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Beauty is in the eye of the beholder
When you see the Confederate Flag and
you do not see beauty,
but you see hate,
the problem is with you, not the flag,
Thou shalt NOT commit
Cultural Cleansing

Thanks to Doctor McMillin

Commander's Column

Hello Compatriots,

I bring you greetings from the Capital of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia, where I just returned from the 120th National Convention. It was a very informative meeting with many good ideas on how to fight Heritage Violations. The National Organization is working hard with Compatriots from all over the Confederation to keep our members informed and well-armed to fight Heritage Violations. The John C. Pemberton Executive Council has met twice and has come up with ways that we can stay informed and assist locally in the battle. We are urging all members to stay informed with SCV nationally by way of Social media and to inform others when they hear of any problems on the horizon. Much has been said in the media lately about the battle flag, but we have public opinion on our side, as a recent CNN poll reflected that 69% of those polled had no problem with the battle flag. News of large-scale flyings of the flag in Gettysburg, Pa. and in the state of Wisconsin also reflect the current public opinion. We have many battles ahead but also have much to be encouraged about. We will win some and lose some but we will persevere because we have the truth on our side. Keep up the fight and please attend our next meeting on August 4 with Eddy Cresap bringing a program on General John Pemberton. That day is also the day that we vote in our State-wide Election primary, please vote for the candidate of your choice. Vote and then come to the meeting and bring a friend. Thanks for all of your hard work and support.

Deo Vindice,

Edward Campbell

Upcoming meetings

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm. Our meeting location is 216 Miller Street in the Disabled American Veterans building. Our website contains direction to the meeting location. Visitors are always welcome. Bring a visitor to our next meeting.

Below are the list of upcoming meetings and speakers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
Aug 4	Eddy Cresap	General Pemberton
Sept 1	Sam Price	"The Walnut Hills Line"
Oct 6	Larry Holman	Confederate POW

SCV Battle Flag Resolution

WHEREAS, the approach of the Sesquicentennial will be a time to educate not only the people of these United States but of the world; and

WHEREAS, the most recognized symbol of the Confederate States is the Battle Flag, a flag each of us hold dear; and

WHEREAS, the use of the Confederate Battle Flag by extremist political groups and individuals who seek to clothe themselves in respectability by misappropriating the banner under which our southern ancestors fought for a Just Cause which is as noble as much latter day is ignoble; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Confederate Veterans are the true inheritors of legacy and symbols for which the Confederate Veterans fought and died; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Confederate Veterans does denounce the use of the Confederate Battle Flag and any other Confederate symbol by any hate group and/or the Ku Klux Klan as the desecration of a symbol to which any hate group and/or the Ku Klux Klan has no claim; and

WHEREAS, the misuse of the Confederate Battle Flag by any extremist group or individual espousing political extremism and/or racial superiority degrades the Confederate Battle Flag and maligns the noble purpose of our ancestors who fought against extreme odds for what they knew was just, right, and constitutional; and

WHEREAS, the misuse of other flags and symbols of the Confederate States of America and the Confederate States Army, Navy, and Marines is similarly degrading,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sons of Confederate Veterans in General Convention assembled in Anderson, South Carolina, does hereby condemn in the strongest terms possible the use of the Confederate Battle Flag or any other flag, symbol, seal, title or name bearing

any relationship whatsoever to the Confederate States of America or the armed forces of that Government by any such extremist group or individual, of whatever name or designation by which known, and LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sons of Confederate Veterans in General Convention assembled, does hereby condemn in the strongest terms possible the inappropriate use of the Confederate Battle Flag or any other flag, seal, title or name bearing any relationship whatsoever to the Confederate States of America or the armed forces of that Government of the Confederate States of America by individuals or groups of individuals, organized or unorganized, who espouse political extremism or racial superiority and that this resolution shall be made known to all media outlets now and throughout the years of the Sesquicentennial and it shall be made patent and entered into the permanent records and archives of the General Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans at Elm Springs in Columbia, Tennessee.

Dues, The South Needs All its Sons

Our annual dues are due on 1 Aug and late on 1 Nov. You should have gotten a notification of dues from the Mississippi Division adjutant. It should describe the dues you owe for the upcoming year and an opportunity to donate to Mississippi Division Projects. The check for dues and donations will be sent to the John C. Pemberton Adjutant who will distribute dues and contributions to the proper place. There are three levels of dues. National dues of \$30, State dues of \$10, and camp dues of \$7. All must be paid to remain a member in good standing. Life memberships can be purchased for National and Mississippi Division. Life Membership in the International Organization exempts one from paying annual dues to the International Organization but **does not exempt** that member from paying annual Mississippi Division dues nor annual Camp dues. Life Membership in the Mississippi Division exempts one from paying annual dues to the Mississippi Division but **does not exempt** that member from paying annual International dues nor annual Camp dues. For information about division life membership go to <http://www.mississippiiscv.org/links.html>. and then go to article 4.C of the bylaws. For National life membership go to SCV.org, services, forms and Documents, life membership application.

July Meeting

The meeting was opened with a prayer, pledges, salutes and the charge. We welcomed Paul McMaster, his wife and three of Wayne's grandchildren to the meeting. Also we welcomed David Boone and his wife. and from the Texas Division SCV we welcomed Carl Crowther. Eddy Cresap gave a short presentation on July 4th. Doctor Emma Keulegan presented a very interesting program on her ancestors. One portion of her program talked about the brother against brother aspect of the war and the animosity it caused in her family. In her family there was eventually a reconciliation. We voted to accept Mike Chaney and Thomas Edward Collins into our camp. Those who know these gentlemen, send them a big welcome. We discussed the heritage situation. All members should take personal responsibility in presenting themselves as true sons of the South. The meeting was closed with prayer.

It Is All Things Southern

Anyone who thinks that removing a few battle flags in the name of compromise and Christian charity will quench the thirst of haters of southern heritage are sadly mistaken. If it has anything to do with confederate, they want it gone. Compromise is just another word for surrender. If you compromise they will return for more. Just ask the South Carolina flag. If you follow the news, these people want Monuments to Confederate heroes through out the south removed, they have vandalized monuments to our heroes through out the South, they are removing the stain glass windows from the National Cathedral. and they want to move General Forrest remains. Republicans both national and state have thrown us under the bus for political expediency. We must live the charge and protect the monuments put in place to honor our brave Confederate heroes.

South Carolina Flag comes Down

This victory given to the haters of our heritage has empowered those people to demand more concessions. It will never be enough till all our symbols and monuments are gone and our heritage has been erased. The Marxist left will not stop at our Confederate heritage but will, then using the same tactics, attack our Christian Heritage. Along the way look out for destroying all history about the founding of this country. They are coming to Mississippi with lots of money and political clout.

Fourth of July

On the Fourth of July in 1776, our fledgling country declared their independence from England. Our Confederate ancestors were one or two generations removed from this declaration and the conflict that followed. Many of these men personally knew those who had fought to gain this independence. The Southern ancestors of these brave 1776 patriots saw the Confederate Government carrying the Constitution and freedom their ancestors fought for into this new country.

July 4, 1863 was a dark time for the Confederacy. The Army of Northern Virginia was returning to Virginia from the battle of Gettysburg. The Gibraltar of the Confederacy, Vicksburg, was lost splitting the Confederate nation. The Army of Tennessee was retreating out of Tennessee. Even in these dark days, the South did not give up but continued the fight for their freedom, to protect their families, their hearths, their altars and their very existence from a ruthless Yankee invader.

Even in our dark days of the present cultural cleansing, we must never surrender the good name of our ancestors or the symbols put in place to remember their sacrifice.

Southern Gentleman's Brown Bag Lunch Club

Like minded individuals gather every third Tue of the month for a Brown Bag Lunch and pleasant conversation. You pick what is in your brown bag for lunch and what you want to talk about. No protocol, agenda, or speaker just good fellowship. This next event will be on Aug 18 at 1200 noon at 216 Miller Street in the Disabled Veterans Building. The John C. Pemberton Sons of Confederate Veterans will be the host for the luncheon. Ladies are welcome. SCV memberships not required

Lion's Club Presentation

On July 8, I was invited to speak at the Loins club in Vicksburg about Southern Heritage. The talk went well and was generally well received. There was a lady who wanted to connect our heritage to the Nazis but could not describe why she thought that. There were a couple who believed that our state flag is divisive and that we need a state banner that represents all the people of our great state. Their logic centered around the use of the Confederate banner as a symbol of oppression during the 1960's. When I explained the Klan had also stolen our Christian cross, the answer was that the cross is not a state sanctioned symbol.

19 Points the History Books Leave Out

by Steve Quick

thanks to Doctor McMillin for submission

No other place of origin evokes such strong reactions and prejudices as the word “Southern”. It is all the more amazing when one considers the manner in which the early Republic was shaped and dominated by Southerners. Jefferson was the intellectual and spiritual architect of the Declaration and as the third President acquired the vast Louisiana Territory staking an early claim as far as the Pacific. Washington’s feats after he defeated the British at Yorktown include the first two terms as President, declining a third and an offer to be “King”. James Madison and Patrick Henry crafted a Constitution which has proved the most enduring and practical political document in the world. In fact, five of our first seven Presidents were Southern and it was James Knox Polk in the 1840’s who assured the U.S. would be a permanent transcontinental nation.

It is not only ironic but forgotten that it was once New England that suffered from the inferiority complex when compared to the feats of these Southern giants. The hinge upon which this extraordinary about-face occurred was the epic known now by the misnomer the “Civil War” and the events which preceded. That terrible conflict, much distorted by both traditional history and more recently the revisionist variety, holds the unfulfilled promise of our national destiny. We currently lack the will and the courage to learn its great truths, banish its dark lies, probe its obscured origins and confront its painful legacies. These myths and distortions must be replaced with historical facts if we desire the ultimate goal of national reconciliation.:
to be continued

Taliban

In 2001, the Taliban shamelessly dynamited the Bamiyan Buddhas, two of the largest such carvings of the ancient world. Built in the 6th century by monks who made their homes along the Silk Road, the Buddha's stood for millenia until fundamentalists removed them from the face of the Earth. Such ignorance still abounds. Over the past few months, the onslaught of the Islamic State has wrought the systematic destruction of cultural artifacts from Palmyra to Nineva, all because they were deemed "offensive" by a minority that if it had its way, would ensure the entire world would adhere to a dark and revisionist existence. There is a loud cry condemning these groups for their destruction of cultural icons. What about Southern Culture and Heritage. It is open season for all things Confederate. Acceptance of diversity seems to be non existent when our heritage is involved.

Poet' s Corner (Thanks Joel)

OH AMERICA

by: Joel T. Bailey

*America, oh America
What are we doing to you
How can you ever survive
What you're going thru*

*We let your flag be burned
And call it freedom of speach
And the words of your founders
We no longer teach*

*We desecrate the memory
Of those who kept you free
In our schools we're changing
The truth of your history*

*We've let foreign countries
Own parts of your great land
For the rights of your people
We no longer stand*

*God made you a great nation
You were founded on his word
But now in your public places
His name is no longer heard*

*If we are going to save you
Americans must band together
Or this land we know and love
Will be lost forever*

Chaplains Corner (Thanks Bryan)

For the Brethren

When we read chapter 5 of St. Paul's first epistle to the church at Thessalonica, we find his warning concerning God's coming wrath. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye... are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief... For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ (vv.3-9). We Christians are obliged to heed the Bible's warnings concerning God's coming wrath for we know that it is not a question of if but when. For while we have not been given the day nor the hour, an integral part of our witness has been to proclaim our Lord's return, and in light of that we ought to persuade as many as we can to accept Christ's atoning sacrifice while there is still time.

Now our adversary the Devil has misled so many people into believing that peace and safety are attainable and maintainable. Returning to verse 3 of I Thessalonians 5 we are told that: For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. How many treaties have actually led to a lasting peace between men and nations? History teaches that reliance on a piece of paper—a treaty—to protect one's country is incredibly naive. But that is what our leaders have done since the beginning of the last century. They have opted to sign pieces of paper which possessed no real power to prevent the very catastrophes which those documents were meant to forestall. Some will say that weapons treaties, and the like, have helped to allay fears and ease suspicions; but in reality they have only masked the real issues and given our populace a false sense of security. Consider also the several treaties and agreements that were established in Europe over the past five hundred years, and you will readily see that none of them ever led to a complete cessation of hostilities. To the contrary, they either created parenthetical periods of peace while some even laid the groundwork for future conflicts as nations [rose] against nation and kingdoms against kingdom (St. Matthew 24:6-7). At this present time, war between Israel and Iran may become a reality sooner than later. With that in mind, it should be understood that any attack on Iran could result in a war with both Russia and China. There is also the likelihood that such a conflict might include the use of nuclear weapons with no guarantee that their use will be limited to that region of the world. Sadly, it seems that with each new attempt at conflict resolution, which our government has engaged in of late, has only elevated the potential for an even more devastating conflagration. Truth be told, our

government has become like the mythical Sisyphus: who was cursed by the gods to perform a pointless task that was beyond completion. Couple that with this government's unique ability to determine the time of victory in a conflict apart from an end to hostilities, and you have the makings for a tragedy of epic proportions. Our country's leaders have become like certain charismatics who claim that if one simply speaks a thing, then it will be so. They believe that while they can determine the time for waging war, they can, as well, declare victory over their foes and it will be done, all facts to the contrary notwithstanding. Can't you hear them now: "Well, there it is—we've won. The conflict is resolved; the issue has been handled; our people are safe; and the homeland has been secured; and it was all due to the efforts of President So-in- So or Ambassador Such-and-Such." Translation, "It was all about mortals and had nothing to do with God." But God has everything to do with any good we might experience because we know that every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning (St. James 1:17). Our country was once blessed by Almighty God "with substantial industry, sound learning and good manners." We possessed those things because we used to be a people who were for the most part true believers in the Godhead. But given the ever-diminishing numbers of Bible-believing Christians, there should be little doubt as to why our country is slowly wasting away. But the membership of the Pollyanna club of politics are still trumpeting the notion that our national recovery is just around the corner. They are blissfully and willfully ignorant of our current condition and will not even entertain the idea that the prognosis is approaching terminal. If one truly desires to see what is coming in our national life, one need only look t II Chronicles 36:15-16 regarding the kingdom of Judah wherein it was written that ... thae LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: but they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy. The Bible tells us that God's patience with the people of Judah had run out. And so, by extension, would you think he will do any less regarding our wicked society today? Either we repent and turn from both our national and our personal sins and trespasses, or the Lord will deal with this country in his hot displeasure. Just by the way things are going should be evidence enough that God has begun to do just that. But God will not remove his hand from around those who have been born gain of the Spirit; neither can such be taken from his hand by the evil one. No, my friends, we have not been

called to experience the wrath of God, only his mercy and grace. The word of God to the apostle Paul in our epistle lesson is sure and certain: But ye... are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief... For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. Our principal duty in this life is to serve our Lord by being obedient to his word. While we cannot change God's plan for this world, we ought to commit our cares and concerns to him concerning our roles in these last days. We ought to trust and not worry about the state of things which must come to pass. We are suppose to occupy till his comes again, which means that we should be working, studying , and living our lives in faith. We ought to be engaged in intercessory prayer for those who oppose themselves across the whole of our society, that God would give them the spiritual insight to see the dangers ahead (II St. Timothy 2:24-26). As Abraham asked of God for a stay in his plan to deal with the wicked of Sodom and Gomorrah, so we must also pray that our country and its leaders will see the error of their ways and turn back before it is too late (Genesis 18:23-32). Scripture tells us that great and terrible things will come upon the children of disobedience, so we should endeavour daily to pull as many as we can from the fire (St. Jude 23). While we have not been called to experience God's wrath, we nevertheless understand from our study of his word that evil will triumph prior to his coming in glory. However, as it is manifesting itself, God will pour out his vials of vengeance and judgment upon the wicked.

The Peace and safety crowd will eventually declare victory whether it is after a horrible world conflict, or after some global leader has convinced the nations to accept his offer of universal peace via their participation as members of a giant global superstate. The prison planet is coming. It might already be here. As terrifying as that may sound, we need to prepare. Our Lord repeatedly warned us to avoid deception and so let us go forward each day serving him by proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ who has offered us true peace and safety in his coming kingdom.

Let us pray,

Father, we pray that thou wouldest help us as we fight the good fight of faith, and stand our ground in this time of our mortal life; that in our warfare and in our work we might do those things which are pleasing and acceptable to thee as we occupy until our Lord Jesus Christ returns; for these things we ask in his most blessed name. Amen.

Confederate Birthdays in August

Some Southern leaders' legacy's are greater than others. Some are loved for their service and some are scorned for their losses, but all served to the best of their abilities given the resources they were provided with and their particular skill set.

Lt General John C Pemberton Aug 10, 1814

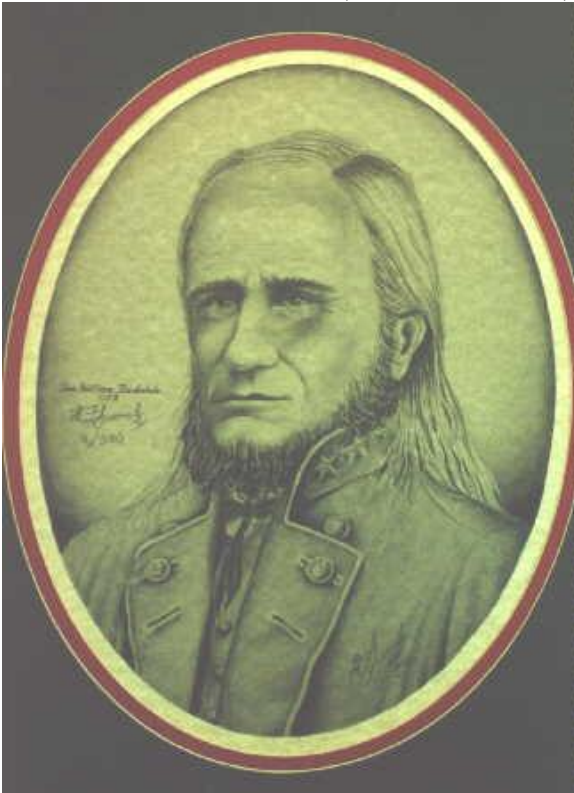
Lt General A. P. Stewart Aug 30, 1821

Major General John Forney Aug 12, 1829

Major General John McCowan

Brigadier General William Barksdale Aug 21, 1821

General Barksdale, "Attention, Mississippians!"



William Barksdale was born in Smyrna Tennessee and graduated from the University of Nashville. He practiced law in Mississippi until he became the editor of the local newspaper in Columbus Mississippi. During the Mexican War, he was a captain in the 2d Mississippi Infantry. After the Mexican war, he served in the United States House of Representatives and was considered one of the most ferocious fire eaters. As Mississippi left the union, he left congress and was appointed Adjutant General and Quartermaster General of the Mississippi militia. In the Confederate Army,

he was appointed colonel of the 13th Mississippi infantry which he lead at first Manassas, the Peninsula campaign and Seven Days. With the death of his brigade commander, he assumed command of the brigade which came to be known as Barksdale's Mississippi brigade and was promoted to Brigadier General. He lead his Mississippi brigade at Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. On the second day at Gettysburg he lead his troops to near victory. Upon receiving his orders to advance he shouted to his men, "**Attention, Mississippians! Battalions forward! Dress to the colors and Forward to the foe! Onward, Brave Mississippians! For Glory!**" Many say his charge was in fact the high point of the Confederacy and came the closest to a victory at Gettysburg. As he lead the charge from the front mounted on his horse, he was wounded and left on the field. He died the next day in a Yankee field hospital He is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Jackson Ms.

New Division officers elected

Congratulations to our newly elected officers of the Mississippi Division.

They need your prayers and support:

Commander	Louis Foley
1st Lt Commander	Chuck Bond
2d Lt commander	Mike Webb
Adjutant	Dan McCaskill
3d Brigade Commander	David Wooten
3D brigade Councilman	Trent Lewis

John C. Pemberton Camp Website

Go to <http://scv-camp-1354.com/> to view our website. Thanks to our Webmaster Bill Fryer. Bill is creating a "Wall of Honor" for our ancestors. Check it out on the web site and add your ancestor. Also find directions to our meeting location

Newsletter

If anyone has read a good book, visited an interesting place, would like to post a bio of their Confederate ancestor, or just has a thought they would like to share with the membership, forward the article to me (charlescresap33@att.net) and I will place it in the next newsletter. Also if you have any ideas for making the newsletter better serve you, please let me know

Mississippi Monument at Shiloh

Please place October 10, 2015 on your calendar for dedication of the Mississippi Monument at Shiloh. The Governor is already committed to another event for the entire day on our original (target) date. I have submitted request for Governor to speak on October 10. You must understand that we won't get a firm "yes or no" until about 4-6 weeks out but it is incumbent upon us to make this effort to provide a day the Governor may be able to participate.

Please know we are now committed to October 10 and work toward that end. I have talked with the Superintendent at Shiloh and they are good with October 10 and working toward that with us. There is a story circulating that the SCV will not be allowed to participate in the program. More to follow.

Flag Restoration

In many cases the old veteran's battle flags are our last physical link to their valor. Many of their flags are in possession of the State of Mississippi Archives and History. There they are rotting away to dust. It is up to us as decedents of these brave men to preserve their battle flags for our descendants to see. There are three funding activities. Direct donations, SCV car tags, and sale of coffee cups. Our camp has a supply of coffee cups. Ask me about cups.

Changing the Name Against the Law

Our case against the University of Mississippi is still in the discovery stage. The Division Judge Advocate hopes to have a court date in 6 months or so.

Friends of Beauvoir

Beauvoir the Home of Jefferson Davis is Owned and Operated by the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Here is an Invitation to give the Past a Future!

Go to http://www.beauvoir.org/Support_Beauvoir/index.html for details

Bricks for Beauvoir

The plans are for a brick plaza around the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Each brick would cost \$50.00 and would have the name of a Confederate ancestor of members of the SCV who give to the effort. "The Bricks for Beauvoir" Project is spearheaded by Larry McCluney, Past Commander of the Mississippi Division. Thirteen columns, in a crescent, will represent the 13 States of the Confederacy and will fly the flag of each respective State.

Fall Muster

Mark your colanders for Oct 16-18. That week end is Fall Muster at Beauvoir. You can experience the sights, sounds and smells of the 1860's, as you witness the epic struggle that shaped the Nation.

Upcoming Mississippi Division Conventions

The 2016 Mississippi Convention will be Hosted by the Hattiesburg camp with the convention at Beauvoir

Upcoming National Conventions

2016 – Dallas/Ft. Worth Texas <http://scv2016.org/>

2017 – Memphis Tennessee

MS Division Executive Board Meeting

Our MS Division Executive Board Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 19th at 9:30 a.m. at Central Independence Baptist Church, 1859 Old Brandon Road, Pearl, MS. next to Haley Towers. just off Highway 80 behind Larry's Auto Sales. Due to scheduling issues of an event and very limited parking at the War Memorial Building that day our venue had to be changed. To be added to the agenda contact Chief of Staff Michael Wooten at pftr72@aol.com

New book Slavery Was Not the Cause of the War Between the States, The Irrefutable Argument

This powerful 360 page book is easy to read and thoroughly documented with 218 footnotes and over 200 sources in the bibliography. It makes “the conclusive case” that the annihilation of the Northern economy and not slavery caused the war. There are 86 sample pages on www.BonnieBluePublishing.com

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