

—Privacy Policy of The Agra Treasurers' Web Site—

Our privacy policy is based on two things: *indigence* and *incompetence*.

—INDIGENCE—

A WEB SITE is analogous in many respects to rented real estate: a house, apartment, or building. One rents the site from a “landlord,” or host. We at THE AGRA TREASURERS rent our Web site from a host called, rather whimsically, “Go Daddy®”. The more monthly “rent” we pay, the more perquisites we receive. Since we choose to pay the minimum rent (in keeping with our philosophy of holding costs down), we receive few perquisites. Go Daddy, our genial host, lets us know how many “hits,” or visitors we have had for both the current month and the previous one. (We do keep a permanent record of our own.) And we are given a rough and inaccurate idea of our visitors’ origins. For instance, we appear to have a large number of visitors from Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. What attraction our Web site has for the natives there, we do not know. More likely, this is an error on the part of Go Daddy, which can be corrected by application of more money. For an extra fee, we could be supplied not only with more accurate details on our visitors’ origins, but also with such *minutiae* as such as how long these visitors from Baku (or London, or Tokyo, two other originators of large numbers of visitors) spend at our site. Perhaps the Bakuvians believe that the site’s Webmaster, Professor Arbagi, is a fellow-Azerbaijani. (If so, they are wrong—he is of Syrian descent.) We prefer to leave our curiosity unsatisfied and thereby keep costs low.

—INCOMPETENCE—

THE SECOND determining factor is incompetence. We cannot sell information about you to anyone because we have no such information. JOANNA COLUMBRO, our original Webmistress, was a professional, who taught Web site design and maintenance at a local institute of higher learning. Professor Columbro died at a tragically young age, leaving the site to MARTIN ARBAGI, a doddering little fellow with a striking resemblance (except in height) to Nathaniel Garrideb. Professor Arbagi had taught little other than Roman and Mediæval History at another local institute of higher learning but now found himself thrown into an alien world of computing machinery and programming. Perhaps the Reader has heard of “cookies”: little programs planted upon the computer of a visitor, which spy upon the same and relate their findings to the Webmaster of the site at which the unlucky visitor has called. Well, Mr. Arbagi could not “code” (write a program for) a cookie to save his life. Consequently, this site is free from all cookies, trackers, and other insidious things that more sinister Web sites inflict surreptitiously upon their visitors. People who register for HOLMES, DOYLE, & FRIENDS are another matter. We do have quite a bit of data on *you*. But no one has yet asked for it.