

CARR-1304

Mt. Ventus School #13
2506 Mt. Ventus Road
Wentz (vicinity)

1903

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1304

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mt. Ventus School #13

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2506 Mt. Ventus Road not for publication

city, town Wentz vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

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

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

name Grace Muth

street & number 2506 Mt. Ventus Road telephone no.: 374-9366

city, town Manchester state and zip code Maryland 21102

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber 176

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 1

city, town Westminster 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		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The former school building at 2506 Mt. Ventus Road is one story, 6 to 1 common-bond brick building on a rubble fieldstone foundation. It is a three bays wide and three bays deep, with segmentally-arched windows containing wood 4 over 4 double-hung sash. The building is oriented with the gable end as the front, facing the intersection of Mt. Ventus #1 and Mt. Ventus #2 Roads. This facade has the centrally-located entrance with large single light wood and transom. There is a gable roof covered by standing-seam metal.

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The interior was not accessible, but has been cut up from its original one-room plan to three or more rooms. It apparently does retain its vertical tongue and grooved Wainscoting, at least in places.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<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.

Summary: At the 7 July 1902 meeting of the Carroll County Board of School Commissioners it was noted in the minute book:

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The Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1903 states that the school was 32 feet long by 26 feet wide and eleven feet high. The building cost \$720 and furnishings another \$98.07. It is not known what year the school opened, but the lot was transferred to the Board on 20 September 1905. The Board sold it at the end of 1926 for \$205. When and why the school closed is also unknown.

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Educational

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Resource Types: School

At the 7 July 1902 meeting of the Carroll County Board of School Commissioners it was noted in the minute book:

A delegation appeared before the Board in behalf of a new school house in Manchester District about two miles from Wentz's. It was ordered that whenever the community has finished a school house according to the regulation specifications for Public School houses in Carroll County, on a lot for which the school board has a legally recorded deed, then the School Commissioners will pay the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) to the builders of said house. (President Blocher was appointed a committee to locate the lot for said house, the lot to be donated to the school board.)

Significance (continued)

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Perusal of the minute books over a several year period reveals that there were many instances where the school board solicited bids and hired a builder to construct a school house. Presumably, this was done where there was the greatest demonstrated need, although politics may have played an important role, too. The school board budget always seemed inadequate for the implied needs, so apparently the school board had provisions for communities with lower priorities that wanted a school. As long as the region provided the lot and built the structure according to the Board's specifications (which have not been uncovered) the Board would reimburse at least a large part of the cost of construction and would operate the school. On 3 November 1902, the Board carried a motion to order a bookcase and chair for Mt. Ventus School. The Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1903 states that the school was 32 feet long by 26 feet wide and eleven feet high. It had outbuildings (presumably two outhouses, one each for boys and girls) but was not fenced. The building cost \$720 and furnishings another \$98.07, and was equipped with 48 square feet of blackboard.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Carroll County Land Records
Board of School Commissioners Minute Book, 7 July 1902 & 3 November 1902
Board of School Commissioners Annual Report, 1903

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .31 acres

Quadrangle name Manchester

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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11. Form Prepared By

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state Maryland

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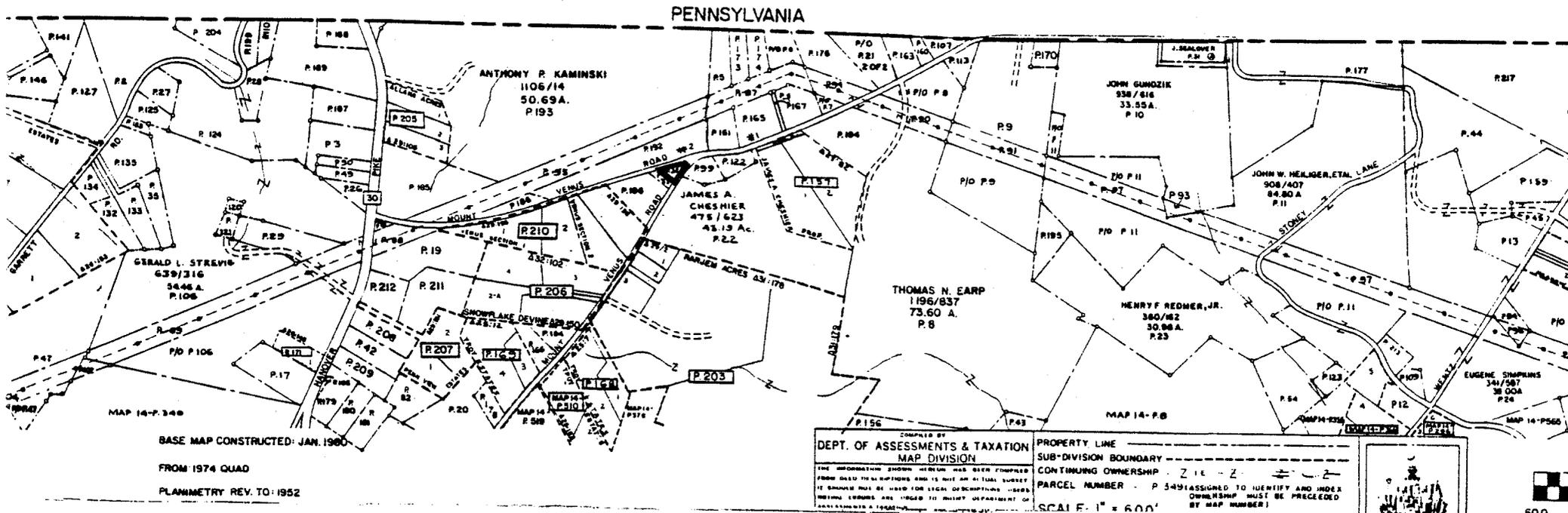
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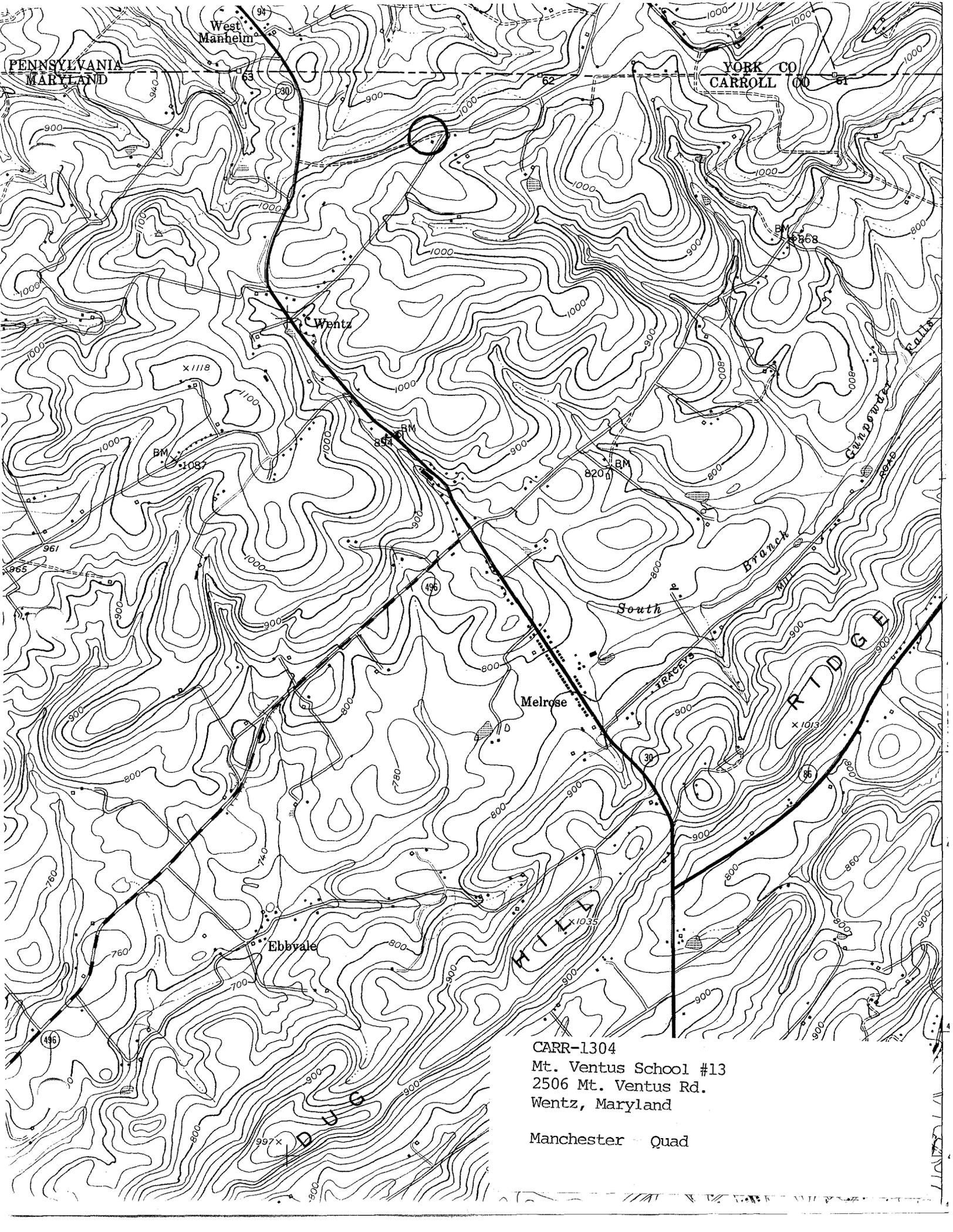
CAK 1304
 2506 Mount Ventus Road
 Mt. Ventus School #13

CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS ACTION	COMMENTS
Noah H. Ruhlman & wife Kate	Carroll	Cletus M. & Grace M. Muth (wife)	?	6-25- 1941	LDM 176	1	Deed	.5 a. Mt. Ventus Public School Lot
Board of Ed. of Carroll County		Noah H. & Kate Ruhlman	?	12-15- 1926	EMM 148	225		\$205.00
Emanuel Garrett & wife Saranda	Carroll	Board of School Commissioners of Carroll County (now Board of Ed.)		9-20- 1905	DPS 102	413	Deed	For erection of school house part of lot below
David Garnett & wife		Emanuel Garrett		2-9-1885	WNM 66	399	Deed	



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Manchester Quad



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Carroll County, Maryland

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Date: Feb. 1992

Neg. Loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
Southeast divs.

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