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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that the summer is over with all its outside activities, it's time to pull out the genealogy. Perhaps you were lucky enough to attend a family reunion and now need to update your database. Did you put things aside for the summer because of a brick wall? Take a look at all of your previous research. I find that after I've been away from an ancestor for a while, rereading the file may cause something to jump out that I didn't notice before. And learning about a new record type may be just what it takes to break down that wall.

At the National Genealogical Society Conference in Pittsburgh in May, I focused on land records. My ancestors never seemed to own land so I had not spent much time with these records. I learned about Metes and Bounds (used primarily east of the Mississippi), vs. Section, Town and Range descriptions (used by federal land states); I attended a four-hour workshop on abstracting and transcribing deeds; and I'm scheduled for a Land Platting Workshop at the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Orlando.

Wanting to put my newly gained knowledge to work, I collected land records for one of my clients. One of the documents I found was a "Deed of Partition of Real Estate" that was filed in 1864, 17 years after the death of the individual I was researching. This Deed listed all of his children then living, along with the husbands of the daughters, i.e., "John Hughes and Eleanor, his wife (formerly Eleanor Tibbot)." What a find! Up to this point, I had been unable to determine the married names of two of the daughters.

I mention this because it is important for all of us to be lifelong learners...not only learning about new records as they become available, but also about new

record types and research strategies. Pete Kenyon, our Vice President has put together an excellent educational program for the upcoming year. Don't miss these exciting learning opportunities, and bring a friend. Learning is even more fun with a buddy!

Happy Hunting.

Donna Moughty ■

NEW MGS BOARD MEMBERS

We welcome new board members LaVerne Burzynski and Lloyd Sturges, who were elected to the board at our annual general meeting 10 May 2003. ■

MILITARY RECORDS

Robert Wright Jr. has been a member of MGS since 1999. He is also Chief, Historical Resources Branch, U.S. Army Center of Military History, Fort McNair, DC. In a recent communication with MGS, he wrote: "I would like, however, to extend an old offer to the society—if you have questions on how to research military records, especially from the Revolution, send me an e-mail. Worked that issue for the Army for most of the last 30+ years one way or another."

Should you wish to take advantage of Robert Wright's handsome offer to point you in the right direction when doing military research, his e-mail address is: wrightrk@erols.com And do identify yourself as an MGS member. ■

Two egregious errors appeared in our April 2003 issue: (1) The issue was identified as Vol. XIX, No. 4. It should have been No. 2. (2) Above the listing of officers on page 2, 1999-2000 was shown. It should have been 2002-2003.

MIDDLESEX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Middlesex Genealogical Society was established for the purpose of helping those interested in genealogy to pursue the investigation of their family heritage and to provide guidance in research to that end. The society holds at least four meetings with a program and speaker during the year, has established a Genealogy Section at Darien Library and publishes a quarterly newsletter. Annual membership dues are \$20 per individual and \$25 per couple or family.

Original notices of genealogical interest and queries are welcomed for publication in the Newsletter.

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UPCOMING MGS MEETINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ALL MEETINGS SATURDAY, 2 PM, PROGRAM ROOM AT DARIEN LIBRARY. COME, AND BRING A FRIEND!

4 OCTOBER 2004: CENSUS RECORDS IN THE 21ST CENTURY —USING ONLINE CENSUS RECORDS will be presented by **DONNA MOUGHTY**. With the advent of census images on the Internet, it is now possible to do the major portion of your census research online. Various services now offer some combination of census records, each with a different interface and indexing scheme. Not all names, however, are indexed in each version. This lecture will look at the major services and compare how they both index and present their data. Using case studies, it will also look at strategies for effectively searching.

MGS President Donna Moughty, formerly sales manager for a technology company specializing in educational hardware and software, is a professional genealogist who teaches genealogy classes and lectures on a variety of subjects such as the Internet and Irish research.

1 NOVEMBER 2003: UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU!—20TH CENTURY MILITARY RESEARCH, presented by **LARRY S. FERMI**, discusses existing records of genealogical value that document the primary military conflicts of the 20th century, specifically WW I, WW II, Korea and Vietnam. Documents that recorded individuals who registered for and/or served in the military will be reviewed, and records that document service personnel who were wounded, killed, taken prisoner, buried, naturalized, etc. will be covered as well.

Larry has been performing in-depth family history research since 1989, with a focus on European immigration during the peak periods of the 19th and early 20th centuries, and is a popular speaker on basic and advanced genealogy-related subjects in the greater New York metropolitan area. He has been a member of the Monmouth County Genealogical Society's Education Committee since 2001, and is also a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, the Genealogical Speakers Guild, and the Genealogical Society of New Jersey.

31 JANUARY 2004: To be announced.

3 APRIL 2004: UK RESEARCH will be presented by **JOHN KONVALINKA, CGRS, CGL**. Prepared for U.S. audiences to introduce them to the wealth of genealogical information available in London, this talk discusses the nature and holdings of the principal repositories—Society of Genealogists, National Archives (formerly known as the Public Record Office), Family Record Centre, and British Library—as well as the holdings of many other important, specialized libraries and archives in London. How and in which repositories to find the various kinds of records and documents (not only for London but for many areas of the United Kingdom) that may be important to genealogical research will be discussed, as well as the type of information that may be

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CENSUS RESEARCH

by Donna Moughty

Have you found your ancestors in each population census during their lifetime? This is such an important aspect of your research—one that gives a snapshot of our ancestors every 10 years. Where did they live; what was their occupation; did they own land; were they naturalized? These can all be hints and pointers as to where to go next in your research.

The U. S. Census began in 1790 and has been taken every 10 years since then. The records are kept private for 72 years, so the most recent available census is the 1930, released in 2002 (see MGS Newsletter, Vol. XVIII, No. 2, March 2002, page 3).

From 1790 through 1840 the census was a numerical tabulation of individuals in various age groups and named only the head of the household. However, these records, when compared over a period of time, provide a pattern that can help determine the composition of a family. Beginning in 1850, every individual in the household was named. (Remember that the 1890 census was almost completely destroyed in a fire and only fragments of it exist.)

Is the information in the census records always accurate? Unfortunately, the answer is no. Remember, these records were not designed for genealogists. (Don't you wish we had developed the questionnaire!) The purpose of the census, according to the Constitution, was to apportion representation and direct taxation. All men were not created equal for this purpose. Native Americans were excluded, and slaves were counted as three-fifths of a person. From 1790 to 1820 only one set of census records was required; however, since some records were presented in alphabetical order, copies were most likely made. Beginning in 1830, two or more copies were required which introduced the additional possibility of errors in the copying process. As most of us can attest, the census takers were not hired for their excellent handwriting or spelling ability. As indexes were created, phonetic spelling compounded by bad handwriting and deteriorating paper made the job of the indexer even more difficult.

Besides these technical issues, the census taker may not have spoken to the person who had the correct information about the family. (Maybe he didn't want to walk up all those flights of stairs, or

down that long road at the end of the day.) Also, since the census was taken over a period of time your ancestor may have been missed if he moved, or even enumerated twice.

So how do you find your ancestors? There have been a number of index systems developed over the years. Book indexes for the early censuses are available for most states at various libraries and repositories, such as the National Archives or the Family History Library. There is a Soundex Index for the 1880, 1900 and 1920 censuses and a Miracode Index for 21 states for 1910.

Although these older indexes are still available, the advent of the Internet and some newer technology now allows you to search the census records either from your home (for a fee), or from a library that has a subscription to one of the services. In addition to providing a reference to the correct census page, these services have begun to "link" the image of the census page to the index entry, allowing you to browse the image of the census page on the computer screen rather than on a microfilm reader. The major players in this market are HeritageQuest Online, Ancestry.com, and Genealogy.com. In addition, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) has also created an every-name, searchable database for the 1880 U.S. Census that is available on CDs (disks on the MGS computer desk on the 2nd floor of the Darien Library) and in a limited format on the FamilySearch.org site on the Internet.

At the 4 October meeting I will be demonstrating the pros and cons of each of these services and providing strategies for effectively searching these resources. ■

EXPAND YOUR SEARCH

by Marianne Sheldon

When searching the Family History Library Catalog for records available for a particular town, don't forget to check on what is available for surrounding towns. I wanted records for Gross-Steinhausen, one of my ancestral towns in Bavaria (now Rhineland-Pfalz) in the early 1800s. When I looked in the catalog the only records listed under Gross-Steinhausen were civil registrations starting about 1807. After going through them I really wanted to

find the church records to try to take the family back a few more generations, but I concluded that they had never been filmed.

It just so happens that the Stamford Family History Center has a collection of miscellaneous fiches, some of which are German, such as gazetteers and compilations of types of church records available for different regions of the country. The fiches for Bavaria (Bayern) list each town and show which record periods are still in existence and the dominant town parishes at the time the records were made. When I checked for other towns listed under Gross-Steinhausen, I found that one of them, Hornbach (a larger town nearby), included the records for Gross-Steinhausen with their own, as well as a number of other towns in the area. None of those church records showed up when the individual towns were called up in the catalog, only under the listing for Hornbach! So, it pays to expand your search of an area to see if the records you are looking for are included with those of a nearby town. In my case there could be a number of reasons why Hornbach had all the church records. Perhaps Gross-Steinhausen was too small or too poor to support its own pastor. Whatever the reason, I have now ordered the records that I thought would only be available to me in German archives. ■

FREE ACCESS TO ONLINE NEW ENGLAND HISTORY AND GENEALOGY BOOKS

Access to an index of scanned books relevant to New England on which copyright has expired is available at: <http://www.usigs.org/library/books/ma/books.html> Links in the index take you to the book itself, which can then be browsed or downloaded. A large number of books are already online, among them the *Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England, Showing Three Generations of Those Who Came Before May 1692* by James Savage. In addition to the scanned books, there are useful links to old New England maps.

The site has been compiled by David Blackwell. Volunteers are being sought to scan additional out-of-copyright books, and, if you have the time and equipment, you might consider offering help to this worthwhile project. ■

TOWN CLERKS AND GENEALOGISTS ACTION GROUP—GUIDELINES

The Town Clerks and Genealogists Action Group was formed by the Connecticut Town Clerks Association, Inc., and the Genealogical Societies of Connecticut for the purpose of addressing areas of common interest between recognized Connecticut genealogical societies and Town Clerks, particularly in the area of access to vital records in the State of Connecticut. (For a brief statement of the rights of Connecticut genealogical society members to access Connecticut vital records, see "An Important Benefit of Your Current MGS Membership Card," MGS Newsletter, Vol. XVII, No. 3, September 2001, page 1.) As a result of their consultations, on 10 April 2003 the Town Clerks and Genealogists Action Group issued guidelines that reflect the common interests shared by genealogists and the keepers of vital records in the protection and preservation of those records. The guidelines also spell out appropriate actions to be taken by a town clerk or registrar who has a problem with a member of a recognized genealogical society, as well as appropriate actions to be taken by a genealogist who has a complaint about a town clerk or registrar or one of their assistants. The guidelines follow.

RECOGNIZING THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE of Connecticut's Vital Records to the responsible study of genealogy and family history, the Connecticut Town Clerks Association, Inc., and the Genealogical Societies of Connecticut hereby jointly declare these areas of

COMMON INTERESTS:

1. The original records and official copies under the jurisdiction of the Town Clerks and Registrars constitute an essential resource for the responsible study of genealogy and family history.
2. Conservation and preservation of original records and official copies, and their secure storage, regardless of format or age of record, are all of crucial importance.
3. Proper duplication of records by transcription, extract or abstract, and storage by microfilming, digitizing or other mechanical or electronic means can facilitate access and reduce wear and tear on the originals, but do not eliminate the need to preserve and occasionally access the original records.
4. Research access by genealogists, as authorized under current State of Connecticut regulations, requires that identification be provided for access to certain records.
5. Destruction or modification or fraudulent uses of

vital records are deplored by and contrary to the interests of both the municipalities and the genealogists.

6. Appropriate work space for genealogical research aids in reducing the time necessary for accessing the records and in lessening the likelihood of accidental damage.
7. Courteous and appropriate communication and conduct between the genealogists and the Town Clerk / Registrar Office personnel maintain their mutual respect and enhance the probability of a successful research visit.
8. Town Clerk / Registrar Office personnel have a wide range of responsibilities that may sometimes inhibit or prevent timely response to genealogical research requests.
9. Appropriate means should be provided for resolving questions or conflicts that may arise regarding access to official records for genealogical and family history research.

PROTOCOLS FOR DEALING WITH CONFLICTS

When a Town Clerk or Registrar has a problem with a member of a recognized genealogical society:

1. Record the name of the person, membership number and the approved genealogical organization and adequate personal identification.
2. If the complaint stems from a perceived mistreatment of public documents, deal with it as a matter of violation of the law.
3. If the complaint is grounded on a denial of access to public records allowed to genealogists by statute, try to address and correct the problem by seeking an immediate clarification from the Connecticut Department of Public Health, at 1-860-509-7895.
4. If you are denying access to public records, please provide the genealogist with your reasons for denial and provide him/her with the names of people witnessing your decision if requested. If the genealogist requests a review and decision by a higher supervisory authority (if one exists) do your best to comply in a timely manner.
5. If the genealogist behaves in an unacceptable manner, ask the person to leave and notify as soon as possible the organization to which he/she belongs explaining the details of your complaint.

6. If the genealogist refuses to leave after being requested to and after you have stated your reasons and identified yourself, and others if appropriate, then call for help.

When a genealogist has a complaint about a Town Clerk or Registrar or one of their Assistants:

1. Always address the town officials in a respectful manner. Refer them to a copy of *Guidelines* endorsed by the Connecticut Town Clerk's Association, the Connecticut Department of Public Health (860-509-7895) and genealogical groups and request that the official get clarification from them.
2. Record the time, date, name and title of the official (if access is denied) and the specific reason the official gives for denying access. If the official is not the Town Clerk or Registrar, request to see that person and record that official's decision in the matter. Leave the premises after recording the names of anyone present who could corroborate the denial of access and reasons cited.
3. As soon as possible notify in writing the appropriate authority of your genealogical organization stating the details related to your complaint. A copy of this letter should be sent to the Town Clerk/Registrar against whom the complaint is made.
4. The appropriate authority of the member's organization shall, after receipt of the member's complaint, formally, and in writing, submit as soon as possible a letter to the Connecticut Town Clerks Association County Vice President with a copy to the Town Clerk in question and to the state Vital Registrar outlining the nature of the complaint and requesting a response as to the merits of the matter.
5. Failing a satisfactory conclusion of this matter by the parties outlined above, the individual complainant and/or the member's organization may take the matter to the Freedom of Information Commission and/or such other agencies as the matter might merit.

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NEED HELP WITH RESEARCH? Make an appointment through the Information Desk at Darien Library for a personalized consultation with an MGS volunteer.

UPCOMING SEMINARS

Family History Festival, Sat., 27 Sept. 2003, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., sponsored by the Family History Center at the LDS Church, 834 Stillwater Rd. (next to Stillmeadow School), Stamford. Presentations: 11 a.m., **Lights, Camera, Action—Using Video to Enhance Your Family History** by Donna Moughty; 12:15 a.m. **Don't Reinvent the Wheel—Tapping into the Knowledge of Others** by Marcia Iannizzi Melnyk. Workshops: 10:15 a.m., **Getting Started with Family History**, Robert Spiers; 12:15 p.m., **Hispanic Genealogy 101 (en Español)**, Miguel Hernandez; 1 p.m., **Introduction to Eastern European Genealogy**, Jonathan Shea and Matthew Bielawa. Historic and genealogical societies (including MGS) will have tables at this event. Admission is free and preregistration is not necessary.

New England Historic Genealogical Society Research Tour to Salt Lake City, Sun.-Sun., 12-19 October 2003: Participants will have six full days to research, receive consultations from NEHGS staff genealogists, attend lectures on genealogical topics, receive guided tours of the library and personal research assistance from NEHGS experts who are well-acquainted with the Family History Library's resources. Tour leader will be Jane Knowles Lindsey, an NEHGS council member and former trustee. NEHGS staff genealogists David C. Dearborn, FASG, David Allen Lambert, Gary Boyd Roberts, and Ruth Quigley Wellner, as well as guest consultant Maryan Egan-Baker, will be available. For more information, contact the NEHGS Education Department at 888-286-3447, ext. 226, or by e-mail at tours@nehgs.org

New York Genealogical & Biographical Society:

- **Find Your Family in New York, Fri.-Sat., 26-27 Sept. 2003:** This is a joint, two-day conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Buffalo, NY, sponsored by NYG&B and the Western New York Genealogical Society, which will concentrate on the complexities of researching in NY State and on those unique factors that influenced its settlement. Some lectures will be of statewide interest, others will focus on western New York and our neighbors in Ontario. There will also be several presentations of a more general nature that will interest genealogists who do not have New York roots.
- **An Ancient Office in a Modern Setting—the Position of the Lord Lyon in Contemporary Scotland, Sat., 14 Oct. 2003:** The Lord Lyon, Robin Orr Blair, CVO, of Edinburgh, will speak on the position of heraldry and genealogy in Scotland's current political and social climate. This lecture is being co-sponsored by the College of Arms Foundation and the NYG&B Committee on Heraldry.

- **Reverse Genealogy—Finding Your Lost Loved Ones**, also on **14 Oct. 2003, at 5:30 p.m.** Megan Smolenyak will speak on the thrill of finding distant cousins, or in some cases parents, children, or siblings (reverse genealogy), working from the past to the present. Requiring the researcher to be part genealogist and part private investigator, this presentation covers proven Internet and telephone techniques for tracing 20th century friends and relatives.

- **Irish Talks, Tues.-Wed., 28-29 Oct. 2003:** Dr. Susan Hood, Assistant Archivist of the Representative Church Body Library in Dublin, will give a series of talks. On **Tues., 28 Oct. at 5:30 p.m.**, she will present **Royal Roots—Republican Inheritance**. Co-sponsored by the NYG&B Education & Publication Committee and the Committee on Heraldry, this talk and accompanying slideshow will explore the origins of Irish heraldry. On **Wed., 29 Oct.**, Dr. Hood will give two lectures, beginning at **5:30 p.m.**, and co-sponsored by the Irish Family History Forum and the New York Irish History Roundtable. Lecture 1: **The Genealogical Value of Church of Ireland Records at the RCB Library**. Lecture 2: **The Impact of the Famine on Strokestown, County Roscommon**.

NYG&B is located at 122 East 58th Street, New York, NY 10022. Telephone 212-755-8532; fax 212-754-4218. Website <http://www.nygb/>

National Archives, Northeast Region, Waltham, MA, Genealogical Workshops. Workshops are free, but space is limited. Call 866-406-2379 to register and for more details. Workshops marked with an asterisk (*) are followed by an optional tour of the archives.

- **The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly in Electronic Resources**, Tues., 7 Oct., 2 p.m.*
- **Census Tool Kit**, Thurs., 16 Oct., 6:30 p.m.
- **Clues in US Census Records**, Tues., 21 Oct., 2 p.m.*
- **US Census Records**, Thurs., 30 Oct., 6:30 p.m.
- **Census Tool Kit**, Tues., 4 Nov., 2 p.m.*
- **Canadian Border Crossings: The "St. Albans" Records**, Thurs., 13 Nov., 6:30 p.m.
- **Records Relating to African-American Research**, Tues., 18 Nov., 2 p.m.*

Family History Fair, Sun., 12 Oct., 12 noon to 5 p.m. Sponsored by the Archivists Round Table of New York, this event will take place at the Graduate Center, CUNY, 365 Fifth Ave., at 34th St., NYC. There will be workshops and presentations on a large variety of subjects, among them **Irish Genealogical Research**, presented by MGS President **Donna Moughty**. For more information telephone 212-415-5547, or e-mail fhf@nyarchivists.org

New England Regional Genealogical Conference,

Thurs.-Sun., 6-9 Nov. 2003, North Falmouth, Cape Cod, MA (see MGS Newsletter, Vol. XIX, No. 1, Jan. 2003, page 5). Donna Moughty will present two of the programs: **Using the Internet for Effective Family Research** (Thurs., 6 Nov., 2:45 p.m.), and **I know It's There Somewhere...Finding what you want on the Internet** (Fri., 7 Nov., 10 a.m.). For more information, visit the conference Website at: http://www.rootsweb.com/~manergc/conference_information.htm

More Presentations by Donna Moughty:

- **FamilySearch.org**, Tues., 23 Sept., 7 p.m., Fairfield Library.
- **EllisIsland.org**, Tues., 30 Sept., 7 p.m., Fairfield Library.
- **Introduction to Family History**, Wed., 1 Oct., 6:30 p.m., Derby Public Library.
- **HeritageQuest Online**, Tues., 7 Oct., 7 p.m., Fairfield Library.
- **FamilySearch.org**, Wed., 8 Oct., 7 p.m., Hagan Memorial Library, East Haven.
- **Introduction to Irish Research**, Sat., 11 Oct., 10 a.m., Westchester Genealogical Society, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 600 Broadway (US9), Dobbs Ferry, NY.
- **Introduction to Irish Research**, Sat., 25 Oct., Ferguson Library, Stamford.
- **I Know It's There Somewhere...Finding What You Want on the Internet**, Tues., 18 Nov., 7:30 p.m., Dutchess County Genealogical Society, LDS Church, Poughkeepsie, NY.
- **Family History on the Web**, Wed., 19 Nov., 6:30 p.m., Darien Library.
- **FamilySearch.org**, Thurs., 20 Nov., 10:00 a.m., Darien Library.
- **EllisIsland.org**, Sat., 22 Nov., 9:30 a.m., Darien Library. ■

SCOTTISH DOCUMENTS

Scottish Documents, created by the Scottish Archive Network, is in the process of indexing Scottish wills and estate inventories from 1500 to 1901 and making digitized versions of those documents available for download. Use of the index is free, but there is a £5 fee for downloading a will or inventory. Fortunately, there is usually enough information in the index to identify a person of interest. As a general rule, you will find the name, date and place of death, occupation, and address.

If you don't find what you are looking for on your first visit, check the site again. On your editor's first visit no family names were found. On the second visit a name

searched for was in the index, but documents were not yet available. On the third visit the estate inventory was there and could be downloaded.

In addition to the index of wills and inventories, a Scots glossary, occupation definitions, and a guide to deciphering Scottish handwriting can all be accessed free of charge at this site.

The Scottish Documents Website can be accessed at: <http://www.scottishdocuments.com/content/default.asp> ■

MGS MEETING CALENDAR

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available online (and what is NOT). Also covered (for those who plan to go to London) will be how to use Websites and other information ahead of time to get the most benefit from the trip.

A professional genealogist who has been actively involved in genealogy for 25 years, John is particularly interested in effective use of computers and the Internet in supporting (not replacing) traditional genealogical research. He has worked extensively in the British Library, the Library of Congress, the New York Public Library, and other major genealogical libraries in the U.S., U.K. and other countries, as well as in the Public Record Office and Society of Genealogists (London), and the (U.S.) National Archives, New York City and New Jersey State Archives, the NYG&B, and many smaller libraries, record offices, and private collections.

1 MAY 2004: SURNAMES—THEIR MEANINGS AND ORIGINS will be presented by **DIANE PTAK**. Ever wish there was a quick and easy method to locate your ancestral origin? Help has arrived. Diane will review the major types of surnames and their spelling variations, look at name and emigrant lists that identify origins of a surname and examine some major indices (biographical, library databases, religious, and periodical). This wide variety of sources is sure to help you kick holes in the thickest of brick walls.

Diane has been actively engaged in professional research and lecturing since 1983 and is well known for her information-packed, entertaining, and dynamic presentations. She is a former vice president of the Capital District Genealogical Society in Albany, NY, and is a member of numerous professional and family history societies. Over the last 10 years she has published articles in *The Capital*, *HeritageQuest*, *The Loyalist*, *Genealogical Helper*, and other publications. ■

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