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Tom Jones' Market
Bishops Head
c. 1935

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Pritchett's Store
other Tom Jones Market

2. Location

street and number Bishop's Head Road not for publication
city, town Bishop's Head vicinity
county Dorchester

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

name MFG, LLC
street and number 4802 Buffalo Road telephone
city, town Mt. Airy state MD zip code 21771

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber 1040 folio 40
city, town Cambridge tax map 108 tax parcel 211 tax ID number 10-001641

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 at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

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

**Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory**

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Tom Jones' Market is a small country store building that stands on the north side of Bishop's Head Road where the road turns on a right angle heading to Crocheron or heading straight to St. Thomas Church. Built during the second quarter of the twentieth century, around 1935-40, the single-story, hip roofed frame structure is supported on a low concrete foundation, and covered with asbestos shingles. The hip roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. An engaged front porch under the hip is supported by tapered columns resting on rusticated block plinths. The rectangular frame main block is extended to the west (rear) and south side by shed roofed sections. The store faces south with the hip roof oriented on a north/south axis.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Tom Jones' Market is a small frame store that stands on the north side of Bishop's Head Road in the community known as Bishop's Head, Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story, rectangular hipped roof frame structure is supported on a low concrete foundation, and the exterior is clad with asbestos shingles. The medium pitched hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) façade is a narrow three-bay elevation defined by a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The entrance features a six-panel door, and the windows have metal grilles. The front door and windows are sheltered by the engaged hip roof, supported on square tapered columns resting on rusticated concrete block plinths. The edge of the hip roof is marked by a series of exposed rafter ends. The south elevation of the main block is extended to the west by a shed roofed section that is pierced on its south side by a double-door entrance. The edge of the shed roof is slightly extended.

The west side of the south shed is paired by a pair of rectangular window openings fixed under the extended eave and located at the outer ends of the wall surface. The shed room is supported by regularly spaced concrete block piers.

The north (rear) wall is largely covered by a shed roofed wing which has a flush roof edge on each side and a slightly extended eave on the north side. There is a barred door opening on the west side of the shed, and a barred window opening on the north side. Piercing the gable end of the main block is a single flue brick stove chimney. The edge of the roof of the main block has a slightly extended eave.

The interior was not open for inspection; the store has been closed for several years.

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" 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 history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SUMMARY SIGNIFICANCE

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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¹ Dorchester County Land Records, PLC 149/179, 21 October 1966, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.

² Dorchester County Land Record, JFD 32/233, 13 January 1934, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.

³ John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, p. 80.

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Tom Jones Market
Bishops Head, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 108, Parcel 211

1040/40

Theodore Crawford Jones

to

6.21.2011

MFG, LLC

\$20,000

PLC 149/179

Maude B. Pritchett

to

10.21.1966

J. Thomas Jones and Anna L. Jones

JFD 32/233

Frank H. Jones and Annie Jones

to

1.13.1934

Orion L. Pritchett

\$50.00 all that tract, piece, or parcel of land situate lying and being in Straits Election District of Dorchester County; that is to say beginning at a point on the south east side of the public county road running from Bishop's Head to Crocheron, Md.,... where the storehouse formerly owned by the late C. C. Fallin stood (which said storehouse has since burned) and thence runs in a right in a direction at about right angles with said road and in a line parallel with place where said storehouse formerly stood,

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WLR 1/669

Angie Fallin, Wade H. Fallin, William C. Fallin, Edgar Fallin,
Surviving children of Christopher C. Fallin

to

12.21.1909

Frank H. Jones

FJH 11/157

Amelia M. Hart, Admin. Of George Hart

to

6.26.1876

Christopher C. Fallin

\$5,000 paid to the said George Hart in his lifetime by Christopher C. Fallin of the County and State aforesaid and in pursuance of an ordinance passed by the Orphans Court for Dorchester County on the sixth day of September in 1875, I the said Amelia M. Hart, administrator of the said George Hart Deceased, do grant in fee simple unto the said Christopher C. Fallin, all that tract or parcel of land upon which the Said George Hart formerly resided, and upon which the Said Christopher C. Fallin now resides situated in the Straight's District in the County aforesaid, adjoining the the lands of Jabez Todd, on the south, John J. Elliott and Ransom Creek on the east, Richard Q. Todd and the heirs of William Fallin on the North and bounded on the West by the Waters of Fox Creek, be the same be called by whatever name or names...together with the dwelling house, store house, and other buildings thereon...Also a small tract of woodland and marsh in situated near the described property... The two tracts of land hereby conveyed containing in the aggregate one hundred and sixty nine acres of land more or or less...

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Major Bibliographical References

Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

Graham, John L. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre
Acreage of historical setting _____
Quadrangle name Wingate, MD Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	7.30.2013
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA,

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1974 supplement.

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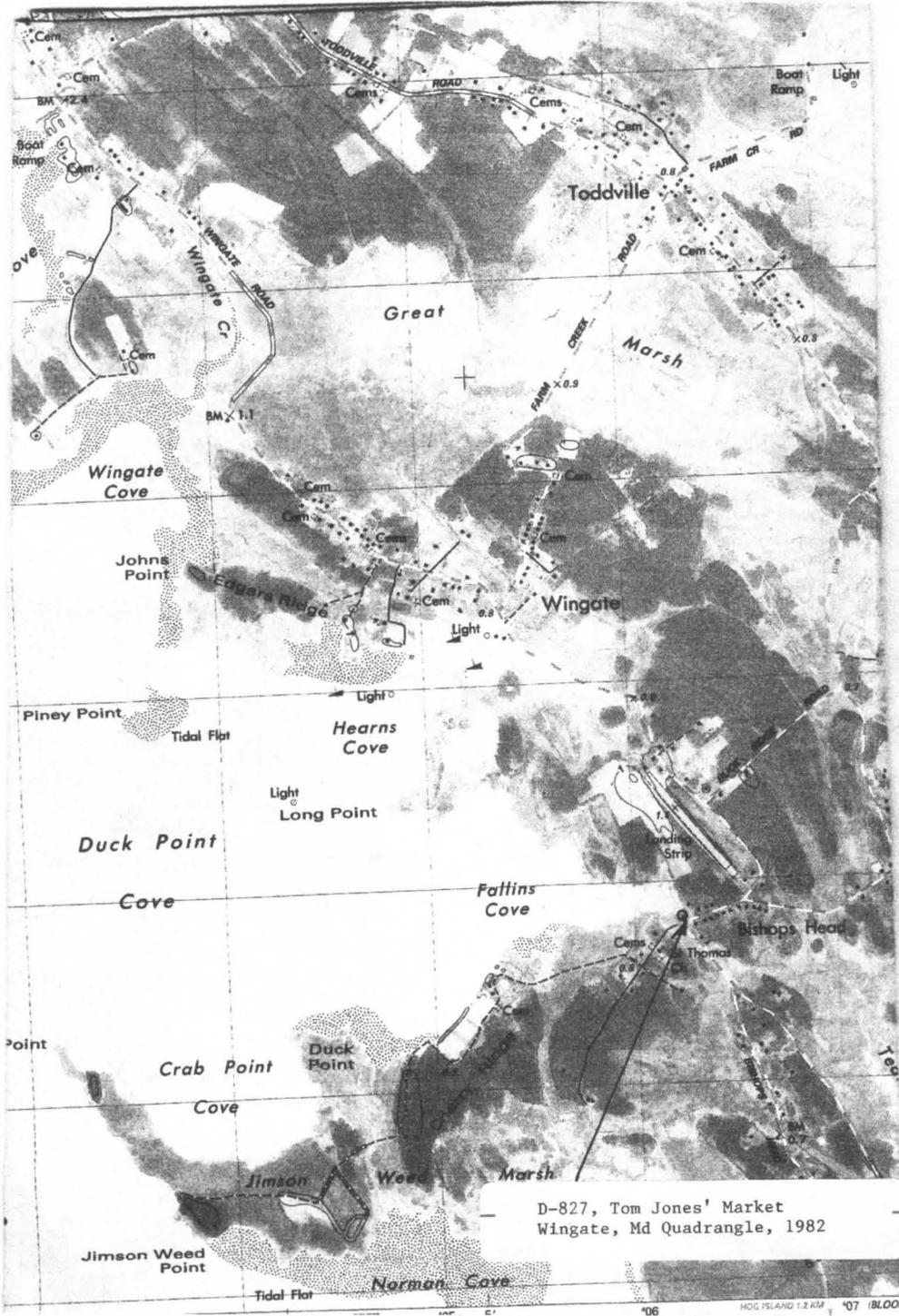
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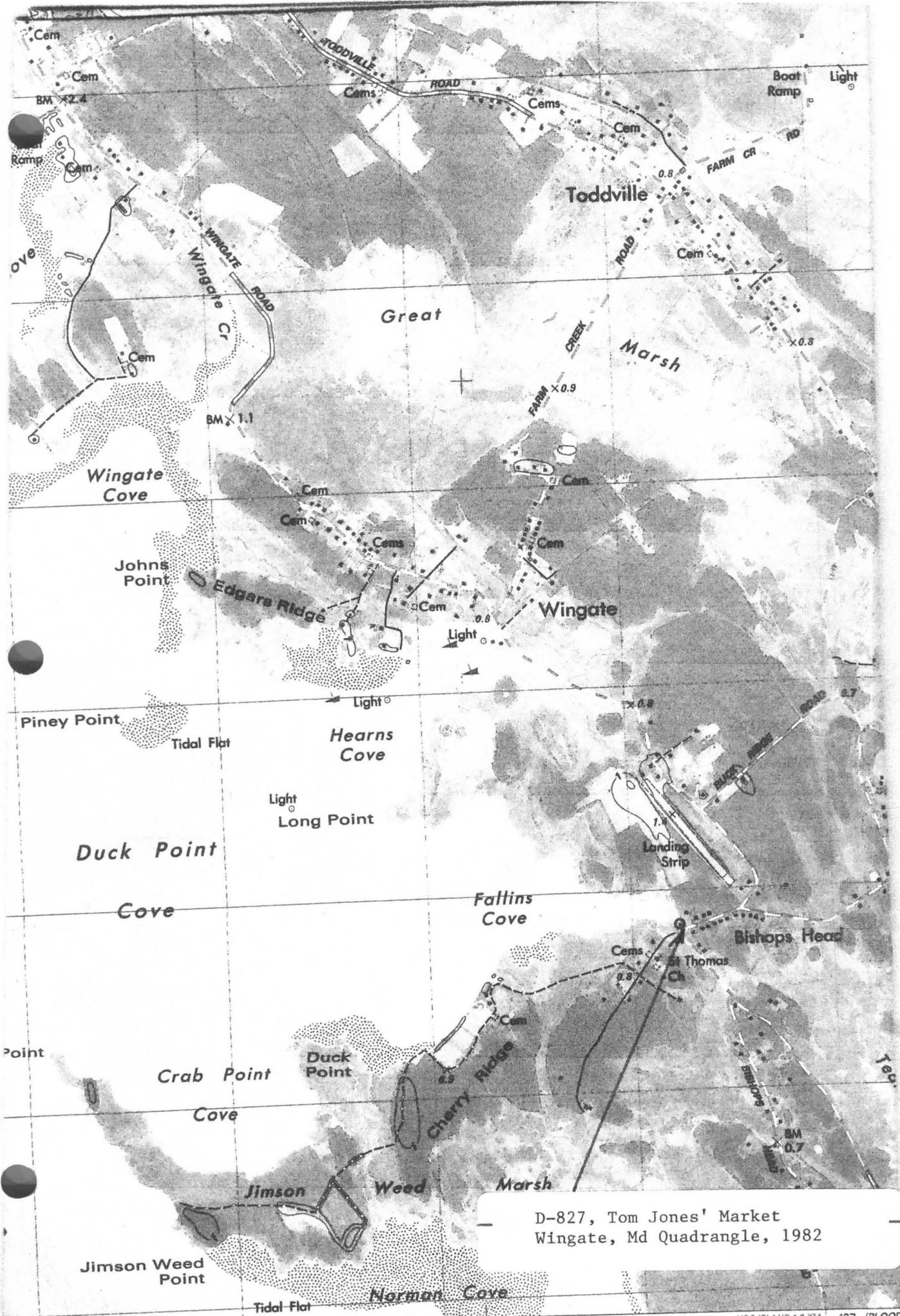
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D-827, Tom Jones' Market
Wingate, Md Quadrangle, 1982



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Tom Jones



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TOM JONES' MARKET

BISHOPS HEADS, DORCHESTER C, MD.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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TOM JONES MARKET

BISHOPS HEAD, DORCHESTER CO., MD.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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