai evaluate opinions.

I respect that he deleted his comments, but if he was confident in what he said --- he wouldn't have. The only reason he didn't keep his comments there is because his comments just made him look like a manipulator. I didn't delete any of my comments - nor do I ever change my initial communication to reflect a message that is different in tone or meaning. The only things I do is fix grammatical errors or add more context without posting a new message.

In conclusion.....I'm just researching to get to the truth. I'm not a passive person when confronted with disrespect and I have a small tolerance for it.

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Thank you for confirming, I look forward to working with you. I have unblocked your account now, but sometimes it takes a little time for the system to update. If you aren't able to access your account again within the next day or two, try restarting your computer. If that doesn't work either, let me know and we can get tech help from the WikiTree admin team. Please let me know as soon as you are able to get back in.

I certainly agree that citing reliable sources is essential. Clear source citation allows everyone to look at the same evidence, assess the reliability of each claimed source, and then have a courteous and rational discussion about what the evidence does or doesn't reflect. Without that foundation, differing opinions tend to unravel into a shouting match and a lot of wheel-spinning, which is what seems to have happened between you and Ran. I am working with him now on trying to identify and add reliable sources to the Prouse profiles he manages and I would like to work with you as well as a part of that process to make sure that together we are collaborating in a productive way to get these profiles as accurate as they can be.

But before we turn to that, I want to focus first on one of the basic ground rules for collaboration on WikiTree: the WikiTree courtesy requirement. Courtesy is not optional, it is a fundamental premise of our [honor code](#). Please take a careful look at this page: [Help:Courtesy](#) and the related pages linked from it [Help:Don't Wiki While Angry](#) and [Help:Stop Drop & Roll](#). Please also read the [Help:Discussion Rules](#), which apply to any kind of public discussion on WikiTree, including in profile comments and on G2G. The tone of several of your recent comments and private communications, especially those which include personal attacks on Ran's integrity or his research skills, are simply not permitted on WikiTree. It doesn't matter whether you felt provoked or you think he started it, these kinds of communications are not allowed, and if you can't or won't refrain from making them, it is likely that your account will be permanently closed. If another member is behaving in a way that you believe does not comply with these courtesy rules, then it's important to step back and ask for help, which you can do by requesting that a Mentor be asked to intervene. The process for doing that is explained on these pages: [Help:Problems with Members](#) and [Help:Mentor Intervention Request](#).

Please take a careful look at those pages, and confirm to me that you understand them and will do your best to comply with them going forward. Once we have established those ground rules, then we can turn to trying to sort out the research issues that gave rise to your disagreement with Ran.

On Sat, Jun 14, 2025 at 7:02 PM Jason Sprouse <[jason\\_sprouse@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_sprouse@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Scott,

I delt with persistent negativity across several emails from Ran. Unprovoked. It's not that severe, but my comments I posted on profiles were just information for him to stew over because I know he's been researching this for a while --- and I know in his mind he is committed to his research. If I can find new information that eliminates or reduces the possibility of my lineage decent --- and I evaluate the logic and it's better than mine --- I am open to accepting that truth.

Honestly, I have no disputes with Randall.

My dispute is - don't let let your research be so weak that artifical intelligence tells you that your research is likely wrong, beacause you are committed to your weakly performed research.

For me - this isn't directed towards Ran specifically --- it's just a general statement genealogy researchers should be serious about. We should be able to develop profiles that help Ai assess and evaluate records that no one has done through research on. To do that we need to attach or append sources that

accurately reflect what can be evaluated from the sources. I don't process that as an attack - I process that as encouragement to be very critical of your own research and to scrutinize it and the sources thoroughly.

I was hoping a response would be something like --- I agree, that's a goal researchers should have and we should be able to do nearly as good as Ai in evaluating lineage. I was reading some professional genealogy researchers comments somewhere and they said, "There are amateur genealogist that are quick to cloak the flesh of their ancestors onto skeletons that did not belong to them."

| Please confirm that you are willing to comply with the WikiTree honor code going forward

Confirmed.

Thank for your Help,

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Jason,

Personal attacks like the one I have highlighted below in red are not appropriate on WikiTree. The WikiTree [honor code](#) requires that every member be courteous when dealing with every other member and personal attacks are never permitted. If you can't collaborate in a courteous way without making personal attacks, then WikiTree is not right for you and you will not be permitted to continue as a WikiTree member. The fact that you included yet another personal attack against Ran in your first communication to me makes me doubt that you are willing to work with me in good faith to implement the recommendations of the mediator.

So I will try again. Please confirm that you are willing to comply with the WikiTree honor code going forward, and that you are ready to work with me to implement the recommendations of the mediator, including trying to resolve your disagreements with Ran Prouse in a courteous way. If you can confirm this, I will take the steps to unblock your account and we can get started. If you are unable to confirm this, then I will report back to the Mentor/Mediator leaders that my efforts to work with you were not successful.

On Sat, Jun 14, 2025 at 4:14 PM Jason Sprouse <[jason\\_sprouse@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_sprouse@hotmail.com)> wrote:  
Hi Scott,

Thank you.

| I am still getting up to speed on the details of your dispute with Ran, but I look forward to working with you both.

**My dispute is - don't let let your research be so weak that artifical intelligence tells you that your research is likely wrong, beacuse you are committed to your weakly performed research.**

| Please reply to confirm receipt of this email and that you are ready to work with me.

Ready to explore where this mediation will go.

Best Regards,

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

Hi Jason,

I am the mentor who has been assigned to help you implement the formal recommendations of the Mediator, and hopefully to help you resolve your dispute with Ran Prouse so that you can both continue contributing to WikiTree. I will be working with Ran at the same time I am working with you.

I understand there was a delay in getting a post-mediation mentor assigned to the two of you, so I apologize for that. I don't know what caused the delay, but I wanted to make sure you understood that I just received this file today. For that reason, I am still getting up to speed on the details of your dispute with Ran, but I look forward to working with you both. Please reply to confirm receipt of this email and that you are ready to work with me. As soon as I hear back from you, I will take the steps to unblock your account so we can get started.

Scott McClain  
WikiTree Mentor

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