



# TRIBAL ALLIANCE AGAINST FRAUDS

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### **CASE: James Russell Heidbrink aka “Owl Goingback” Sovereign Nations / identity falsely claimed: Cherokee/Choctaw Determination: FRAUD**

James Russell Heidbrink, aka “Owl Goingback”, is a horror fiction author who claims to be “half Cherokee and half Choctaw”, which would make him a full-blooded American Indian. That is a very bold and obvious lie. He is an ethnic fraud because James Russell Heidbrink is a man of European ancestry who possesses zero American Indian ancestry from any tribe whatsoever, including Cherokee or Choctaw.

He claims his mother, “Quiet Starr”, whose actual name was Allene Francis Hahn, was Cherokee and Choctaw. She was not. And we have letters on public display from all of the federally recognized Cherokee and Choctaw tribal enrollment offices that clearly say he is neither, nor was his mother, nor was his ancestor, David Earnest Penly, nor anyone else in his family.

On his father’s side, only 3 generations back, his family are immigrants from Germany and England.

He is the recipient of many awards recognizing him as a “Native American” author writing about “Native American” themes. This is also literary fraud because Mr. Heidbrink will never possess a Native American” perspective on anything. What he knows about Native American people he attained by reading about us and being a tourist amongst us.

Yet he “travels throughout the United States lecturing about the customs and folklore of the American Indians”. In doing so, he usurps the voices of actual American Indian people who could be authentically speaking on lived American Indian experiences and culture. He is taking up space that could be occupied by legitimately American Indian people. He is one Pretendian fraud among many who are collectively erasing us by replacing us. And now he’s being honored at StokerCon 2023, the American Horror Writer’s annual convention in Pennsylvania. They are being informed regarding Mr. Heidbrink’s fraud.

His Wikipedia entry admits that “Owl Goingback” is his pen name, but we have screenshots of Mr. Heidbrink implying that it is his birth name, by showing his ID on Facebook, having legally changed his name to “Owl Goingback”, a prestigious Cherokee family name which he has stolen to further his profitable fraud. We believe he did this to make himself appear to be Cherokee, which is a classic pretendian tactic.

Mr. Heidbrink owes the public and the Cherokee and Choctaw people an apology. He should legally change his name back to the name his non-American Indian parents gave him and cease and desist with his Red Face cosplay. To his readers: Please let Mr. Heidbrink know you do not support this type of harmful fraud. To his publishers and supporters: Please do not harbor and enable pretendians like Mr. Heidbrink. Pretendian fraud is the last nail in the coffin of our genocide.

See the hard evidence on our website: <https://tribalallianceagainstfrauds.org/>