

## Chesapeake Biological Laboratory

The following numbers are related to the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory campus:

<u>MIHP Number</u>	<u>Property Name/C.B.L. Building Number</u>
CT-72	Solomons House (C.B.L. Building 482)
CT-1001	Carmen's Framecraft (C.B.L. Saunders House, Building 481)
CT-1002	Solomons Island Laundromat (C.B.L. Becker House, Building 485)
CT-1004	Farren Avenue House (C.B.L. Kopp House, Building 463)
CT-1005	Beaven Hall (C.B.L. Building 450)
CT-1007	Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Annex (Swift House, Building 470)
CT-1009	Sunset View Inn/Elliott's Inn
CT-1010	Harten House
CT-1011	Carey House (C.B.L. Building 484)
CT-1201	Solomons Island Wharf
CT-1370	Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Historic District
CT-1370_0001_CRS	C.B.L., Cory Hall, Building 451
CT-1370_0002_CRS	C.B.L., Nice Hall, Building 452
CT-1370_0003_CRS	C.B.L., R.V. Truitt Laboratory, Building 453
CT-1370_0004_CRS	C.B.L., Maintenance Facility, Building 456
CT-1370_0005_CRS	C.B.L., Mansueti Laboratory, Building 459
CT-1370_0006_CRS	C.B.L., Pump House/Pier, Building 474
CT-1370_0007_CRS	C.B.L., Northam House, Building 487
CT-1370_0008_CRS	C.B.L., Parish House and Garage, Buildings 477 and 478
CT-1370_0009_CRS	C.B.L., Storage Building, Building 479
CT-1370_0010_CRS	C.B.L., L. Eugene Cronin Laboratory, Building 486
CT-1370_0011_CRS	C.B.L., Bernie Flower Laboratory, Building 480
CT-1370_0012_CRS	C.B.L., Coastal Technologies Lab, Building 483
CT-1370_0013_CRS	C.B.L., Research Fleet Operations Center, Building 458



## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**CT-1007**

**Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Annex**

**132 Williams Street**

**Solomons, Calvert County**

**ca. 1920**

**Public**

The Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Annex, also known as the Swift House and the Yorker House, was built circa 1920. The former dwelling is an excellent example of a Colonial Revival-style American foursquare, a popular domestic form in Calvert County during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The Lyons, Gibson and Company, located in nearby Huntingtown, was responsible for build many of the dwellings similar in style and form to the former dwelling at 132 Williams Street between about 1905 and 1930. The property is now owned and occupied by the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, which was founded by Dr. Reginald V. Truitt in 1925 with the University of Maryland's Conservation Department for scientific research on the marine life of Maryland.

This two-and-a-half story American foursquare dwelling is set on a rock-faced concrete-block foundation. The square, wood-frame structure is clad in aluminum siding and capped by a hipped roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The soffit and fascia of the ogee-molded cornice have been enclosed with aluminum. Three sides of the roof are pierced by imposing front-gabled dormers clad with aluminum siding. The dormers have paired 1/1 metal-sash windows, enclosed tympanums with ogee-molded cornices, and square-edged surrounds with back banding. An exterior-end brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises from the northwestern corner of the building. The full-width one-story porch on the east elevation rests on poured concrete piers and has a new wooden floor. The porch has a half-hipped roof supported by turned wood posts and clad in asphalt shingles. The fenestration is comprised of 1/1 metal-sash windows, with square-edged metal surrounds, and louvered aluminum shutters. The single-leaf entry on the façade, or east elevation, holds a replacement nine-light door. A one-story addition was added to the west elevation of the house. Covered by a half-hipped roof, the addition has a rock-faced concrete-block pier foundation with poured concrete infill. It is clad with aluminum siding and pierced by single 1/1 metal-sash windows and paired jalousie windows.

# Maryland Historical Trust

Inventory No. CT-1007

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Annex  
 other Swift House; Yorker House

### 2. Location

street and number 132 Williams Street not for publication  
 city, town Solomons vicinity  
 county Calvert

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name State of MD Board of Regents  
 street and number Environmental & Estuarine Studies Center telephone Unknown  
 city, town Solomons state MD zip code 20688

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 46A:70  
 city, town Pr. Frederick liber JLB 102 folio 162

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education		
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			1	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair            | <input type="checkbox"/> altered      |
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### SETTING

The Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Annex is located at 132 Williams Street on Solomons Island. Now associated with a larger laboratory campus, the former dwelling is on the north side of the street with parking surrounding. A metal handicap ramp has been added to the south side of the house from the parking lot. The small front and side yards have grass, small shrubs, and a paved walkway leading from the street.

### PRIMARY RESOURCE

This two-and-a-half story American foursquare dwelling is set on a rock-faced concrete-block foundation. The square, wood-frame structure is clad in aluminum siding and capped by a hipped roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The soffit and fascia of the ogee-molded cornice have been enclosed with aluminum. Three sides of the roof are pierced by imposing front-gabled dormers clad with aluminum siding. The dormers have paired 1/1 metal-sash windows, enclosed tympanums with ogee-molded cornices, and square-edged surrounds with back banding. The tympanums on the north and south elevations have louvered vents. An exterior-end brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises from the northwestern corner of the building. The full-width one-story porch on the east elevation rests on poured concrete piers and has a new wooden floor. The porch has a half-hipped roof supported by turned wood posts and clad in asphalt shingles. The fenestration is comprised of 1/1 metal-sash windows, with square-edged metal surrounds, and louvered aluminum shutters. The single-leaf entry on the façade, or east elevation, holds a replacement nine-light door. A one-story addition was added to the west elevation of the house. Covered by a half-hipped roof, the addition has a rocked-faced concrete-block pier foundation with poured concrete infill. It is clad with aluminum siding and pierced by single 1/1 metal-sash windows and paired jalousie windows. A metal ADA-compliant ramp runs along the south side of the house, leading to the single-leaf flush wood entry in the addition. A metal bulkhead basement entry located to the north of the rear addition.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** ca. 1920

**Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** ca. 1920

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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### ENDNOTES

(1) University of Maryland, Center for Environmental Sciences, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (downloaded 11/04/2004 from <http://cbl.umd.edu/>).

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 0.34

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Solomons Island

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Annex is located at 132 Williams Street, Solomons, Calvert County, Maryland. The historic house is noted on Tax Map 46A, Parcel 70. It has been historically associated with Parcel 70 since the building's construction circa 1920.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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date 11/5/2004

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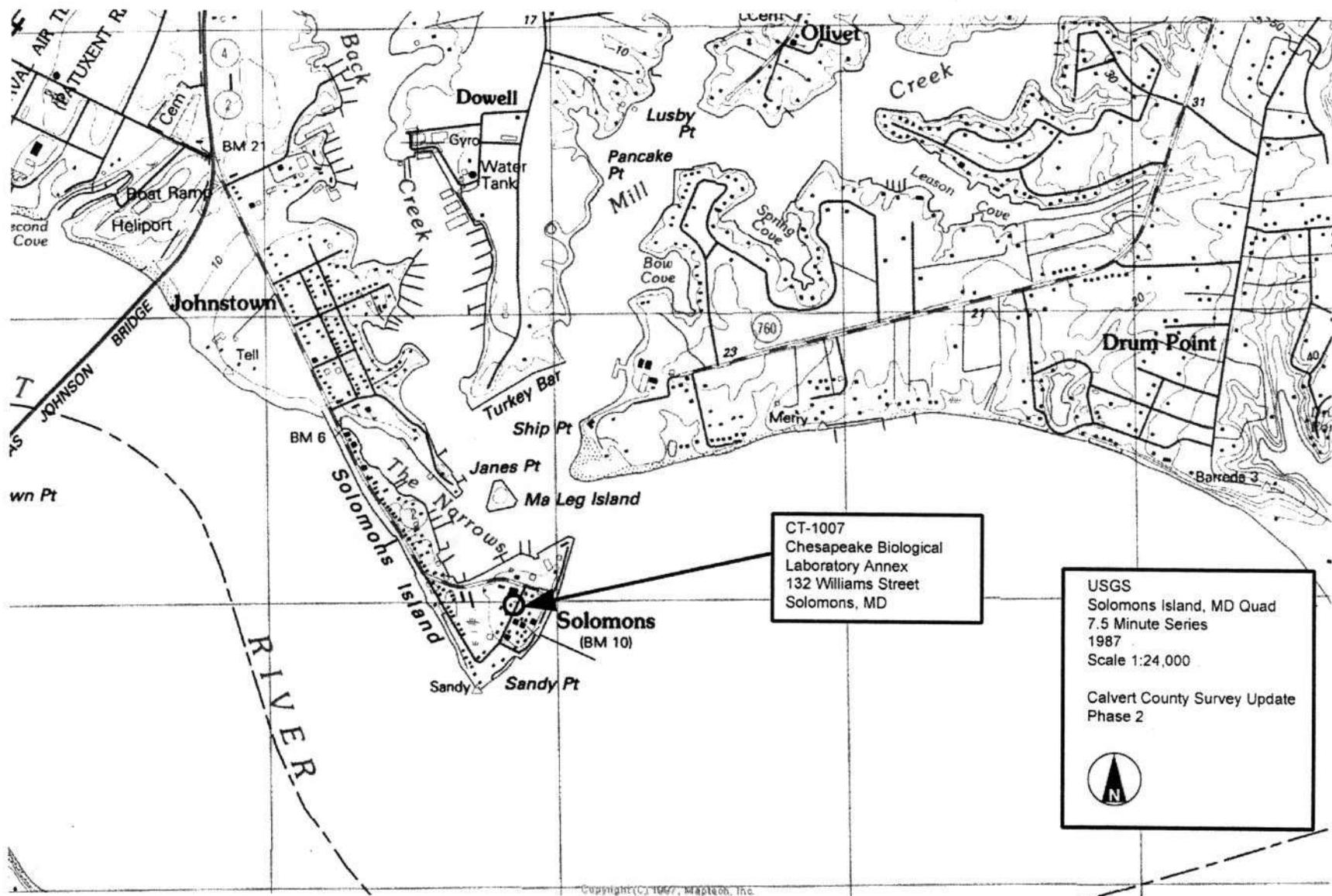
Name Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Annex

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Calvert County, MD

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MD SHPO

northeast corner

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C.B.I. Annex, 132 Williams St.

Calvert County, MD

ERT Traceries

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MD SHPO

southeast corner

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C.B.I. Annex, 132 Williams St.

Calvert County, MD

EHT Traceries

11/2003

MD SHPO

southwest corner

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common C.B.L. Annex

## 2. Location

street &amp; number Williams Street \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Solomons \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district

state Maryland \_\_\_\_\_ county Calvert

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name University of Maryland Board of Regents

street &amp; number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.:

city, town College Park \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code MD 20742

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse \_\_\_\_\_ liber

street &amp; number Main Street (MD 765) \_\_\_\_\_ folio

city, town Prince Frederick \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

### Check one

unaltered  
 altered

### Check one

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This two-story two-bay framed and weatherboarded four-square dwelling faces southeast onto Williams Street. It has a hipped roof with a ridgeline running perpendicular to the facade and a gable-roofed dormer set into each face of the roof. The windows are glazed with single-pane double-hung sash. There is a one-story hipped-roof front porch set onto Doric columns and a rear one-story hipped-roof shed addition. This structure dates from the early decades of the twentieth century. It now serves as office space for the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. CT-1007

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below					
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Directed historical research would more firmly establish the historical significance of this site.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-1007

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Solomons Island, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing							

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing							

C 

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D 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

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Solomons

Calvert County, Maryland

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