

**MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 397<sup>th</sup> Edition – September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

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Just about to Haines, Sept 25, 2014.

Photo courtesy Betty Sutton [BettySutt@gmail.com](mailto:BettySutt@gmail.com) (In Whitehorse)

**COURTESY WHITEHORSE STAR – YUKON HISTORY SECTION -**



Until about 1920 Whitehorse had a red light district at the north end of town. Here are two of the (earlier) "sporting ladies" or "soiled doves", as they were called.

Photo University of Washington Library.

By **Whitehorse Star** on **September 20, 1907**

## **With Murder in his Heart**

Robert Whittier Blows Out His Own Brains After Attempting to Murder Ida Williams.

Keeper of a House of Ill Repute, in the North End, With Whom He Was Infatuated.

An attempted murder followed by suicide occurred in the "North end" at about 12:45 a.m. Monday. The tragedy took place at the home of Ida Williams, keeper of a bagnio in that part of town.

The would-be murderer and suicide was Robert Whittier, a carpenter about 28 or 30 years of age, a man who has been in this locality at irregular intervals for the past three or four years. As a result of the tragedy, Whittier lies in a suicides grave and Mrs. Williams is confined to her bed at her home with a portion of the skull of the back of her head shot away.

The story of the attempted murder and suicide as elicited at the coroner's inquest conducted by Inspector Demers, R.N.W.M.P., with the following jury: J.P. Whitney, foreman, R. Unsworth, P.D. McMillan, Wm. Drury, Fred R. Alley and Arthur Thompson, was gleaned from Mrs. Williams and a man named Shooke, the only eye witnesses to the tragedy, although there was another man in the house at the time, was as follows:

Whittier, who first came to Whitehorse over three years ago, was much infatuated with Mrs. Williams and he, with another young man, was very attentive to her in the capacity of nurse at the time she sustained a broken leg about a year ago. In fact, he had practically made her house his home for a long time although he had a shack in the woods a few yards south of her house.

Sunday night he was at Mrs. Williams' house and, according to evidence, was offended at seeing the object of his affections attentive to other men with the result that, without any preliminaries, he attempted the woman's life and a second later took his own.

Whittier had his left arm around the woman's neck when she first discovered the revolver, a 38 caliber, owned by the woman, by the way, in his right hand. Seeing him leveling the weapon at her head she "ducked" forward and the bullet struck the back of her head, tearing away a small portion of the skull.

A second later, and before Shooke could interfere, Whittier had turned the gun and had shot himself in the head, the bullet entering slightly back of the right temple and passing through the head, coming out near the left ear.

Whittier was never conscious after he shot himself but did not die until about 2:30 o'clock, or one hour and forty-five minutes afterward.

Drs. Cade and Pare, who were called in their professional capacity to examine the dying man and the wounded woman, were also witnesses before the coroner's jury. The jury brought in a verdict that the deceased came to his death by his own hand. There was no evidence to show that Mrs. Williams had ever encouraged Whittier's attentions any more than those of other men.

For the past several years Whittier has been employed by Eli Hume, Archie Gould and other contractors and is said to have been a good workman and a quiet, steady young fellow. He was a

native of eastern Canada and Mrs. Williams testified that he had frequently told her how he was a nephew of Sir Charles Tupper.

Up to yesterday evening no arrangements had been made regarding the burial of Whittier. If no word is received by noon today the police will take charge of the body and bury it this afternoon.

## **SPRING CLEANUP**

Women Fined For Violating Liquor Law.

Police Magistrate Taylor appeared before a full house last Friday morning when no fewer than ten women residents of the restricted district were before him charged either with selling whisky without license or with being inmates of disorderly houses.

Those fined for the first offense were: Minnie Dale, \$100 and costs; Violet Devere, \$100 and costs; Ida Williams, \$100 and costs; Louisa Bernal, \$100 and costs; Rosie Greenburg, \$50 and costs; Take Yoshinoto, or Howshouldiknow, \$50 and costs. It was the first conviction for the latter two.

Those fined for being inmates were: Beatrice Collins, \$10 and costs; Bertha Harris, \$10 and costs; Mamie Ray, \$10 and costs; Lillian Wallace, \$10 and costs. The costs in each of the above cases amounted to \$5. There are several more to come up on similar charges.

## **YUKON NUGGET**

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin

Courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen [marg\\*hougens.com](http://marg*hougens.com) (In Whitehorse)

### **A new biography of Pierre Berton**

On October 14 th, 2008 in Ottawa, a Carleton University historian is releasing his new book called " Pierre Berton, a Biography." The book is a massive 681 pages and is the subject of this Yukon Nugget.

Ontario author, Brian McKillop, thinks Pierre Berton is a Canadian icon and he set about to prove it in this sweeping biography. **During his research, McKillop discovered a family secret that even Pierre didn't know.** Pierre's father Frank, who trekked to the Klondike in 1898, grew up in New Brunswick. However, Pierre was unaware, until just months before he died in 2004, that his father had lived much of his young life in an orphanage.

In 1878, Pierre's grandmother, then a widow, had two boys and was unable to raise them both. So she kept five-year-old Jack and left Frank at Wiggins Male Orphan Institution, where he lived for 10 years. He then graduated from the University of New Brunswick and headed off to the Klondike to seek his fortune and start a family in Dawson City.

Pierre Berton was born in Whitehorse on July 12, 1920 and raised in Dawson City. His mother, Laura Beatrice Berton (née Thomson) was a school teacher in Dawson City, where she had met Frank Berton.

The book details Pierre's rise to fame, from his days as a young newspaper reporter in Vancouver to national prominence with Maclean's magazine, TV shows, including Front Page Challenge, and best-selling books.

Behind the scenes, there is a more notorious story. For many years, says the author, Berton led a racy private life and sought to keep the details private.

During the Second World War, while a soldier serving in Britain, his girlfriend, named Frances, announced she was pregnant by him. The two went their separate ways and Mr. Berton, according to McKillop, never made inquiries to determine whether he had a son or daughter in England.

In the 1960s in Toronto, Berton was known to his close friends as a habitual skirt-chaser and a member of the Sordsmen's Club, an organization of Toronto men dedicated to good food, lively discussion, beautiful women and more. A young Adrienne Clarkson, later to become Governor General, was one of the women invited to dine and cavort with the Sordsmen.

Author McKillop calls Berton Canada's first modern celebrity and its most iconic figure because he spent a lifetime researching Canada's history and writing renowned books, including The National Dream, The Last Spike, Klondike, and The Comfortable Pew.

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## **Dawson City Skating**    [Help wanted !!](#)

Does anyone have a good quality photo of the old Dawson City Skating and Hockey Rink that was on the west side of 5th avenue from 1938 through to its demolition in 1978? Colour or black and white? Outside and Interior?

Mike and I are assisting a New York documentary film maker in his quest to tell the story of the old silent movie film find in Dawson in 1978. If you recall, the old films were dug up when excavating part of the site that used to have the old swimming pool from the Dawson Amateur Athletic Association era...The old films were part of the material/junk used to fill in the old pool back in the late 1920's, and subsequently just used it for skating and hockey. After the fire that destroyed the D.A.A.A. on December 30th of 1937, the community raised funds to fix the Skating part that escaped the fire, to stand alone for years of use as a Hockey arena...Skating venue. Unfortunately it was one of those old but not too picturesque structures so most photo collections we are aware of, including our own, do not include any exterior or interior photos.

The film maker is Bill Morrison. You can find his webpage at:  
<http://billmorrisonfilm.com/>

He has scoured both the American Library of Congress archives as well as our Canadian one and other collections for images of the old D-3A building etc. and has most of the old Silent movies as digital records now...We have contributed our news clipping file from the old Dawson newspapers for him to copy ...and he did visit Yukon last week...spent 5 days in Dawson and fell in love with the place....(He is sensitive to the fact Klondike is not part of Alaska!!!!)...and wants to create a great documentary. Our missing photo needs to be a good quality image of that old rink building. Ideally black and white or colour works for him...needs to be sharp... Best viewpoint might be looking north or south from a viewpoint on 5th Avenue near the Avenue....

I will forward all photos and names and contact info to him, with permission, and he will make direct contact if he finds an image useful to his work. I have no idea of payment fees etc. but know for sure credit will be given on documentary...or perhaps in exchange for image he will send a copy of completed documentary? Photographer or photo owner would have to negotiate that.

Thanks for any help.

Kathy Gates [kmgates\\*northwestel.net](mailto:kmgates*northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

## **MocTel 396**

Hello, Sherron. It is sad to see the photo of the old boats across the river from Dawson. Elmer Gaundroue told us when we saw them in 1963 that they had been pulled up on the "ways" in 1928. He said there probably were a total of seven. When we saw them the names Julia B, Seattle No. 3, and the Schwatka were quite visible, their decks were intact, and two of the smoke stacks were still upright. The only other boat visible was the rotting hull of the Mary Graff.

Ed and Star Jones [edandstar\\*gmail.com](mailto:edandstar*gmail.com) (In Dawson 1962 - ?) Santa Fe, New Mexico

Sent the message above to Gillian and Edward so they could see their photos brought back memories to someone.

I was so sad when I saw the ship's in the graveyard.....that used to sail so proudly up and down the Klondike ....shrink to hardly anything..... As when I was first there in 1967... they were in pretty good shape. My sons and I used to look at them every time we were on the River..... but I guess the weather takes its toll. Sad to see them shrinking every Year.

Gillian Campbell [gillianklondikekate\\*shaw.ca](mailto:gillianklondikekate*shaw.ca) (In Burnaby)

**Poem/Message by George B. Clark aka Brittlebones to Ernie & Sophie Armitage when they left Yukon after managing the 98 Hotel and Bar.**

To Ernie & Sophie

Whitehorse, YT July 5/61

So you're "taking off" you're leaving  
I guess you are glad to go.  
Away from dusty, dirty Whitehorse  
Leaving the Yukon cold & snow.

Well, we'll miss you at the '98  
The both of you that's true,  
Miss the smart cracks we always get.  
That keep us from feeling blue.

May Happiness Good Luck be on your trail,  
Follow each and every track.  
Until the day you do return,  
Until the day you do come back.

Maybe just for a visit,  
To the Yukon cold and snow.  
Hell, you cannot leave us for good.  
Because you're a pair of Sourdoughs.

Sincerely Geo B. Clark & Many Friends

Sophie Armitage [sopharmy@shaw.ca](mailto:sopharmy@shaw.ca) (In Kelowna)

*George Clark was on parking meter patrol for the City of Whitehorse in 1968 when I started working there. I recalled he signed his middle initial "B" so when Sophie told me she had this document I asked if my memory served me correct. How time flies, that was 46 years ago. It wasn't until I received a scanned copy of the above message that it was confirmed. George had lovely hand writing. – Sherron Jones*

## **Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Roy and Bev Reber**

Heard on the Vancouver Global TV 6pm News/Weather yesterday (Sept 20, 2014) that Roy & Bev Reber were celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in Qualicum. Congratulations to you both. Many will remember them from the New North Motel in Whitehorse.

Sent a note to the Rebers to make sure I heard correctly. This is the reply.

Yes they did say 70. Hard to believe but we are still hanging in... All the best. Roy 91 – Me 92. Just numbers though. Beautiful day here for the last day of summer. (Sept 21, 2014)

Bev Reber [rbreber@shaw.ca](mailto:rbreber@shaw.ca) (In Qualicum)

## Visit from Ira Saunders



Ira Saunders visited Bill & Sherron Jones in Vernon Sept 6, 2014. Ira flew from Ottawa to Calgary and drove west on a loop to visit friends and later return to High River Alberta to an RCMP reunion. We enjoyed your visit Ira.

Ira installed radio equipment around the Yukon, for the RCMP.

Photo courtesy Bill Jones [ve7yi@shaw.ca](mailto:ve7yi@shaw.ca) (In Vernon BC)

## Polar Winds – A Century of Flying the North

The books are printed and are now hitting bookstores across the country - and my front step! I took advantage of the early release to do my first launch in beautiful Jasper, Alberta this past weekend while I was in town giving a workshop for Culture Days.

I can't wait to celebrate with you! Here are the events on the first leg of my book tour: September 25: The Pilot pub in Toronto from 5-7pm. Appies provided.

September 26: Northern Lights Awards (Vaughan, ON - tickets still available)

September 28: 1-2:30pm at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife (rumour has it "Buffalo" Joe McBryan and other aviation legends might swing by). Cake, coffee, and juice provided.

September 30: **signing at Mac's Fireweed Books** from 12-1pm and then a launch party at the **Yukon Transportation Museum from 6-9pm in Whitehorse**. Beer and wine for sale - snacks provided.

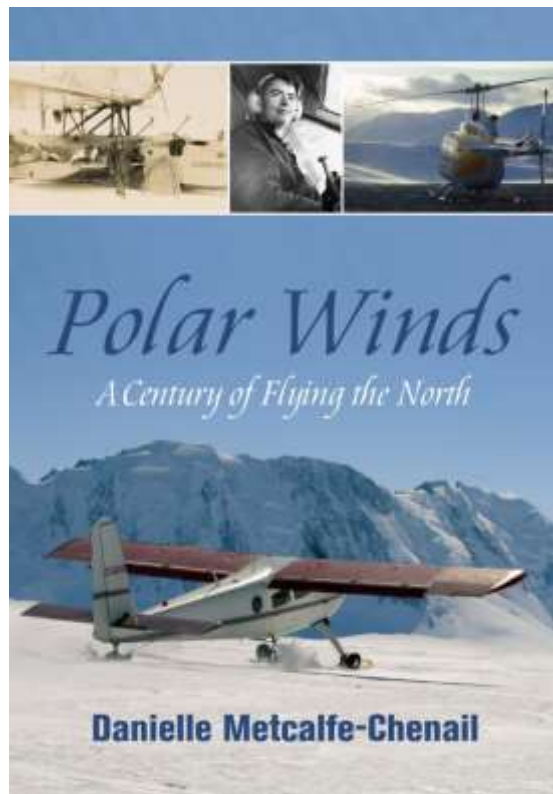
October 5: Book Birthday Bash at Audrey's Books (Edmonton). Over the Top Cakes is going to make a fantastic aviation-inspired cake for us - a big surprise (and generous gift)! You can find more information about these events on my website [www.daniellemc.com](http://www.daniellemc.com).

The first reviews are coming in and this blurb from my colleague and bestselling author of *Into the Abyss*, Carol Shaben sure made me blush. I'm sure there will be critiques, but it's nice to know at least someone other than my parents like it!

Speaking of reviewing, I would be really grateful if you would post reviews to Amazon, Chapters, and Goodreads if you're active on those sites and so inclined. Please help me get the word out about our country's amazing aviation history!



Thanks and hope to see you soon! Danielle  
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<http://www.amazon.ca/Polar-Winds-Century-Flying-North/dp/1459723791>

***EXTRACT FROM: OKANAGAN YUKONERS' NEWSLETTER***

**82ND I S R - JUNEAU 2014**

Ken Jones and I [Larry Chalmers] were the only Canadians that showed up, but we had a good time with our friends from Alaska and the US. Ken took his place as President for this year and we have some great plans for the ISR in Vegas next year. We would liked to have had it in Whitehorse, but the hotel costs were prohibitive.

Phyllis Church will be the President the following year (2015-16) and Fairbanks has offered to host it. The weather wasn't all that great in Juneau. I don't think the sun came out until we left on Sunday. The temperature was a bearable 52-53 F (11-12 C) and it rained quite a bit as well as blowing constantly at 15-25 mph. A long way from the 22-25 C that it was when I was driving home from Spokane on Monday. Judy Culver from San Diego finally won the Gold Pan for being the oldest Lady at age 91.

Don Hammond won it for the men at age 84 after surviving the loss of his wife and all the health problems he has had in the past year or so. He has moved from Hemet CA to Anchorage to be closer to his daughter. We had a great time together and he is in good spirits and really looks good.

The Prospector Hotel looked after us very well. The rooms were large and quite comfortable and reasonably priced. The meal they served up for the Banquet was more than a lot of the people could eat.

I noticed a lot of “doggy bags” being passed out. The brunch was superior as well with eggs benedict and all you could eat to go with it. They had sausage, bacon, fruit and even dessert.

The Presidents party had just about everyone there and all mingling or watching the Seahawks game on TV.

The guest speaker was a local who has done a lot of research on the Princess Sophia. Her name is Mary Lou Spartz and it seems like most Juneau people don't have an email address, but you can contact her at PO Box 20211 Juneau AK 99802. From the history she gave it seemed to me like none of those people needed to die.

Skit night only had two skits this year and I was the M/C again with a few stories and jokes and then some from the floor. Ken Jones teamed up with the Interior Alaska Sourdoughs (Fairbanks) and they did a skit about the “Cat in the Hat” with Phyllis Church and her daughter Susan Hawkins really getting into it.

The San Diego group had something going about mining but I seem to have lost track of what it was.

Judy Culver is now 91 and has to use a walker but gets around quite well. Her daughter and son-in-law rented a car so she could get to all the tours. They also went fishing one day and caught three Sockeye around 10 pounds each. They also won one of our bottles of wine as a Door Prize. I won a book donated by Real Alaskans (Fairbanks) on local people of Anchorage with a Bio of Jean Kaufman.



**THIS IS THE NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2014-15**

Priscilla - Hudson Historian - Carol Fulk - Treasurer  
Ken Odsather - Secretary - Susan Hawkins - 2nd V/P  
Jerry Fulk - host installer - Phyllis Church - First V/P  
**Ken Jones – President**

Forwarded message From: Weldon Pinchin <justamereplacemi@gmail.com> Date: Thu, Sep 25, 2014



### **P 38 Aircraft**

I WOULD LIE ON MY BACK IN THE SNOW ON (EAR LAKE) WHERE WE USED TO SWIM IN THE SUMMER THIS WAS JUST PAST THE END OF WHITEHORSE AIRPORT 2-3 MILES & WATCH A P-38 & A HELL CAT & A MUSTANG DO DOG FIGHTS OVER MY HEAD.

Weldon Pinchin [justamereplacemi@gmail.com](mailto:justamereplacemi@gmail.com) (Mayne Island BC)

Hi Weldon-- thanks for the p 38 e mail. In about 1952 or so, a p38 crashed just outside of Dawson--do you recall that? I was working at the NC that summer in the grocery department and a couple of the pilots would come in to buy carrot juice!

Tina (Brasseur) Parsons [artinap@shaw.ca](mailto:artinap@shaw.ca) (In Victoria)

### **17 Interesting Things About The P-38**

- 1) The P-38 was the first fighter to fly faster than 400 mph.
- 2) And, it was the only American fighter aircraft in production throughout the entire American involvement in WWII.
- 3) The P-38 was nicknamed the 'fork-tailed devil' by the German Luftwaffe and 'two planes, one pilot' by Japanese fighter pilots.



- 4) The P-38 was exceptionally quiet for a fighter, due to its exhaust being muffled by turbo-superchargers.
- 5) The aircraft used nose-mounted guns, unlike most other US fighters. This meant the P-38 had better useful gun range than other aircraft, whose wing-mounted guns had crisscross trajectories.
- 6) The P-38s guns were so effective; they could reliably hit targets at up to 1,000 yards. Most other fighters were only effective at 100-250 yards.
- 7) The P-38 had counter-rotating engines to overcome left-turning tendencies caused by its 1,000-hp engines.
- 8) The engine direction was reversed on one engine by simply changing the firing order of the spark plugs.
- 9) The engines rotated outward from the cockpit. This made the platform more stable for shooting guns; however, if the pilot lost an engine, the operating engine was so powerful that it could uncontrollably roll the aircraft inverted.
- 10) The P-38 was the first American fighter to extensively use stainless steel and flush-mounted rivets.
- 11) In 1939, one of the first P-38 prototype aircraft set a speed record from California to New York in 7 hours and 2 minutes, but it crashed short of its intended airport due to carburetor icing.
- 12) The first active service P-38s were used as reconnaissance aircraft in April 1942 by the Australia 8th Photographic Squadron.
- 13) However, the P-38 quickly saw battle, downing two Japanese flying boats in August 1942 off the Aleutian Island chain.

14) The cockpit windows couldn't be opened in flight, because they caused buffeting on the tail. This made the cockpit very hot in the Pacific theater, and pilots often times flew in just shorts, tennis shoes, and a parachute.

15) Charles Lindbergh was a key figure in improving the performance of the P-38. Working as a civilian contractor in the South Pacific, he developed throttle settings and engine leaning techniques that significantly increased the range of the aircraft.

16) The P-38 flew over 130,000 sorties in the European theater, and downed over 1,800 aircraft in the Pacific theater.

17) In total, over 10,000 P-38s were produced during the war, making it one of the most successful fighters and interceptors of its time.

## **OBIT**



### **POLDI (nee TREITLER) FUERSTNER**

May 6, 1923 – September 12, 2014

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Poldi Fuerstner, a long-time Yukoner, whose amazing life story was profiled in Claire Festel's recent book "Remarkable Yukon Women".

Poldi and her husband Max emigrated from Austria to Canada in 1951, and after a brief period in Toronto and Vancouver, moved to Whitehorse in 1953. There they established the Alpine Hotel & Bamboo Lounge, off Second Avenue where the Yukon Legislative Assembly is now located. In 1972, following expropriation of the hotel property by YTG, when Poldi's husband Max commenced placer mining at Livingstone Creek, she supported him as camp cook and day-to-day administrator.

Having led an active life, the last few years were very difficult for Poldi as she had to cope with both, the loss of her eyesight, and her hearing. Despite these problems she continued to retain a positive outlook, and remain a gracious host to all who dropped by for a visit. She will be remembered for her good nature, kindness and generosity by all whom she touched.

Poldi is survived by her daughter Marlene Dunstan and son Max Fuerstner, son-in-law John Dunstan, daughter-in-law Amanda Fuerstner, granddaughters Rebecca, Ellysse, Cambria and Regan, and nephews Fred Mandl and Fritz Mandl.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Dr. K. Adams, Dr. D. Kanachowsky, the staff of the Thomson Centre, Homecare, HSW, Noreena Mandl, Solange Farah, Eva Wagenblast, Barbara Kelly and the many other friends who provided her with company and encouragement when she needed it most.

Poldi was greatly loved by all who knew her, and will be deeply missed.

## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*There's no telling how many miles you have to run while chasing a dream. - Rev Run Quotes.*

## **RECIPE OF THE WEEK**

The Eastern Star Cookbook  
For the benefit of War Work – Dawson 1942

### **Tamale Pie**

1 tblsp butter  
½ large onion, browned in butter  
½ can corn  
½ can tomatoes  
1 tablespoon chili peppers  
½ green pepper  
½ cup corn meal

Put in large kettle, mix well; add 1 beaten egg.

1tsp baking powder  
1 cup ripe olives  
1 cup veal or chicken

Put in casserole and bake 45 minutes. Serves 4.

Doris Osborn

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**VANCOUVER YUKONERS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING**

October 16, 2014  
11:30 am-2:00 pm

Croatian Cultural Centre Room C  
3250 Commercial Drive, Vancouver  
Parking plentiful and free  
Transit accessible – Handicap accessible  
Bring a friend  
Lunch \$10  
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604 819-7630

## **SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH**

If you have received this copy of the Moccasin Telegraph from a friend and wish to sign up to receive future editions yourself, the criteria is that you **are or were a Yukoner**.

The goal of this project is to provide an opportunity for folks to reconnect.

There is an annual subscription fee of (\$20 - \$25. your call) for the Moccasin Telegraph.

An easy way to send a money transfer is via your internet banking. Log into you bank's website, find "Money Transfers" or "Email Money Transfers" or however your bank may list it, enter the amount, my email address of [sherronjones@shaw.ca](mailto:sherronjones@shaw.ca) and enter a password ie: moctel and press "Send". It's that easy. Then please send me an email to confirm your payment.

– Sherron Jones [sherronjones@shaw.ca](mailto:sherronjones@shaw.ca)

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