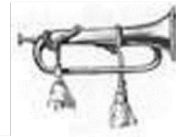




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Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City



**Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic,
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June 23, 2020 has been cancelled.
Our monthly dinner meetings will
resume when it is safe to do so.**

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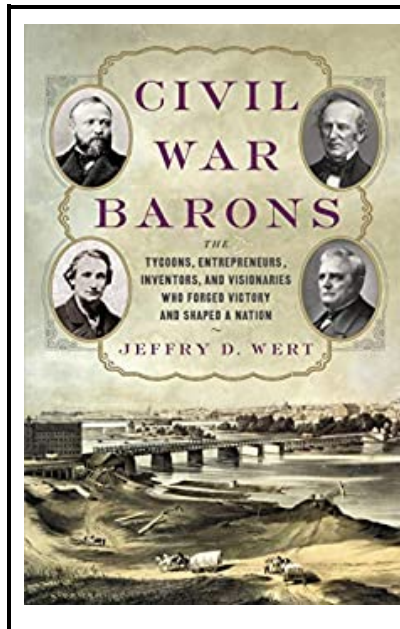
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June Speaker



Civil War author **Jeffry D. Wert** from Centerville PA was scheduled to speak about his new book titled: *Civil War Barons: The Tycoons, Entrepreneurs, Inventors, and Visionaries Who Forged Victory and Shaped a Nation.*

Mr. Wert's program has been rescheduled and he has agreed to speak at our Round Table dinner meeting on May 25, 2021.

Letter from our Round Table's President

The following letter was issued by Dan Dooley, president of our Civil War Round Table, on May 18, 2020:

To All Members of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City:

After much soul-searching and discussion, your Executive Committee has reluctantly decided to cancel the June meeting of the Round Table. We have come to this decision knowing that we, and many of you, ache to return to our normal routine, meet with friends, and participate in our commitment to enhance our understanding of the Civil War.

If current guidelines remain in place, we should be coming out of Phase Three in Overland Park, and technically able to meet. That is if there are not delays or extensions of the phased removal of restrictions. However, being legally allowed to meet is not the same thing as deciding to meet. By the time of the June meeting, the area will have just come out of the restrictions set in place to ensure the safety of the general public.

The virus that has held us all captive will still be around, people will still be contracting the illness, and there will still be deaths attributable to it. There will not be a feasible treatment for those who contract the virus by the end of June. Those who are most susceptible to the illness will still be the most susceptible. As you know, that class of individuals, those over 65 and those with compromised immune systems and underlying medical conditions, include many of our members. It is unlikely that the hotel can (or would even be willing to) spread us out sufficiently to maintain the "social separation" now being observed. We would likely be sitting in our "normal" arrangement.

Our June speaker would be traveling from Pennsylvania, putting himself at risk as he goes through two airports and stays at the hotel. Asking him to take that risk, and asking you to put yourself at risk, is not something we feel we can do.

We hope to meet in July. To that end, I am asking each of you to email me directly at dandooley1861@gmail.com to let me know if you would be willing to attend. I have no idea what the situation will look like in July and I know you don't either. Assuming things have returned to some semblance of normalcy, would you come to the July meeting? If a sufficient number respond affirmatively we will meet.

These are strange and difficult times. To voluntarily subject yourself to a potentially life-threatening situation

to attend a dinner meeting is something you likely never thought you would ever be asked about. I pray that by July the decision will be easier to make. In the meantime, I hope you are all well, staying safe, following the guidelines, and anxious to get together as soon as possible.

Regards,

*Dan Dooley
President*

This Month's Program Cancelled

Jeffrey D. Wert is the award-winning author of nine previous books on Civil War topics, including: *Gettysburg, Day Three*; *Cavalryman of the Lost Cause*; and *A Glorious Army*. His articles and essays on the Civil War have appeared in many publications, including *Civil War News*, *Civil War Times Illustrated*, *American History Illustrated*, and *Blue and Gray*. A former history teacher at Penns Valley High School, he lives in Centre Hall, Pennsylvania.

The following is a summary of Mr. Wert's book titled: *Civil War Barons: The Tycoons, Entrepreneurs, Inventors, and Visionaries Who Forged Victory and Shaped a Nation*, from the Amazon website:

Before the robber barons there were Civil War barons, a remarkable yet largely unknown group of men whose contributions won the war and shaped America's future.

The Civil War woke a sleeping giant in America, creating unprecedented industrial growth that not only supported the struggle, but reshaped the nation. Energized by the country's dormant potential and wealth of natural resources, individuals of vision, organizational talent, and capital took advantage of the opportunity that war provided. Their innovations sustained Union troops, affected military strategy and tactics, and made the killing fields even deadlier. Their ranks included men such as:

- John Deere, whose plows helped feed large armies.
- Gail Borden, whose condensed milk nourished the Union army.
- The Studebaker Brothers, whose wagons moved war supplies from home front to war front.
- Robert Parrott, whose rifled cannon was deployed on countless battlefields.

Individually, these men came to dominate industry and amass great wealth and power; collectively, they

helped save the Union and refashion the economic fabric of a nation.

Utilizing extensive research in manuscript collections, company records, and contemporary newspapers, historian Jeffrey D. Wert casts a revealing light on the individuals most responsible for bringing the United States into the modern age.

Upcoming Speaker Schedule for 2020-2021

- **July 28, 2020: Matt Spruill** was scheduled to give a program about the battle of Chickamauga GA. However, Mr. Spruill had to cancel his trip to Kansas City because of the coronavirus pandemic and because his wife is dealing with some health issues.
- **August 25, 2020: David T. Dixon** is scheduled to speak about his new book titled: *The Lost Gettysburg Address*.
- **September 22, 2020: Dennis E. Frye** is scheduled to give a program about Harpers Ferry.
- **October 27, 2020: Judy Cook** is scheduled to give a program dressed in period attire titled: "Life on the Home Front."
- **November 17, 2020: Wayne Motts**, CEO of the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg PA is scheduled to be our speaker.
- **December 15, 2020: Round Table member Deb Buckner** is scheduled to give a program about Libby Custer, wife of George Armstrong Custer.
- **January 26, 2021: Dr. Harry Laver** with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth will be our speaker. He will give a program about the relationship between General Ulysses S. Grant and General Robert E. Lee.
- **February 23, 2021: James S. Martin**, Dean of Academics at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth will be our speaker. He will give a program titled: "Black Military Heroes of the Civil War."
- **March 23, 2021: Dr. Jeff Gentsch**, Professor of Military History at the University of West Alabama will give a program titled: "The Battle of Shiloh and the Evolution of Artillery, 1861-1870."
- **April 27, 2021: Dr. Chris Phillips** will give a program about Missouri in the Civil War.
- **May 25, 2021: Jeffrey D. Wert** from Centerville PA will be speaking about his new book titled: *Civil War Barons*.

- **June 22, 2021: Teresa Roane**, archivist for the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Richmond VA, will be our speaker. She will address the role of minorities in the logistical operations of the Confederate Army.
- **July 27, 2021: Ron Coddington**, publisher of *Military Images*, a full color magazine published quarterly, will be our speaker. He will present photographic images of the Civil War.
- **August 24, 2021: Dr. Ginnette Aley**, Professor of History at Kansas State University, will give a program about the Civil War on the home front. She has co-edited a book titled: *Union Heartland: The Midwestern Home Front during the Civil War*.
- **September 28, 2021: Dr. Joseph M. Beilein Jr.**, assistant professor of history at Penn State University, Erie PA will be our speaker. He will be speaking about bushwhackers in Missouri. Dr. Beilein is the author of the book titled: *Bushwhackers: Guerrilla Warfare, Manhood, and the Household in Civil War Missouri*.
- **October 26, 2021: Dr. Paul Kahan** will give a program about his book titled: *The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant*.
- **November 16, 2021: Speaker to be determined.**
- **December 21, 2021: Arnold Schofield** will be discussing the book written by Robert E. May titled: *Yuletide in Dixie: Slavery, Christmas, and Southern Memory*.

Member News

Suzee Oberg is dealing with some serious health issues. Please keep Suzee in your prayers.

Bill Buckner will be turning 94 years old on June 29th. We wish Bill a very happy birthday!

We would like to welcome new member **Elliott Schimmel**. Elliott lives in Kansas City MO. He is a retired instructor of history and taught at the Metropolitan Community College, 3200 Broadway, Kansas City MO. Elliott is especially interested in the Antebellum Period of 1848-1861. Within two months, he will have a book published on the antebellum political career of William Hayden English of Lecompton/English Bill fame.

Hibberd V. Kline III has been a docent at the Arabia Steamboat Museum. The museum is temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, they hope to open in mid-June. Hibberd has been writing a blog about the Arabia steamboat and some of the items in the museum. The blogs are being e-mailed to our members. Thank you, Hibberd!

Gary Christy recommends watching Civil War lectures on CSpan3 on the weekends. Gary said he enjoyed the one recently on succession and the constitution.

Mike Epstein sent the following e-mail on May 21st:
Hi Dave,

I didn't know if anyone has checked the Facebook page in a while, but we may want to mention that since I was at home for 6 weeks, I started to put up info on "This Day in History" on our page if related to the Civil War. It comes from a History Channel newsletter that I get daily.

Hope to see you all very soon. At the end of this year, I'm retiring from the Volkswagen club as an officer, should clear up most of my Tuesdays again. Can't wait to see "Grant" (on the History Channel)!

Thanks,

Mike

We Still Need Another Assistant Treasurer

Susan Keipp has done an excellent job as treasurer of our Round Table, since taking over for **Paul Gault** in April of 2015. Due to other commitments, Susan would like to cut back on her workload as treasurer. We are looking for two people to serve as assistant treasurers. **Sam Rabicoff** has volunteered to be one of the assistant treasurers. He has been helping Susan by collecting money from the Civil War book sales. Susan also needs someone to take dinner reservations, coordinate with the Holiday Inn, and manage the sign-in table during the dinner meetings. Susan has offered to continue doing the bookkeeping and handing all of our corporate paperwork. If you would be interested in serving with Sam as one of the co-assistant treasurers, please let Susan, Sam, or **Dan Dooley** know.

Galvanized Yankees

This week, there were some interesting e-mails from Round Table members regarding soldiers who fought on both sides during the Civil War.

Father Dave Holloway sent the following e-mail on June 3rd:

I suppose some of you saw a news item about a lady named Irene Triplett, who died in North Carolina recently at the age of 90. She was the last person to have a Civil War Pension. Her father, Mose Triplett had originally enlisted in a Confederate North Carolina regiment, but deserted that regiment in 1863 before Gettysburg and joined a Union North Carolina regiment in Tennessee in 1864 and was discharged in August

1865. Mose lived from 1846 to 1938. Irene was born in 1930 and at the time of her death was receiving \$73.13 a month. She apparently had not been in good mental health for some time.

Thought this might be of interest.

God Bless,

Fr. Dave Holloway

Suzee Oberg sent the following response on June 3rd:

I thought this was very interesting. The fact that he served both in the north and south during the war is definitely unusual. Several years ago when the Overland Park Historical Society acquired a building in Stanley, I wrote an article about Henry Morton Stanley, about whom the early town was named. Besides being a famous writer and explorer, he too served early on in the Confederate Army and then later in the Union Army during the War. At the time, I believed this to be extremely rare, but now I am thinking that it might not be so rare.

Dan Dooley sent the following e-mail on June 4th:

There were actually hundreds of former Confederates that switched sides, but almost all of them were former POWs. Given the choice of continuing to languish in a Union prison or pledge loyalty to the U.S. and put on a uniform, there were many who chose to get out of a desperate situation, even if it meant fighting for the other side. The term used for these recruits was "galvanized Yankees." Briefly, the term alluded to the soldier coating himself with Union blue on the outside, just as the new technology of coating metal with zinc was being introduced. Most were sent to the far west, out of the main fighting areas, doing Indian patrol and other duties that would keep them away from having to actually fight their former comrades.

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches # 610 Chasing Bushwhackers

In 1864, Major General Samuel Ryan Curtis commanded the Department of Kansas and was faced with many problems. Two of these problems were chasing or tracking down enemy guerrillas from and in the border counties of Missouri and returning hundreds

of refugee Indians to their homes in the Indian Territory, which is present day eastern Oklahoma. The following correspondence describes the futile attempt to locate specific groups of guerrillas and orders to Colonel Blair at Fort Scott, to coordinate the escort of a large wagon train of Indian refugees going south. The Indians requested that a CANNON, which they called "A GUN ON WHEELS" be included for the protection of their wagon train. All of this correspondence is located Vol. 34 of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion on Pages 10- 12 and Page 39.

"Fort Leavenworth,
May 23,1864 - 1:40 p.m.
[To] Major General Rosecrans,
Commanding Department of the Missouri:

Colonel Blair, of Fort Scott, chased two bands of BUSHWHACKERS in the region of Lamar. Say they are going to unite at Warsaw under Marmaduke. I give it as it comes. Major Price, just in from Platte County, says that Captain Woods reports arms of a Company stolen by BUSHWHACKERS Saturday night from Camden Point and hears of eight companies of BUSHWHACKERS organized in that neighborhood. Captain Woods is apprehensive of an attack on him at Weston. Other matters look belligerent.

S. R. CURTIS,
Major General, Commanding."

"Fort Scott,
May 23,1864.
[To] General McKean:

Troops have returned from the chase of the party [of BUSHWHACKERS], which attacked Lamar [MO]. They had too much of a start. It seems the party was under the immediate command of a Captain Conan. There is also a party through there under the command of a man named Greer. A trail of 25 men was found, who had represented themselves as Quantrill's men going to join their chief. Large numbers have been passing north, many of them 60 miles east of here, and they all tell the story to their friends that they are going to concentrate near Warsaw tonight, the 23rd, where Marmaduke is to be in person, and where they expect to get together a force of about 3,000, make a big raid, and take the stores at Sedalia.

I give you the information for what it is worth, so that if you think best, you can notify by telegraph the

authorities having charge of Warsaw and Sedalia and that region of the country.

C. W. BLAIR,
Colonel, Commanding."

"Paola, Kansas,
May 25,1864,
[To] Major General Curtis,
Commanding Department, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas:

I request more explicit instructions in regard to sending the [refugee] Indians south from Humboldt. I know nothing in regard to these Indians except what is contained in two short telegrams from you of the 13th instant. The points upon which it would be convenient for me to be informed are, first, to what point are we to furnish an escort from this District; second, what means of transportation have they and what are we to furnish; third, what is required in regard to subsistence?

THOMAS J. McKEAN,
Brigadier General, U. S. Volunteers."

[A GUN ON WHEELS]

The Indians on the central and northern "Plains" had nicknames for the artillery or cannons used by the U. S. Army. In the 1840's they began calling cannon "THUNDER STICKS" or "THUNDER WAGONS." In the Civil War, the Indians often called a cannon "A GUN ON WHEELS", which is included in the following request:

"Headquarters district of South Kansas, Paola, Kansas;
May 25,1864
[To] Col. C. W. BLAIR,
Commanding 1st Brigade, District of South Kansas, Fort Scott, Kansas.

Colonel: by the direction of the General Commanding the District, I enclose herewith copies of several communications from the Major General Commanding the Department, in reference to an escort for the refugee Indians now at Humboldt. You will perceive that it is expected that the necessary escort will be furnished from the troops on our southern border as far as Fort Gibson, unless relieved before reaching that Post by troops sent from there. General Curtis desires

that the Indians be indulged, if practicable, in the matter of sending "A GUN ON WHEELS." If possible a howitzer [small cannon] will be sent with the escort.

All information upon the subject that has reached these Headquarters is contained in the telegrams alluded to. You will make arrangements for carrying out the intention of General Curtis in the matter, by sending a proper escort from your brigade, under the command of a good officer. Lieutenant Colonel Plumb had best not be detached at present, as it might interfere with the progress of the defenses at Humboldt. You will perceive that transportation and subsistence for themselves is all that the escort will be obliged to take.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,
 GEO. S. HAMPTON,
 Assistant Adjutant General."

Now then, it is doubtful that the large concentration of hundreds of guerrillas ever occurred, because operating in such large groups is not how they normally operated. However, it is probably true that a small mobile cannon such as a howitzer was provided as part of the protection of the Indian Refugee Wagon Train on its journey south and, of course, the War Went On!

Civil War Trivia Questions

The following trivia questions are based on the book titled: *2,000 Questions and Answers About the Civil War* and the chapter titled: "Weapons: Old and New, Deadly and Harmless." The answers to the trivia questions are shown on page 8.

1. What was the caliber of the bayonet-equipped Enfield rifle-musket, usually listed simply as "Rifle"?
2. How many guns were expected to be fired as a salute to the U.S. flag when Fort Sumter was surrendered?
3. Where were virtually all Civil War cannon loaded?
4. What new bullet was largely responsible for huge casualties in Civil War battles because of its greater accuracy and the army's lag in devising new tactics to compensate for it?
5. Lacking sufficient artillery, southern defenders often had to use what simulated weapons?
6. The traditional infantry charge with what weapon became obsolete during the Civil War?
7. What strategic movement was developed in an attempt by attackers to avoid deadly long-range rifle fire?

8. Adopted in 1861, what was the most widely used shoulder arm of the U.S. Army?
9. Beyond what size were cannon not practical for use in the field?
10. When a Federal commander planned an attack, how much ammunition was standard issue for infantry?
11. When up to full strength, a field battery commanded by a captain mustered 155 men and how many cannon of the same caliber?
12. When ammunition grew scarce in the C.S.A., where did munitions makers get a new supply of lead?
13. What inaccurate weapon, largely used by Confederates, was all but useless except at very close range?
14. What weapon did Jeff Davis, U.S.A., borrow to kill William Nelson in the Galt House hotel, Louisville KY?
15. What started the fire that burned Atlanta, graphically depicted in the movie *Gone With the Wind*?

Photographs of Woodlawn Cemetery

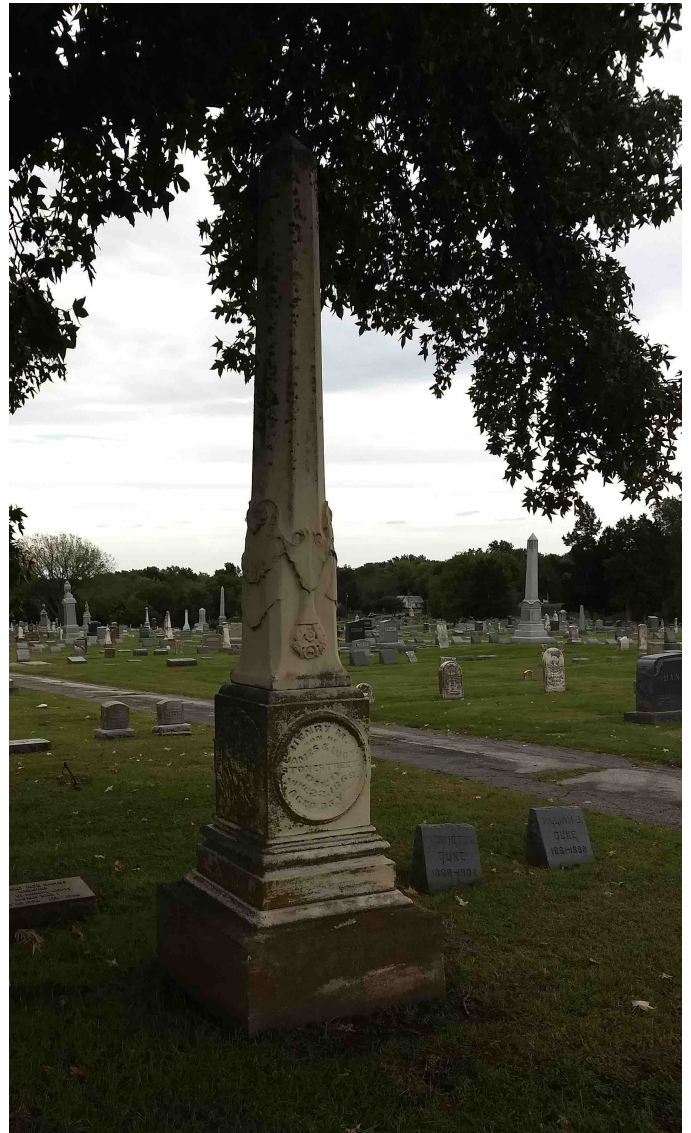
Gary Christy sent the following photographs that were taken at the Woodlawn Cemetery, 701 S Noland Road, Independence MO:



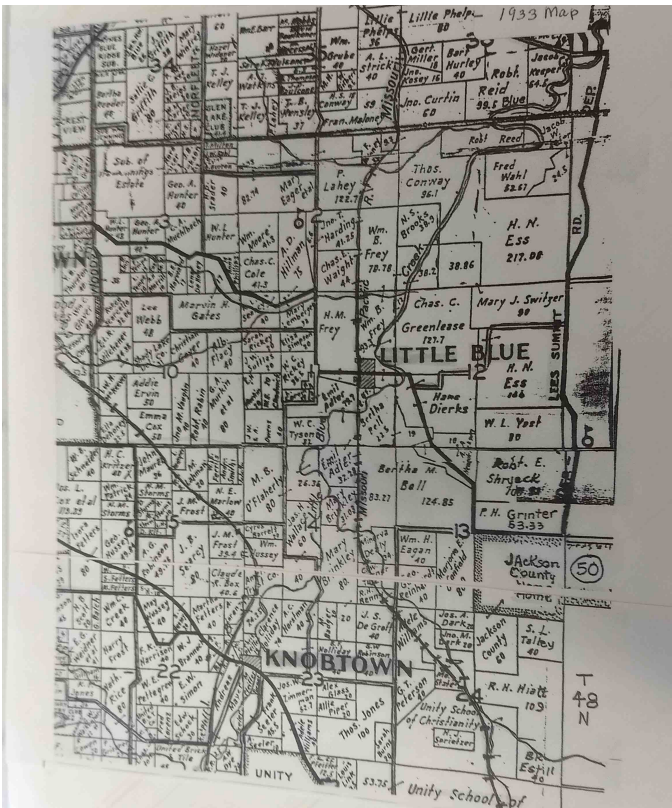
Tombstone of John Boyd a Confederate Officer killed in the first battle of Independence. Next to him is Brigadier General John Taylor Hughes.



Confederate Soldiers Memorial



Monument to Henry M. Stonestreet, who died on June 22, 1868.



1933 map showing the location of the Perry H. Grinter farmstead adjacent Lees Summit Road.

At our dinner meeting on September 24, 2019, **Bjorn Skaptason** spoke about the Grinter Farm fight that took place on July 6, 1864. Captain Wagner's Company C of the 2nd Colorado got into a firefight with approximately 100 Confederate guerillas, commanded by George Todd. The action took place in a ravine, located near the intersection of Little Blue Road and Woods Chapel Road in Lee's Summit, near the Grinter Farm (see map at left).

Todd sent out four scouts to act as bait, in order to trap Captain Wagner's 25-man patrol. Todd's guerillas fired into Wagner's men from the escarpments on both sides of the ravine.

Wagner's men suffered heavy casualties. The bodies of Captain Wagner and seven other members of the 2nd Colorado Cavalry are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Independence MO. Todd is also buried in Woodland Cemetery, but he was not killed during the fighting.

Answers to Civil War Trivia Questions:

1. 0.557-caliber, for use with smooth-sided minie balls.
2. One hundred, but firing stopped after the fiftieth gun exploded.
3. At the muzzle, with breech-loaders becoming standard by 1875.
4. The minie bullet, called the minie ball.
5. Quaker guns, logs painted and positioned to look like cannon.
6. Bayonet.
7. The envelopment, against the flank of a fixed position.
8. The Springfield rifle.
9. Twenty-four pounds.
10. Sixty rounds per man.
11. Six.
12. From window weights of mansions.
13. The 0.69-caliber smoothbore musket.
14. A pistol, seldom used in battle.
15. Retreating Confederate general John. B. Hood's firing of a ninety-one car ammunition train that ignited the nearby Atlanta Gas Works.

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