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THIS MONTH

MEMBERS SHARE PUBLISHING EXPERIENCES

JIM DOTSON will discuss his book on the John Fiess-Catherine Moser Families; IRMA DOTSON will share *Danville Branch of the Oakland, Antioch & Eastern Railway*; DIANA HANCOCK will present her four books; and BRUCE GARNER will introduce *The Garner Book*.

We would like to have a display table showing other books published by our own members. Please bring one copy of your book, no matter how long ago you published it. If they are available for sale, please put a post-it note on the book cover with price.

— Shirley Terry



LAST MONTH

LAND RECORDS AND YOUR ANCESTORS

Reported by Bill Allen

Barbara E. Leak, editor of *Council New Coordinator*, president of Genealogical & Historical Council of Sacramento Valley, president of Placer County Genealogical Society, and a research specialist at Auburn Family History Center, gave a fast-paced, sometimes humorous presentation of American county land records. Her talk was prefaced by mentioning two excellent sources for the would-be land records researcher: *County Courthouse Book* by Elizabeth Petty Bentley (Genealogical Publishing Co.) and *Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses 1790-1920* by Thorndale and Dollarhide.

In many instances land records may be more valuable to the genealogist than census or marriage or birth records. Historically, land represented wealth and that meant records had to be kept for verifying ownership and levying taxes. So, long

before the state was interested in recording family data, it began recording land facts. When patents were issued by the government for military service (early G.I. benefits) and homesteading began in a developing America, record availability showing buy/sell deals was critically important. About 50% of all old land records in the U.S. are on film at Salt Lake, with Eastern records more plentiful than those in the West. Mrs. Leak emphasized the importance of using the Family History Library Catalog to find locations of land records.

She also spoke about being aware of county name changes as early giant-sized counties slowly became two or three smaller counties. That's where the Dollarhide book comes in handy. But what's on land records of interest to genealogists?

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR



APRIL

SRVGS EVENTS

- 15 TUESDAY - 10:00 a.m. General Meeting, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, MEMBERS SHARE PUBLICATIONS.
- 21 MONDAY - 9:00 a.m. Library Trip to the Mayflower Library. (See page 74.)

OTHER EVENTS

- 8 TUESDAY - 7:30 p.m., Livermore-Amador Gen Soc, MARGE BELL on WHAT IS AVAILABLE AT THE OAKLAND FAMILY HISTORY CENTER. Congregation Beth Emek, 1886 College Ave., Livermore.
- 12 SATURDAY - 8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Root Cellar Sacramento Gen Soc, ALAN E. MANN on USING THE INTERNET IN GENEALOGY. Citrus Heights Elementary School., 7085 Auburn Blvd., Citrus Heights, CA. Non-members \$24.00 at door.
- 12 SATURDAY - 8:00 a.m.-4.00 p.m., Concord/Walnut Creek Family History Center presents PAUL SMART on GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES. 3700 Concord Blvd., Concord, CA.
- 17 THURSDAY 7:30 p.m. Livermore-Amador Gen Soc study group. USING MAPS IN YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH. LDS Church, 950 Mocho St., Livermore. Non-members welcome.
- 19 SATURDAY - 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., TRUDY SCHENK on EMIGRATION FROM GERMANY, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3235 Pope Ave., Sacramento. For information call John Movius (916) 753-3206.
- 24 THURSDAY - Livermore-Amador Gen Soc. Led by DOUG MUMMA the Computer Interest Group will meet to form software focus groups: MAC (PAF & Reunion); Windows (PAF Family Tree Maker, Family Origins, Roots V.) LDS Church, 950 Mocho St., Livermore. Non-members welcome.
- 25-26 FRIDAY-SATURDAY California Genealogical Society's 12th Annual Family History Fair, THE GOLDEN GATEWAY TO YOUR ANCESTRY. Herbst Pavilion (Pier 2) Ft. Mason Center, Marina Blvd. & Buchanan St. San Francisco, CA. Class & Exhibits Non-Members one day \$20.00, 2 days \$30.00; at the door \$25.00 or \$35.00. Exhibits only Non-Members \$10.00 per day. For more information call California Genealogical Society: (415) 777-9936 (Wed., Thurs, & Sat.)



MAY



SRVGS EVENTS

- 6 TUESDAY - 10:00 a.m. Board meeting at Fran Lloyd's, 210 Town & Country, Danville. Everyone welcome.
- 20 TUESDAY - 10:00 a.m. General meeting, 7777 Norris Canyon Road. RONALD DOMER on CIVIL WAR RESEARCH.
- 27 TUESDAY - 9:00 a.m. Library trip to National Archives.

OTHER EVENTS

- 7-10 NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE IN THE STATES; Valley Forge, PA Write for NGS'97 Conference Registration, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399. Tel (703) 525-0050 or Fax (703) 525-0052.
- 18-25 GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF SACRAMENTO Salt Lake City research trip. For more information call Donna Van Loe, (916) 684-7243.

COMING EVENTS

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JULY 21-27 AMERICAN HIST SOC of Central CA Chapter's 28th International AHSGR Convention. Hyatt Hotel, 1740 N. First St., San Jose. For information write: Central CA Chpt. AHSGR, 3233 N. West, Fresno, CA 9370-3402.

JULY 23-27 AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY GERMANS FROM RUSSIA Golden Gate Chapter & the CA District Council's 29th International Convention at the Hyatt Hotel, 1740 North First

St., San Jose, CA 95112. (408) 993-1234.

SEPTEMBER 3-6 A CONFERENCE FOR THE NATION'S GENEALOGISTS, "Unlock Your Heritage," sponsored by the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Dallas Genealogical Society. For information contact FGS, PO Box 830220, Richardson, TX 75083-0220. Tel/ Fax (214) 907-9727. E-mail: fgs-office@fgs.org Web site: <http://www.fgs.org/~fgs/>

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

GERMAN - Will meet at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 24 at Shirley Terry's, 301 Almond Ct., San Ramon.

SOUTHERN - Will meet at 10:00 p.m. at Barbara Irwin's, 1400 Canyonwood Ct. #8, Walnut Creek.

IRISH - Will meet at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 9 and May 14, at Patty Erickson's, 10 Ridge Pl., Pleasant Hill.

CALIFORNIA Will meet with the Irish group.

MAC COMPUTER - Will meet at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, at Barbara Dittig's, 366 Jacaranda Dr., Danville. Please call her at 648-9364 if you plan to attend so that she can make arrangements to get you through the security gate.

UNITED KINGDOM - No meetings until further notice. Needs a new chairman.

PUBLISHING - Meets when needed. If you would like help with a publishing project, contact Jane Steiner at 283-0867.

ROOTS USERS - Official Comsoft ROOTS III/IV user's group will meet in room AB, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, Tuesday following the general meeting. You may eat your lunch in the room.

MIDWESTERN - Will meet at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 1, at Frances Lloyd's, 210 Town & Country, Danville to discuss MO & KS.

INTERNET - Will meet at 1:30 Thursday April 24, at Shirley Terry's, 301 Almond Ct., San Ramon.

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Examples: Names of relatives, including wife and children, heirs, in-laws, and witnesses. Dates may be used to place family members in chronological perspective, to estimate minimum ages of male children by when they first owned land and to figure probable birth order of brothers when a death occurred. Of course, deeds and patents always give the place of residence for grantor and grantee. And in conclusion, Mrs. Leak gave a caveat: Recorders' books are copies, not original documents, and subject to transcription errors.



REVIEW

by Dorothy Stanton

GENEALOGICAL & LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS IN PRINT 5th Edition; Family History Volume. Compiled and edited by Marian Hoffman. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1996; 447 pp. softbound, \$25.00

The title and edition number suggest that with this volume GPC continues the series compiled and published by Netti Schreiner-Yantis and thereby invites comparison. The earlier bibliographies were a wonderful resource genealogists. In my opinion, the current edition is a mere shadow of the former editions and I was disappointed.

The preface states that the number of books now being published is so great that the family history and local history volumes will be issued separately. The 4th Edition, published in 2 volumes in 1985, was 1722 pages long with the largest portion devoted to locality listings. These

books were followed (to 1992) by Volumes 3, 4, and 5. Most titles had not been listed in earlier editions. The print was small but each listing contained much detail on the contents of the books.

In contrast, the current edition contains little detail beyond title, author and vendor number with few exceptions. Were it not for the fact that Higginson Book Co. of Salem MA apparently has contributed its entire catalog of family histories, this edition would be a much smaller book. Most of them are old titles which you can find listed in the company's ads in genealogical magazines. Also, many of the private vendors listed are authors of new books published (at the author's expense) by Gateway Press, Inc., a publishing arm of GPC. These titles also are advertised in many periodicals.

If you're somewhat new to genealogy and would like to know some of the family histories and newsletters available and where they can be bought, this book might be a handy reference. However, it is my opinion, a subscription to The Genealogical Helper probably would give you more for about the same money.

The book is available from GPC or from Genealogical Resources (Frances Lloyd). Copies of all the previous editions are on the shelves at the Santa Clara Library's SCCHGS Genealogy Collection; some volumes are at Pleasant Hill's Heritage Collection. Or you can come see my books.

(P.S. If anyone remembers borrowing my volume 3 of the 4th Edition, please call me at 820-3757.)

SRVGS NEWS

● **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** The loss of the Thursday daytime hours at the family History Center on Stone Valley Road has resulted in many members journeying to the Concord or Pleasanton facilities. Fighting the traffic through Walnut Creek or the trek on I-580 is only for the very brave and dedicated! Again, all I can suggest is that you write Mr. Kieth Henri (address in the February newsletter) and ask that the hours be reinstated.

Although the possibility of the breaking up of the county's central library in Pleasant Hill is less critical at this time, we must keep alert as to what decision the supervisors may make! It was reported in The Times that the supervisors will "make a decision in one or two months," and the article indicated that a solution to the various city libraries' financial problems was being worked out. However, a lot can happen in "one or two months" and everyone should write to the five supervisors (address in March newsletter) in order to insure that the central library stays intact.

Your Board accepted the slate of 1997-1998 officers as presented for nomination by the nominating committee. (THANKS to all of you who said YES!!) and also adopted a budget for next year (See page 75.). AND our membership is very close to reaching 200!!

— Millie Freitas

● **LIBRARY TRIP:** This month we will visit the Mayflower Library on **MONDAY, April 21.** (The library is not open on Tuesday.) Departure time is 9:00 a.m. from the rear parking lot of the Danville Lucky Market on Diablo Road and from the upper parking lot of the Orchard Nursery in Lafayette.

● **CONGRATULATIONS** to our newest Life Member, Winston Kynett who served for 12 years as our Program Taper.

● **THE SRVGS COLLECTION**, to be housed at the Danville Library, needs a name. If you would like to suggest one, please contact Carol Glover 829-7207.

● The **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** presents the

1997-98 SLATE

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

President: **SHIRLEY TERRY**
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 (Program) **FRANCES LLOYD**
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 Parliamentarian: **MILLIE FREITAS**

This slate will be presented at the April 15 General Membership Meeting. At the May 20 Meeting, members will vote on the slate and the Board will be installed. Committee chairpersons will be listed in the next newsletter.

A **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to the Nominating Committee for their hard work: **IRMA DOTSON, CAROL GLOVER, DIANA HANCOCK,** and **SUE HUGHES.**

● **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**
 Please add to your directory.



JENINE S FRASER, 410 Rolling Lane, Alamo, CA 94507.

YVONNE CAIRE HEAD, 582 Montori Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94566, is researching Bernheim and Suich in CA from 1850 to 1940. Phone: 846-8316.

ANN DELLA VECCHIA, Box 1261, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is researching McCauley near TX from 1775 to 1997 and Metz in TX from 1852 to 1930. Phone: 426-8186.
MARILYN KING, 144 Draeger Dr., Moraga CA 94556, is researching Vickroy and Doyle in PA from 1800 to the present. Phone: 376-1193.

BETH RAUCH, 3231 Arbor Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is researching Carmichael in CA, NE, IA, OH, PA, VA from 1700 to present and Wise in PA from 1790 to 1830. Phone: 426-1267.

● **VERN SEGELKE** reports that the new recording system works very well. It will get a real test at the next meeting because we will have four different speakers.

MORE SRVGS NEWS

● A NOTE FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN:

Don't forget to bring one copy of any books that you've published for the display table at the April meeting. They need not be recent publications.

I need help from someone who's done recent Civil War research in putting together a hand-out for the May meeting. I would like to include things like the current form number, information needed when requesting information and Internet sources for Civil War records.

I am thinking of scheduling a summer meeting in which members would share heirlooms. I'm calling it MYSTERIES AND STORIES TOLD BY FAMILY HEIRLOOMS. Please write down your name, phone number, the heirloom you have in mind and the mystery or story involved. You can hand the note to me, put it in the suggestion box, mail it to me, or call me at 829-1433 or E-mail me at <siemsterry@aol.com>

— Shirley Terry

● PROPOSED BUDGET: At the April meeting, the Board approved this 1997-1998 budget.

Income

Hospitality	50.00
Library Donations	350.00
Membership Dues	2,400.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Publications	125.00
Tape Library	75.00
Prior Year Balanced Forward	3,509.68
TOTAL	6,559.68

Expenses

Insurance	450.00
Library	1,200.00
Membership Committee	275.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Newsletter	1,200.00
Officer Expenses	200.00
Post Office Box	8.00
Program Costs	400.00
Society Memberships	100.00
Tape Library	100.00
Balance Forward to Next Year	2,376.68
TOTAL	6,559.68

RESEARCH TIPS

● NATIONAL ARCHIVES FORMS may be ordered through this E-mail address: inquire@arch2.nara.gov and specifying one of the following forms.

Form 80 (Military service and pension records prior to World War I, including the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, and Spanish-American War);

Form 81 (Passenger Arrivals)

Form 82 (Copies of Census Records)

Form 83 (Eastern Cherokee Applications)

Form 180 (Military service records, World War I and later).

(Contributed by Shirley Terry.)

● CENSUS FOR DUMMIES by Nancy Justus Morebeck is a quick guide "by example" to use Soundex and Census records. It includes a Soundex Coding Card. \$3.50 + \$1.00 for shipping & handling, Cal-

ifornia residents add \$.25 sales tax. Mail check or money order payable to Nancy Morebeck, 409 Dennis Dr., Vacaville 95688-2119 or call (707) 448-5217.

● INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS — IOOF: If you are not online, you may write to the headquarters at IOOF, 422 N. Trade Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830 to find the name of the lodge which has the records or the current location of the lodge records. Write the lodge, giving the name, town or county of residence, and year of death of ancestor. Ask for any information which they may give you. The WEB page for the Grand Lodge of California has many lodge addresses and phone numbers for obtaining records: <http://128.125.109.137/IOOF/IOOF/Family_Research.html> (San Mateo Gen Soc Newsletter, Vol. 15-4, April 1997.)

RESEARCHING ACROSS THE USA

ARIZONA: The Arizona State Archives' records of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) Arizona Writer's Project are now on microfilm and can be purchased. These manuscripts include historical, descriptive and biographical sketches of the territory and state. There are 14 rolls of 16mm film, each costing \$8.50. Contact Bill James, Records Management Division of the Department of Library, Archives, and Public Records at (602) 542-3741,

(CCC Diablo Descendants, Vol. 12, No. 1, Jan 1997.)

● **IOWA:** The Iowa Genealogical Society, 6000 Douglas St., Des Moines, IA, has acquired the *Old Age Assistance Records* for 56 counties in Iowa. Compiled during the 1930's these records list the names of Iowans 21-65 years of age subject to a tax to help care for the elderly. For each person listed, the names of the parents, including the mother's maiden name is given.

(CSGA Newsletter, Vol. 15, No. 3, March 1997.)

● **NEW HAMPSHIRE:** The New Hampshire Society of Genealogists announces that it — like other northern New England societies — will try to document all of the families living in New Hampshire at the time of the 1790 Federal Census. If you have ancestors to include, write: New Hampshire Society of Genealogists, 1790 Families Project, P.O. Box 2316, Concord NH 03302-2316.

(San Mateo County Gen Soc Newsletter, Vol. 15-4, April 1997.)

● **NORTH CAROLINA:** A free catalog from the North Carolina Archives, which takes particular note of titles of genealogical interest, is available. Requests should be sent to Historical Publications Section, Division of Archives and History, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601-2807.

(Diablo Descendants, Vol. 12, No. 3, March 1997.)

● **OHIO:** The Ohio Genealogical Society Board of Trustees has approved the computerization of the Personal Data

Files which include a variety of materials such as the Bible records submitted by members and five generation charts. These files are updated regularly so the computerization will be ongoing as well. Eventually, users will be able access the files by modem.

(CSGA Newsletter, Vol. 15, No. 3, March 1997.)

● **OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, E-MAIL REQUESTS** — You may e-mail your search request to the Ohio Historical Society for a 20-minute search in the following indexes: vital records, probate indexes, grantor-grantee indexes and naturalization. For each search (one name in one source) the fee is \$3.00. A statement will be sent after the search. The E-mail address is: <ohsref@winslo.ohio.gov> Their home page address is: <<http://winslo.ohio.gov/ohwww/ohshome.html>>

(San Mateo Co Gen Soc Newsletter, Vol. 15-2, February 1997.)

PENNSYLVANIA: The so-called "Bible of Pennsylvania Research" — *The Pennsylvania Line 4th Edition* is available from Southwest PA 15655 for \$12.95, including postage.

(The Live Oak, Nov/Dec 1996.)

● **TENNESSEE:** Three new databases have been added to the online public access catalog at the Public Library of Nashville, Tennessee. The Marriage File indexes marriages from 1864-1905 searchable by bride and groom. The archives collection of marriage records date from 1789-1985. The Obituary File contains an index to the obituaries that have appeared in Nashville's daily newspapers from 1978 to present. The Photograph file indexes more than 9000 negatives in the library's collection, dating from 1950-1987. They are indexed by keyword. Plans are to make the entire photograph collection available electronically.

(Santa Clara Co Hist & Gen Soc Newsletter, Volume 42, Issue 3, March 1997.)

RESEARCHING VIA COMPUTER



● **COMPUTER GENEALOGY PUBLICATION AVAILABLE:** If you are one of those who have made it to this century and are computer literate - you will enjoy the publication *Pioneers* published by Martha Arends, P.O. Box 1571, Snohomish, WA 98292. It is filled with interesting and useful information that is easy enough for even those of us who are a century or two behind in the computer age can understand. They have a Home Page which is:

<http://www.eskimo.com/mnarends>. In this page you will find links to some interesting genealogy sites, information and contents for a ftp directory of *Pioneers* BBS tiny tafels and more.

(Odom family tree, Vol. VII, No. 1, January/February 1996.

● **MASTER LIST OF WORLDWIDE ARCHIVES** by Terry Abraham, University of Idaho Archivist - Use this list of over 1800 repositories to find an archives near the locale where your ancestors lived for family papers, town records, business records and photographs, doctors' diaries, school records, maps and working papers of local historians. (<<http://www.uidaho.edu/special-collection/Other.Repositories.html>> Also, Terry notes which archives have come online within the past 30 days or have significantly added new information to their site. Some publish their inventory online like the Philadelphia City Archives

<http://www.phila.gov/phils/archive.htm>

and some have a search engine included so that you may search for a specific name. This month the California State Archives

http://www.ss.ca.gov/archives/archives_home.htm

and the Monmouth County Archives, NJ <http://shore.co.monmouth.nj.us/~archive/arch.htm>

came online with home pages. Monmouth County Archives has a link to their Finding Aids which describe different record groups.

San Mateo Co Gen Soc News, Vol. 15-4, April 1997.)

● **ELECTRONIC CARD INDEXES, VA STATE LIBRARY** - Search the online card indexes for Revolutionary War Bounty Warrants and for Revolutionary War Public Service Claims. The cards for Bounty Warrants list the soldier's rank, the type of documentation used as proof of military service, and the number and dates of the documents for each soldier. Some cards provide information about descendants. The cards indexing the Revolutionary War Public Services Claims are arranged alphabetically by the claimant. The county is noted where the individual lived and there are references to the types of documents in the collection. These represent only two series; there are 36 types of indexes online at this Home Page. Some other series are Land Office Patents and Grants, Marriage Records, War of 1812 Pay rolls, Muster rolls, and wills and administrations. There are approximately 850,000 images in all. Follow the links and read the descriptions. If you have VA ancestors, you may spend a great deal of time here! <http://image.vtls.com/collections/> (San Mateo Co. Gen Soc News, Vol. 15, No. 2, February 1997)

● **THE USPS HOME PAGE** provides a wealth of postal information including ZIP + 4 look up (<<http://www.usps.gov>>). (Diablo Descendants Newsletter, Vol. 12, No. 2, February 1997.)

● **SELECTED WEB SITES:**

Canadian Geographic Names:

<http://alert.ccm.emr.ca/ctndb/ctndb-lookup.html>

Georgia Genealogical Information:

<http://www.mindspring.com/~bevr/bevr.html>

Jewish Genealogy:

<http://129.119.19.103/dvjcc/dvjcc.genealogy.html>

San Francisco obituaries:

<http://sfgate.com/~sfchron/obits/obchrono.html>

The Copywrite Website:

<http://www.benedict.com>

(CSGA Newsletter, Vol. 15, No. 3, March 1997)

LINEAR LAND MEASUREMENTS: Reading old land records can be a challenge, not just because of the handwriting, but also because of the terms used. What is a chain anyway? Is it bigger than a rod? Here is a chart to take with you next time you have to read one of those old documents.

1 inch =	.0833 ft.
7.92 in. =	1 link
12 in. =	1 foot
1 vara =	33 inches
2 1/4 feet =	1 vara
3 feet =	1 yard
25 links =	1 rod
100 links =	1 chain
16 1/2 feet =	1 rod
5 1/4 yards =	1 rod
4 rods =	100 links
66 feet =	1 chain
80 chains =	1 mile
320 rods =	1 mile
8000 links =	1 mile
5,280 = feet	1 mile
1760 =	1 mile
1 perch = 1 pole = 1 rod	

(Santa Clara Co HGS Newsletter, Vol. 42, Issue 3, March 1997.)

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

GENIE CHUCKLES

You know you are an Addicted Genealogist if:

- >You brake for libraries.
- >All your correspondence begins with "Dear Cousin".
- >You would rather browse in a cemetery than in a shopping mall.
- >You would rather read a census than a best seller.
- >You think every home should have a microfilm reader.
- >You remember your ancestors' surnames 15 generations, but forget what you call the dog, your spouse or a neighbor.
- >You store your clothes under the bed to make room for your genealogical files in the closet.
- >You can pinpoint old European villages, but get lost reading current U.S. maps.
- >You get locked in a library overnight and don't know it until you are discovered by a librarian the next morning.
- >If you had traced every one of your ancestral lines back to Adam and Eve, you still wouldn't be willing to call your family history complete.

(From THE GENIE BUG, February 1996.)

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