WikiTree is free, but it's not a free-for-all. Our community is creating something special: a single, shared family tree that will make genealogy free and accessible for everyone. This grand project requires **mutual trust** and a **common understanding** of how the community works.

Our Honor Code

I. **We collaborate**. When we share ancestors we work together on the same ancestor profiles.

II. We care about **accuracy**. We're always aiming to improve upon our worldwide family tree and fix mistakes.

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.

IV. We know misunderstandings are inevitable. We try to minimize them by being **courteous to everyone**, even those who don't act accordingly.

V. We respect **privacy**. We privacy-protect anything we think our family members might not want public. If that's not enough for someone, we delete their personal information.

VI. We respect **copyrights**. We don't knowingly copy information that's owned by someone else. If we ourselves want to preserve a copyright, we're clear about what's copyrighted so others don't accidentally copy it.

VII. We give **credit**. Although most genealogy isn't copyrighted, researchers deserve credit for the work they've done.

VIII. We cite **sources**. Without sources we can't objectively resolve conflicting information.

IX. We are united in a mission to increase the world's common store of knowledge. We always respect copyrights and privacy, but we **keep information as free and open as possible**.

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