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Welcome

This is the first issue of the Haacke Herald. The purpose of this Newsletter is to keep the Haacke family members in contact with each other, to keep you up to date about upcoming events and to complete our family tree.

Since this is the premier issue of our newsletter, it seems most appropriate to feature, Johann (John) Haacke as our first Haacke from the past. The author of the article about Johann, E. Mark Haacke, is our featured Haacke family member from the present. We welcome suggestions for future featured family members.



George Haacke of Markham, Ontario
15 May, 1810 - 21 March, 1896

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Spotlight on Johann (John) Haacke: Our Pioneer Ancestor in North America

John Haacke: A Pioneer of Markham Township: (The short version) by E. Mark Haacke

The earliest records of John Haacke place him on lot 17 west 1/2 of Concession 4 in Markham Township, York County amongst the Berczy settlers. John likely spoke both German and English. He attended the German Lutheran church and lived in a German community. On the other hand, he had worked with English speaking people since 1792 and must have had much contact with the English in

Toronto (then York). There is also evidence that John could write because of documents discovered that were signed by him. His signature was not a rough scrawl, but a very neat somewhat elegant, signing. However, we are not sure if he could write beyond the extent of his signature. John married Hannah Adams of New York City. Some of their children were baptized Lutheran and some were baptized at St. James Anglican Church (the oldest church in Toronto). Evidently, John was a hard working, persistent man.

During the course of John's early years in Ontario (from 1792 to 1800), he had the opportunity to work for many different men—all prominent in the business or political world at the time.

The Berczy Connection

How did John come to be with William Berczy? When Berczy first arrived in America, he had planned to settle his people in the Genesee Valley. They arrived in 1792 in Philadelphia. On 7 Feb., 1792, Lord Simcoe issued a proclamation which included an offer of 200 acres to an immigrant who would clear 5 acres, build a house and open a road across his land of one-quarter mile in length. Berczy had to convince his settlers to homestead in the rear of Toronto (after all they had come all the way from the originally promised Genesee Valley, which was yet another switch in their plans). Berczy crossed the Genesee River at Hartford on 15 April, 1794. In August, he succeeded in convincing the weary would be settlers to follow him to York. Several scenarios suggest themselves for John having joined their group. First he could have run in with them almost immediately, although this seems unlikely as he claims to have been in Upper Canada since 1792 on his first petition. However, in 1795/6, there was evidently a great famine and the strife was such that many went back to Niagara for work. Perhaps John too went back as this was the time period when he first worked for Crooks. The more likely scenario seems to have him in Niagara at the arrival of Berczy who first rented 15 boats with 3 armed men in each and Joseph Brant supplied some braves to get his people out of New York to Queenston. In the second half of August 1794, all healthy men came to York along with 16 hired axemen and carpenters (and later about 30 others) from Niagara. John may have been one of these axemen. Why would John leave Niagara? Was it adventure for a 17 year old? Did he foresee the opening of new lands that he would likely share in? Most probably a combination of both and a new life for himself.

Church Records

The earliest Lutheran church records for the Markham area were those of Rev. J.D. Peterson. The records show John David Steffins (b.1827) and Maria Christina Rafael (c1828) baptized by Rev. Peterson with John Harke [Haacke] as a witness to both. John and Hannah also attended St. James Anglican Church as evidenced by the baptisms of their two sons George and Henry on 12 Feb. 1811, which appears on the second page of the church record book. This indicated that it was not uncommon for people to travel from Markham to Toronto for church and likely other events of the time. It is also of interest that they shared both their religions with their children as well.

John (a native of Germany) was born about 1775 and married Hannah Adams about 1795 we guess. Hannah was from New York City and was born about 1779. She is said to have been related to the presidents of the United States, John Adams and John Quincy Adams. This family rumor stems from two of John's and Hannah's sons, David and Henry (whose families, until recently, have not been in contact with each other since roughly 1820). I have found no immediate proof of this relationship.

Military Service

Many farmers were called up to serve in the War of 1812. John was no exception. Pursuant to a general order in Council 19 Jan., 1820 *re* militia grants and under the order 1226 of Adj. General of Militia - 29 July, 1820 grants John Hacky (Harkey?) [Haacke] a farmer as a private in Capt. Button's Troop of Cavalry of 1st Regiment of York Militia - John Harke [Haacke] given 100 acres lot 8, con. 7, submitted Tecumseth Township 16 Sept., 1822 cert. no.862. Signed by Thomas Ridout. He served between 2 July and 20 July in 1812, the remainder of the campaign he served by substitute. This was the information on the Ticket of Sale. He was also listed as private John Haacke in James Fenwick's Co., 1st Regiment, dated July, 1814.

Summary and Conclusions

The early Ontario land petition records show John Haacke as arriving in Ontario in 1792 likely through Niagara-on-the-Lake. He fought in the War of 1812 in the Cavalry of one of the Markham Divisions, in York Co., Ontario. He farmed in Markham and raised his family in that vicinity until the early 1830's. After 1831, he disappears from Ontario records. John Haacke entered the region of Niagara-on-the-Lake about 1792. He married and lived with his family in Markham from roughly 1794 to 1831. Obtaining land was difficult, but he managed and may have used it to start his children on their own, perhaps as a dowry for the girls. After this period, he disappears from the record books, perhaps returning whence he came, possibly somewhere in New York State. Where was his hometown in the United States (New York)? Knowing this, it might be possible to continue this story. Perhaps he settled with one of his daughters somewhere in Ontario. Likewise, finding John and Hannah's resting place could also lead to more information about their past.



John's signature from his 6 June, 1800 land petition.

In the hot seat with...Mark Haacke

It's always nice to know a little something about the people that you're related too. We have decided to have a virtual sit down with Mark Haacke. We've already seen that he is very detailed oriented and meticulous, but there is more to him than just that. He is the father of two sons from his first marriage, Bryon Clarke Haacke and Daniel Clarke Haacke. Bryon was born June 27, 1981 and will soon be a third year business student at the University of Missouri in St. Louis. Daniel was born November 20, 1988 and is soon to enter grade 11 at Ladue Horton Watkins High. He loves computers and designs flash movies. Mark is proud to share that both of his sons are good at math like their dad.

He married Stephanie Anne Kerlovich on September 21, 2003 in Jordan, Ontario. He remembers it as a great wedding. A beautiful event that is theirs for the memories. His wife, Stefi, is very supportive of his drives and career. They both enjoy swimming, the summer, spades and bridge and, of course, the time with their children. Stefi has two children from a previous marriage, Chloe 13 and Colton 11, they both like basketball and swimming and Colton plays in AAA hockey for the Sarnia Sting.

His life started in Toronto, but he toddled at six months of age to Montreal. He lived there for six years, once eloping naked with the girl next door Joann Bejin at the age of two. Mark still remembers the train tracks and the crab apple grove at the end of Mimosa Street, which was no doubt a fascination for a young boy.

He shared his childhood with a brother, Peter, who now lives in Toronto. Petee, as Mark calls him, is a Harley fan with a great sense of humor. He travels by bike each year and shares the bouncing videos with pride. His sister, Sharon, who lives in Ottawa, has always been there for him with a cup of tea when he has needed an ear. She has their grandfather's (Joshua Elmer Fidler) roll top desk, at which he wrote his sermons as a Mennonite Minister. In the desk are copies of a wealth of material on Haacke genealogy that Mark has shared with her.

When asked who was most influential in his life, Mark said, "my parents for teaching me how to love, my advisor John Moffat who taught my how to carry the thread of research enthusiasm to students and teach them, and Stefi, my wife, for making me whole again."

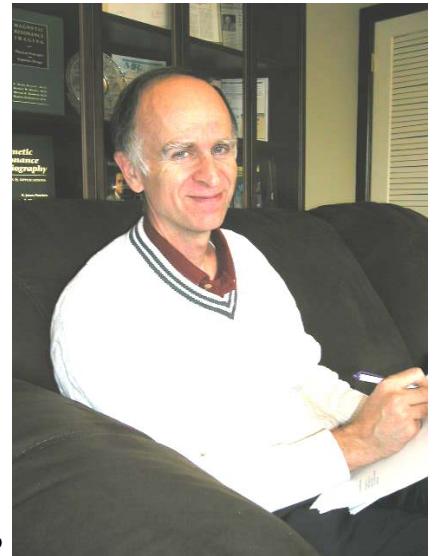
Mark was asked to tell us a bit more about himself. The following are a few questions that were asked.

Where did you grow up, attend school?

Returned to Toronto, my hometown in 1957 and watched Toronto grow – went to Richview Collegiate Institute and graduated in the class of '69– great times at high school, still know and communicate with many friends from those days – we're all getting gray hair.

University of Toronto

(U of T) was a long lifetime stretch with many an adventure - eventually got my Ph.D. in 1978 and had to go to work for a living!



Tell us something about yourself, your job, hobbies, what you do in your spare time? Math whiz, called "the mathematoid" in high school, won many prizes, often got 100 on exams, went into math and physics at the Univ. of Toronto. Later went into physics where math and physics were the perfect marriage; like a duck in water I play with my math and physics. Racquet sport nut–played in table tennis tournaments but also love tennis, badminton and racquetball – won the 1981 All Ohio Racquet Tournament -downhill after that -ha! Golf is fun too, just need a dozen balls a game, never shoot over 5 per hole, it's a "house" rule when I play. Of course I am addicted to the Haacke family research and meeting the descendants of John Haacke – I have a story about someone in every line in the family– have met most of them on my travels.

Do you have any special or not so special talents you would like to tell us about? Hmmm, I can't sing or play an instrument, but I love to listen to classical music. Stefi has introduced me to more modern music like Sting and I like some of the combined romantic music sung by Sarah Brightman. That is the music Stefi captured me with. She even took me to a concert this year in Toronto for my birthday where we saw Sarah Brightman's unique solo performance. It was a great memory she gave me.

What is the thing that most irritates you more than anything else? The chewing of a dog.

How old were you when you became interested in genealogy? It all started when I went to work in France in 1972 and met Haacke's in Germany and then London, England- I started to work on our family after that -soooo 30 years at it now- sheesh.

Why did you become interested? An obsession over our development as people I suppose- quite an infinite variety of us out there and lots to learn from people and share with them as well- besides the best part of genealogy is meeting the people and hearing their stories. Its fun to see how we all fit into history.

While researching your family what has been the most interesting discovery that you have made? Oh poof, lots of cool things. As for a coincidence though, I had traced the descendants of Mary Anne Haacke and Joseph Fisher- four generations later through Michigan and New York and then back to Toronto. Amazingly I found a Fred Doty- I asked my dad if he knew anyone by that name connected to Maher Shoes- he said surprisingly - yes, I know 3 Fred Dotys! - one of these I went to school with he said and we played bridge together and got along very well- he gave me his contact in Ottawa and I wrote them- sure enough they were 4th cousins and never knew it but got along famously together. As for great finds, the land petition of Johann Haacke signed June 6, 1800 is my treasure (we'll feature it in a future newsletter). Here he describes his condition, the people he worked for, a bit about his family, and he has a beautiful signature that I wish I had today! (See Page 2.)

Any surprises or challenges that you have encountered in your research? Ah yes, the \$64,000 question is- where the heck did Johann and Hannah retire to?

Have there been any events in your life that you feel have shaped you as a person? When I was young I was always called a liaison between people, even as early as 10 years old- today I am a liaison with many people - have this odd desire to unite the world. Perhaps will stick with uniting Haacke's for now.

If you could spend a day with anyone living or dead who would it be and why? Well, it would probably be Johann Haacke so I could find out why he came to Canada and what his heritage was and what his family was like. And then there is the triumvirate of Isaac Newton, Leonardo da Vinci and Albert Einstein- geniuses of our times. Those would make interesting conversations, we could talk math and physics all day.

What do you do for a living? Although my degree was in high energy physics, I have been an MRI physicist for over

20 years now. I have had fun creating new sequences to image the blood vessels in the body, developing new image reconstruction methods, and testing these ideas clinically. This involves significant interaction with physicians and patients. It has been most rewarding to see these methods helping people. This May 17, I received the Gold Medal from the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM) for these developments. The award was presented in Kyoto. Stefi and I had a great time.



Birthday Greetings

March - Cheryl Genaw, Debra Morley, Ashlee Gardner, Eric Anker, Andera Anker, Donaldson Langdon, Donald Nabozney, Daniel Watson, Jennifer Morley, Lisa LaBrandi, Garry Cipponeri, Norm Gardner, Eric J. Harrison, Lisa Harvey, Mary Gardner, Nicholas Jones, Michael Werner, Nancy Megan, Patti Lippert, and Donald Ball

April - Joshua Harrison, Fred Lowe, Greg Gardner, Angela Watson, Thomas Woolman, Kristie McCabe, David Genaw, Linda Scarberry, Danielle McCabe, Tayler Berger, Eric Harrison, Allison McCabe and Keith Allen

May - Debby Gardner, Kathleen Kippen, Cary Nagy, Judy Ball, Eric Justin, Corey Jones, Cheryl Woolman, Gayle Nabozney, Diane Sears, Amber Cleaver, Matthew Watson, Edward Jerry and Bonnie Haacke

A special Anniversary to Ed and Lillian Werner April 7th- 60 years of marriage.

Please let us know if there are any corrections or additions to this list and feel free to keep us up to date on any births, marriages, deaths, weddings, graduations, promotions, or any other special events in your family.

Our European Family Connections

This section will be dedicated to our European Haacke family connections. Dr. Mark Haacke has researched our family for almost thirty years. In that time, he has found that many Haacke's are related. We have family members in Canada, USA, England Germany, and Africa. We would like to include extended European family members in this publication and on the Haacke family website. This issue will feature some of our German cousins. It begins with an article by Mark Haacke that appeared in the Western Reserve Historical Society Bulletin (v4, n4, p27 1985 and v5 n1 p5 1986).

Research in Brunswick Brings New Problems

Since 1972, I have been trying to trace our family in Ontario and Germany. Early Ontario census and land records carried me back six generations to my fourth great-grandfather, Johann Haacke, through a land petition dated June 6th, 1800. A list of early settlers in Markham Township gave Johann's age as 25; the contents of the document (the Berczy settler's list) were obtained over a four-year period leaving Johann's year of birth between 1775 and 1779.

In the war of 1812, Johann was in Captain John Button's cavalry troop. Later, in 1828, two of his sons, Henry and George were also in Captain Button's service. Another son, Captain David Haacke moved to Fort Peoria, Illinois. Later, in 1834, he fought in the Black Hawk War (where he is said to have saved the life of two of one of the Indian Chief's sons). A brief paragraph on David appears in the Fulton County Illinois History, in which his mother is given as Hannah Adams of New York City. More recently this information has been validated through an article from 1907 on the Peter Hutty family (from the 1907 Commemorative Biographical Record of York County).

Thanks to William Filby's supplements to Passenger Lists to America, in 1984, I discovered that a Johann Haacke of the Brunswick Troops might have fought on the side of the British in the American Revolution. Further searching revealed two other Brunswick soldiers named Glorian and Heinrich Haacke. More research led to evidence of now six candidates, all in the Brunswick troops and all could have been Johann's father. Could Johann's and his sons' service in the cavalry be a hint to the military background in the family? As for how long he lived in Toronto according to his land petitions, could Johann have returned in 1801 and 1811 to New York to stay with family rather than living the whole time in Toronto?

It was time to go to Brunswick. Before leaving for Germany (1985), I arranged to meet a retired engineer now specializing in Brunswick genealogy. Upon arriving, he showed me the city archives of Brunswick where the church records are kept. Of the nearly dozen parishes with records on file, several go back to the 1600's and 1700's. Other repositories included wills and land records back to the 1700's. The script in most records was delightfully legible. Although numerous variants of Haacke occurred, by the mid 1700's, one family in particular began spelling the name Haacke.

That night, I organized the records from St. Ulrici Parish in Brunswick for the family of Johann Jacob Haacke. He had four sons Heinrich Balthasar, Hans Heinrich, Johan Georg, and Elias Wilhelm. The first son had a son Martin Heinrich, born 1754. This could be the Heinrich who stayed in America. This latter Heinrich was a shoemaker as were all the Haacke men in Brunswick. The third son had a son August Heinrich born 1779 who was listed in his dad's will in 1801 as having disappeared from home. This young man may be the progenitor of the Haacke family in London, England. Lastly, the fourth son states in his will about 1793 that his son Martin August had not communicated from America since 1783. Could this Martin August or even his cousin Martin Heinrich be the father of our John who settled in Toronto, Canada?

The next day, I was shown the state archives in the city of Wolfenbuttel (quite close to Brunswick) where lists of Brunswick soldiers to America are kept. Many old historic documents are here, one of the oldest preserved libraries in Europe. (I have never returned to that area since 1985.)

Many thousands of mercenary soldiers remained in America after the war ended in 1783. The Battle of Saratoga in 1777 led to hundreds of these German soldiers being captured and landing in later years in Charlottesville, Virginia and Reading, Pennsylvania. The imprisonment of the convention army captives lasted six years. However, to reduce the cost of caring for these men, they were given a chance to join the American Revolutionary Army or indenture themselves (for one year) to earn their freedom. (The Martin Heinrich Haacke mentioned above did in fact indenture himself to service as a shoemaker.) Little research has been done on these young men who stayed in America.

Being imprisoned for six years may not have been so bad. The "prisoners" may well have socialized with local towns people, or had their families with them or been married during this time from 1777 to 1783. Finding them in New York or Pennsylvania or any other adjacent state may be as bad, or worse, than trying to find them in the right city in Germany. If no specific records exist such as an oath of allegiance, then each county, in each state, will need to be checked for land records, vital records, church records, cemetery lists and other relevant material. Many indexes are often non-existent or incomplete. Knowing something about the itinerary and likely German settlements for these men is crucial to expedite, in one lifetime, finding evidence of their settling in the United States.

Although we now know that Johann may well have come through Pennsylvania or New York (since Hannah Adams is said to have come from New York City), searching for our German connection could prove just as useful today. The reason for this is the potential of DNA analysis to connect families over hundreds of years. We have now tested many of the Canadian and American descendants of Johann Haacke and we all have the same DNA. Perhaps we will be lucky enough to find a connection with a Haacke family in Germany showing that they too have our DNA. If that family knows its roots, then we will know where we come from and both sides will have a more complete story of our interesting family history.

The six German Haacke men who fought in the American Revolution between 1776 and 1783 were (ba = born about):

- Sgt. August Haacke ba1732 from Wolfenbuettel d1777
- Glorian Haacke ba1747 from Braunschweig
- Heinrich ba1756 from Braunschweig – indentured
- Gottfried ba1747
- Johann from Furstenhagen in the Brunswick Dragoons
- Martin August b1754 never returned home to his father (son of Johann Elias Wilhelm Haacke)

To our readers:

Are you related to this family? If so please contact us for further information from the Wolfenbuettel and Braunschweig records.

If you would like to participate in the world wide DNA study on the Haacke family, please contact Dr. E. Mark Haacke.

DESCENDANTS OF JACOB HAACKE OF BRAUNSCHWEIG, GERMANY

Generation No. 1

1. JOHANN JACOB HAACKE

The early records of Brunswick, Germany, state that JACOB HAACKE came from Lenzen and applied to live in Brunswick. His father may also have been Jacob. Johann Jacob was married in 1721 to Maria Elizabetha Giesels.

Many of the children of JACOB HAACKE and his sons died young. I have not included these children or the daughters in the list below.

Generation No. 2

2. HEINRICH BALZER HAACKE b1722

- i. MARTIN HEINRICH HAACKE b1753
- ii. CHRISTIAN LUDEWIG HAACKE b1756

3. JOHANN ELIAS WILHELM HAACKE b1723

- i. MARTIN AUGUST HAACKE b1754
In the will of his father, he is said to have gone to fight in the US and never returned.
- ii. J. FRIEDRICH WILHELM HAACKE b1767
(he was alive in 1793)

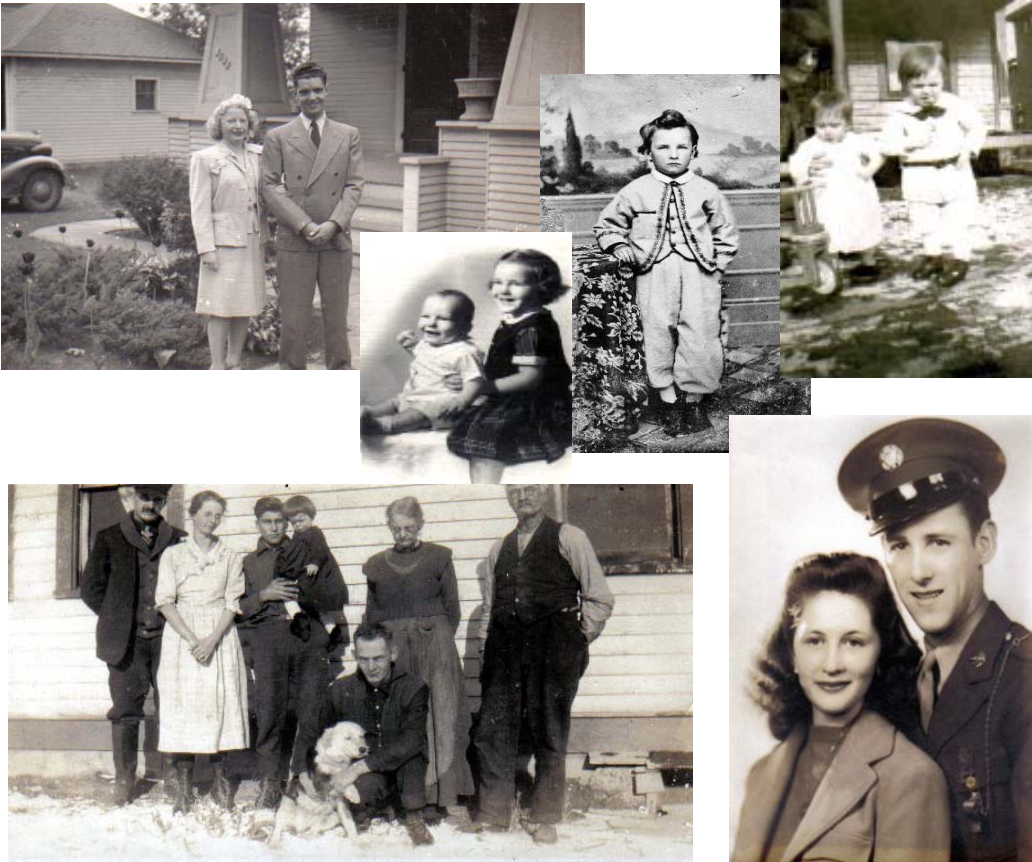
4. JOHANN JUERGEN HAACKE b1726

- i. JOHANN CHRISTOPH HAACKE b1759
Died in 1783.
- ii. J. HEINRICH DANIEL HAACKE b1776
In 1808, a Johann Daniel Haacke appears in the United States.
- iii. AUGUST HEINRICH HAACKE b1779
About 1800, a Heinrich Haacke appears in London, England, could this be the same person?

5. ANDREAS HEINRICH HAACKE b1728

Do you know me?

These are pictures that were in the belongings of Myrtle Haacke. If you know anyone below or if you have pictures of unknown persons that you would like included in our newsletter, please contact Debra Bentley.



Where are you?

We are looking for the family of Clara Haacke and Otto Kern. Children are Otto and Zilpha. Grandchildren are David, Clara and Charles Jerry and Chris and Jeff Kern. Last known in the Texas and Florida area. Children of David are Edward and David. Children of Clara are Sam and Gina LaBruno.

Looking also for the family of Ed and Lillian Werner of Port Huron.

Are there others that should know of this newsletter? See the contact list and we will send out a newsletter to them.

Future Issues

In future issues we will have information on Mark Haacke's DNA project for the Haacke family. We will also feature a family member from the present and one from the past. If you have any suggestions as to whom we should include, please feel free to let us know. Do you have any ideas on funding our reunion? If you are interested in helping plan the reunion, contact us.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Haacke Family Reunion

We are in the process of planning a reunion for

June 11, 2005
at
Marysville Park, Marysville, Michigan
(just south of Port Huron)

Any ideas or suggestions would be greatly appreciated. We are looking for input on activities, games for kids, menu, etc. just about anything that you could imagine. We are hoping to see lots of you there.

Look for more information in future issues of the newsletter or at:

www.haacke.com
www.geocities.com/haackefamily

Please contact us regarding:

- More information on reunions, family history or to share information that we may not have included herein or that we may not have in our records at all
- Newsletter submissions, corrections, suggestions
- Favorite recipes
- Interviews with the Haacke's
- Donating pictures or sending digital copies
- Anything and everything Haacke



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