

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Whitehall Plantation House

and or common same

2. Location

street & number Buckhorn Bend Road N/A not for publication

city, town Monroe X vicinity of

state LA code 22 parish Ouachita code 073  
county

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> educational                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                   | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | N/A in process                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> religious                    |
|   | N/A being considered                        | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted          | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific                   |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> no                         | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation               |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other:                       |

4. Owner of Property

name R. L. Endsley, Jr.

street & number Rt. 1, Box 648

city, town Monroe X vicinity of state LA 71202

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Ouachita Parish Courthouse

street & number 300 St. John Street P. O. Box 1862

city, town Monroe state LA 71201

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title LA Historic Structures Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1978  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records LA State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

## 7. Description

|  |                                       |   |   |           |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|-----------|
| <b>Condition</b>                         |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                          |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered          | <input type="checkbox"/> original site    |           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved | date 1983 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair            | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |   |   |           |

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Whitehall (1858) is a story-and-a-half frame Greek Revival plantation house located in a flat rural setting near the Ouachita River levee. Despite a recent move and some alterations, the house retains its National Register eligibility.

In 1983 Whitehall was moved three-eighths of a mile onto property adjacent to its original site. Fortunately the house could be moved completely intact, and the new setting is very similar to the old. The move was necessary in order to save Whitehall. The previous owner had planned to demolish the house and would only sell it on condition that it be moved off his property.

Whitehall is a symmetrical galleried cottage with a familiar combination French-American plan. The front half of the house features a central hall which leads to a large central room in the rear. The front rooms open directly onto the gallery through pairs of French doors.

Most of the detailing is Greek Revival with shoulder molded door surrounds and handsome pilastered and pedimented dormers. Many of the principal molded doorways feature pediment shaped tops. The upstairs mantels are in the plain aedicule style, while the downstairs mantels feature slight pointed arches and chamfered pilasters. This, of course, is a transitional Victorian detail. Other noteworthy features include the end pilasters on the facade and the handsome paneling inside the front door surround.

Two major changes to the house occurred in about 1930. One was the replacement of the clapboarding on the side elevations. The other was the replacement of the six front columns. Neither of these changes made a substantial difference in Whitehall's visual appearance. In fact, the c.1930 columns are so in keeping with the house that it takes a trained eye to tell that they are not original.

When the present owners moved Whitehall they added a rear gallery and a rear "L" wing. In addition, they also replaced the staircase balustrade in the central hall and divided one of the secondary rear rooms into a bathroom, closet, and laundry room. (The original staircase balustrade was missing.)

### Assessment of Integrity

Despite the foregoing changes, Whitehall is still a substantial example of a Greek Revival galleried cottage. It portrays the style very well and retains most of its important original features, such as dormers, pilasters, Greek Revival doorways, mantels, and most of its original floor plan. Of the five remaining antebellum Greek Revival cottages in Ouachita Parish, Whitehall is one of only three that still present their essential historic appearance both inside and out. (The two others have been greatly altered, one with a massive front gable and a lowered roofline, and the other with inappropriate modern columns, a new floor plan and the removal of all interior details.) Thus Whitehall is still an important work of architecture in the parish, alterations notwithstanding.

## 8. Significance

| Period  | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below    |   |   |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric          | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric  | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion                |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900–                | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)         |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   |  |

**Specific dates** 1858 **Builder/Architect** Uncertain (see historical note below)

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)** Criterion C

Whitehall is locally significant in the area of architecture as an important example among a limited number of surviving Greek Revival plantation houses in Ouachita Parish.

It is not possible to determine exactly how many Greek Revival plantation houses there were in Ouachita Parish at one time. The 1860 census indicates that there were twelve slaveholdings in the parish of fifty or more slaves (all of which involved individuals who lived in the parish). Presumably there were also numerous slaveholdings of less than fifty. Hence it is a reasonable assumption that on the eve of the Civil War there were a fair number of plantation houses in the parish--twenty-five or thirty at least. It is also a reasonable assumption that those plantation houses, built in the decades before the Civil War, were in the Greek Revival style.

From among this group there are five surviving in Ouachita Parish today, according to survey records. All are story-and-a-half galleried Greek Revival cottages. As previously mentioned, Whitehall is one of three examples that still present their essential historic appearance. In addition, Whitehall is set apart from other examples in two respects. It is the only one with Greek Revival dormers. Secondly, while other examples in the parish have plain exterior and interior door surrounds, those at Whitehall are handsomely styled with shoulder moldings, some of which have pediment shaped tops.

### Historical Note

The supposed date of construction is taken from a pencil inscription found on the back of a mantel board during the recent restoration. The inscription reads "William Kimmy, 1858." Kimmy's identity is not known, but the date 1858 is very reasonable given Whitehall's architectural style and details.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Historic Structures Survey, Ouachita Parish. Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office.  
Whitehall mantel board with the inscription "William Kimmy, 1858."

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property @ 1/3 acre

Quadrangle name Monroe South, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to enclosed sketch map. The house has been moved, so there is no historic setting to recognize. Because the house was moved onto the present site, boundaries were drawn discretely to encompass only the significant resource.

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

state N/A code county code

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff ASSISTED BY OWNER  
Division of Historic Preservation

organization State of Louisiana date May 1987

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone (504) 922-0358

city or town Baton Rouge state LA 70804

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

Robert B. DeBlieux

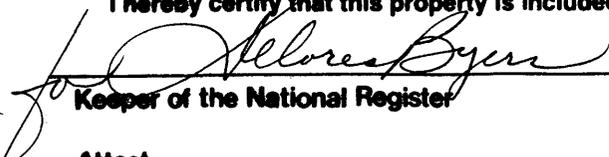
title State Historic Preservation Officer date July 28, 1987

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

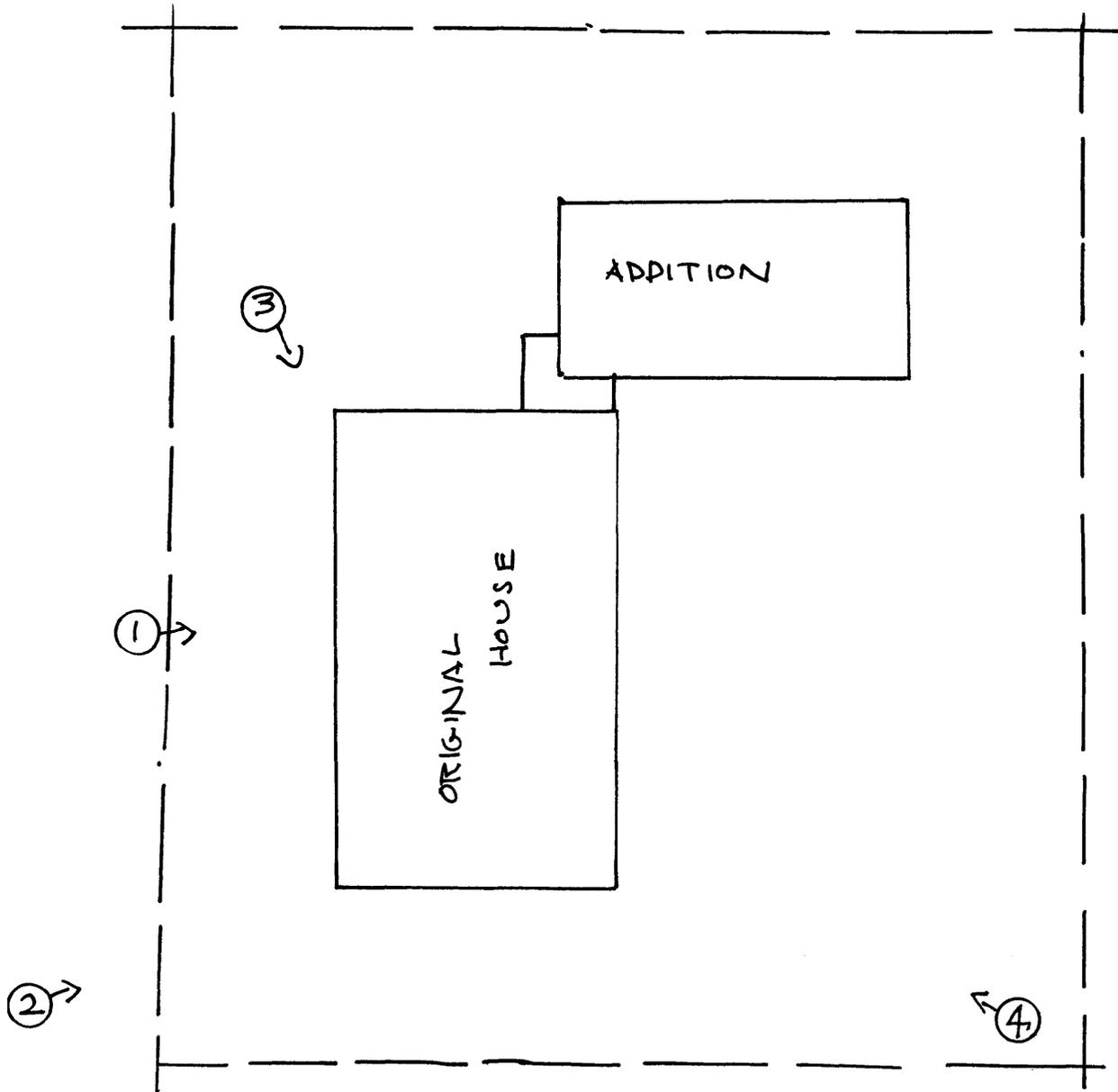
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Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

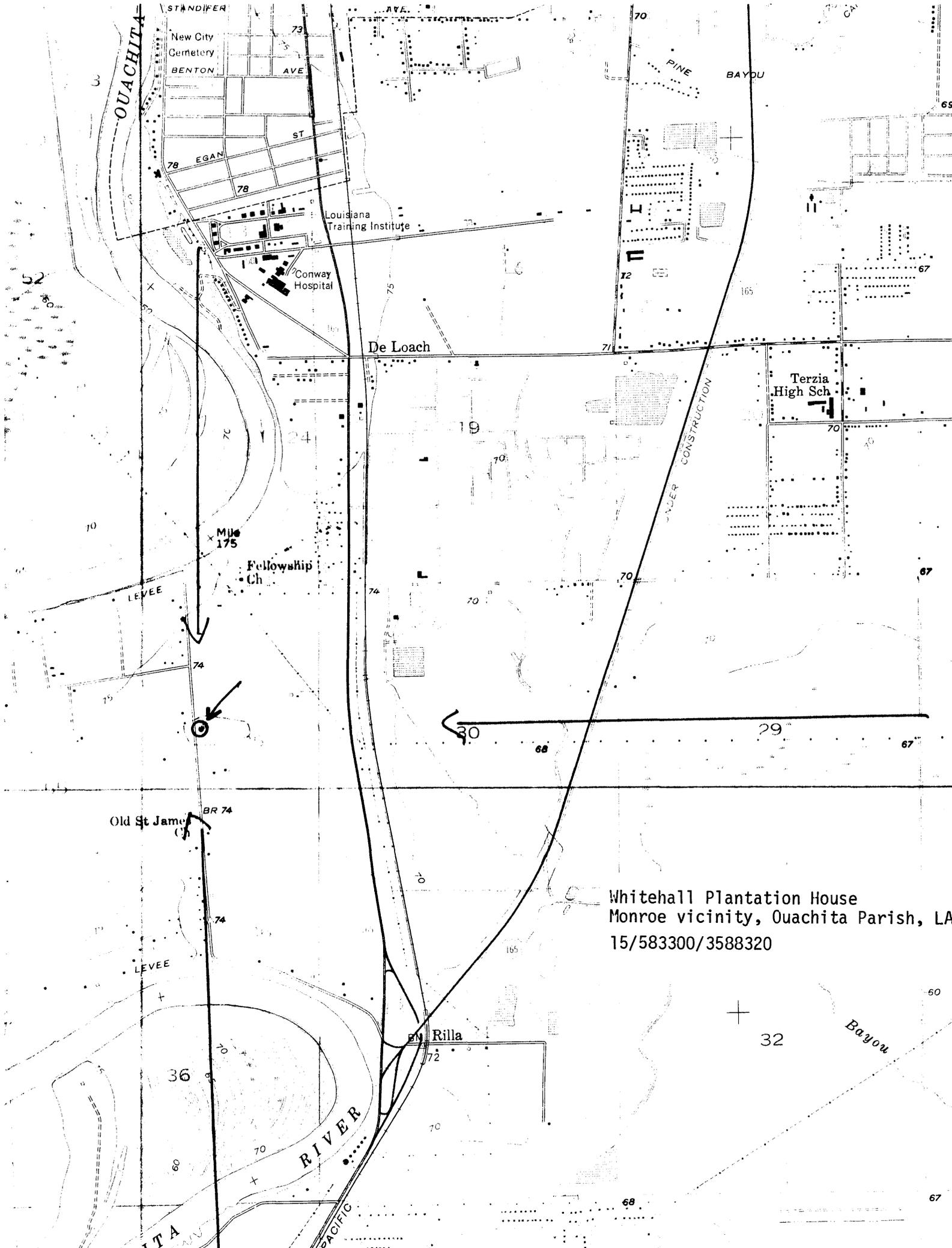


BOUNDARY LINES

SCALE 1" = 20'

WHITE HALL PLANTATION HOUSE  
OUACHITA PARISH, LA.





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