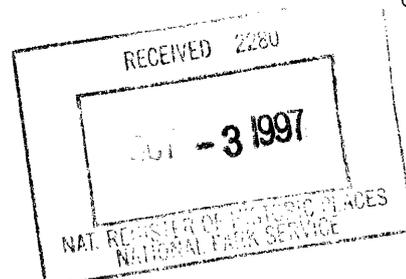


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Duncan, John, Harriet, and Eliza Jennett, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 445 North 400 East N/A not for publication

city or town Centerville N/A vicinity

state Utah code UT county Davis code 011 zip code 84014

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

William M. A. 9/15/97
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Utah Division of State History, Office of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

for Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
Robert L. Sauge 11/17/97

Duncan, John, Harriet, and Eliza Jennett, House
Name of Property

Centerville, Davis County, Utah
City, County, and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic Resources of Centerville

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

MID-19th CENTURY: Classical

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE
walls STONE

roof ASPHALT
other BRICK
WOOD

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 7

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Narrative Description

The John, Harriet, and Eliza Jennett Duncan House consists of three stone buildings and retaining walls: a Classical style, one-story stone residence with a gable roof built c.1873; a stone "small house" built c.1870 with an attached stone carport added c. 1932; a summer house and outdoor fireplace built c. 1947-50; and stone retaining walls, built c.1932 and c.1947-50. The larger house is not oriented toward the street to the east (400 East), but faces south and is built below the grade of the street. The main entrance to the home is through a gate and down a path which is east of the garage. This narrow path has several rock steps which lead down into a patio which is at the rear (north) of the house.¹ The Duncan House is in a residential area on a main street in Centerville. The lot is fully landscaped with mature trees and lawns.

The house is built of local stone which the pioneers of Centerville called 'mountain rock'.² A brick chimney pierces the roof peak at the east end. There are asphalt shingles on the roof and there is a simple wood soffit and fascia. The facade of the house, or south elevation, is symmetrical with a door in the center and matching wood, two-over-two double hung windows on either side. The door and windows are constructed with sandstone lintels; there are sandstone and granite quoins on all four corners and on the corners of the north shed roof addition. The front porch is not covered, consisting only of a concrete slab at the threshold which is approximately eight inches high.

There is a shed addition to the rear, or north, which was built very soon after the main block of the home. The shed roof extends out from the eaves of the main building, giving the house the appearance of a saltbox type residence. This addition contains a bathroom and a kitchen, and has a brick chimney at the west end.

A contributing structure on the site, reportedly the first house³ here, is located directly north of the main house and is currently used as an outbuilding. It is a small, one room rock building with an entrance door on the west side, small windows on the north and south sides, and a concrete entrance with a door to the cellar on the south side. In 1932 a carport/open garage was added to the north elevation of the building. The c.1930 tax card photo reveals a chimney at the east end that no longer exists. To the west of the garage/carport addition is a shed/storage addition also built from rock. The masonry on this section is quite different from that of the small house, and was apparently built by a mason other than the Duncans.

¹ Thus, the back door to the house has become the front door and main entrance on the north.

² Therice Duncan in a 1971 interview states that the house was built by his grandfather, John Samuel Duncan, and his great-grandfather, Charles Duncan.

³ The family histories of this site indicate that this house was probably built prior to the main house. Joel Parrish owned this property prior to its purchase by the Duncan family and this smaller house, now a garage and storage structure, may have been built and used by him. It is unclear when or by whom this building was constructed.

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To the west of the main house is another detached one room rock building. It was built for use as a summer house c.1947-1950 by Herman D. Fuller⁴. On the north side of this building is a rock open hearth. Because of its age it is not considered a contributing building to the site.

Along 400 East Street and in the interior of the lot on the north side of the house are rock retaining walls. The wall facing 400 East Street was built at the same time as the garage, 1932, and the interior retaining wall was built at the same time as the summer house, 1947-50.⁵ These walls are considered to contribute to the historic qualities of the site.

 See continuation sheet

⁴ 1971 Historic Sites Survey, Duncan house.

⁵ Ibid.

Duncan, John, Harriet, and Eliza Jennett, House
Name of Property

Centerville, Davis County, Utah
City, County, and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" on one or more lines for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" on all that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance

c.1873-1940s

Significant Dates

c.1873

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N / A

Cultural Affiliation

N / A

Architect/Builder

Charles and John Duncan, Builders

Name of repository:

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Narrative Statement of Significance

The John, Harriet, and Eliza Jennett Duncan House, built c.1873, is historically significant for its association with the establishment of the town of Centerville. Through the order of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormon) President, Brigham Young, Centerville was planned as a Mormon based, self-sufficient community. It is significant for its reflection of the social history of Centerville during its settlement through its development phases. The continued use of the house by the children of John, Harriet, and Eliza Jennett, reflect the changing nature of Centerville's development into a city. The continued use of the house by Duncan descendants reflect the changing nature of Centerville from a settlement community to a prosperous city. Participation in the Mormon religion by the Duncan family also reflects the strong influence of the LDS Church in this community. It is also significant because of its association with stonemasons Charles Duncan & Sons, whose work is found throughout Centerville. The Duncans' use of local fieldstone rocks with granite, sandstone, and brick quoins as a trademark of their work, illustrates the quality of craftsmanship and design available in Centerville during its settlement. They were very influential in the building of Centerville and contributed to its architectural character. Their influence in Centerville's architectural identity remains prevalent today as buildings throughout its history have been, and continue to be, constructed of stone. This house retains its historic integrity and is being nominated as a part of the Multiple Property Submission, Historic Resources of Centerville.

CENTERVILLE HISTORY

The first Mormon exploration of Davis County began in August 1847 when the area was determined to be ideal for stock raising and farming. The first houses were built of readily available materials, such as logs, adobe bricks, and field stone and were usually intended to be temporary or subsistence-level structures to be used only until the settlers were able to establish a dependable livelihood and could afford to construct larger and more permanent homes. In the autumn of 1849 the area was surveyed and the town was named Centerville, as the location was roughly half way between Farmington and Bountiful. The center of town was laid out in a pattern loosely based on Plat of the City of Zion with a grid pattern of 20 blocks and outlying farmsteads as well as outlying fields.

The pioneers were eager and industrious and developed small scale enterprises to meet the basic needs of their community, and as encouraged by Brigham Young, to strive toward self-sufficiency in every aspect of daily life. Among the settlers of Centerville, primarily emigrants from other countries, were proficient carpenters and builders as well as farmers. The LDS Church was the organizing force behind Centerville's settlement and growth.

When grasshoppers destroyed most of the farmers' crops in 1868, many people went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad (UPR). Several lines were built between Ogden and Salt Lake City, with the

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Bamberger Line becoming the principle means of transportation for produce as well as passengers between Salt Lake City and Ogden.

The early architecture displays a visible pattern of building permanent, large, residences of indigenous stone and brick simply reflects the desire of the residents to display the permanence of the establishment of Centerville, ultimately giving it a distinctive visual quality. It does not portray any visible effort to build residences specifically for polygamous marriages even though it was widely practiced throughout the city. The balance of using traditional American building techniques and styles within the framework of a strong Mormon community has given the city's architecture a unique quality that describes simplicity, permanence, and a provides Centerville with a geographic identity. The building of substantial but modest homes continued and new styles and types of residences were introduced to a growing city.

City improvements and services began to appear in the 1910s. Transportation and water systems were being developed to better meet the needs of the residents. Electricity was introduced and street lamps were installed. Problems associated with city living were typical. Other problems, associated with agriculture, were not as typical. In 1923 and 1930 canyon floods caused a great deal of damage. After determining that grazing on the mountain side was the cause, cattle and sheep were prohibited from grazing in the foothills.

The city continued to grow and city parks were built, trees were planted, and streets were cleaned on a regular basis. Civic pride was a constant in the development of Centerville. Organizations were formed that helped the city prosper. Although Centerville was located between Bountiful and Farmington, the town managed to remain independent and maintain its own identity, displaying a strong sense of civic pride. The city of Centerville was developed around a religious core--ideally and physically--the LDS Church. Many descendants of the early settlers continue to live in Centerville and the sense of family and community remains a constant.

DUNCAN HISTORY

This house was probably built c.1873 by Charles and John Samuel Duncan. The Duncan family was well-known throughout Centerville and Farmington for the stone masonry structures they built. Charles Duncan was born in January 1823 in Dysart, Fifeshire, Scotland. In 1844 Charles married Margaret Bowman who was one year his senior. The newlyweds lived in Dysart where Charles was employed as a stone cutter and rock mason. In 1852 the entire family sailed across the ocean on the Kennebec; arriving in the Salt Lake valley in September 1853.⁶ When the Duncans first arrived in Utah they lived with friends in Centerville for a brief time. Charles soon purchased land in Kaysville, and he moved the family there in the spring of 1854. Charles built a log cabin where his twin sons, John Samuel and

Mary Ellen Wood Smoot and Marilyn Fullmer Sheriff. The City In-Between: History of Centerville, Utah including Biographies and Autobiographies of some of its original settlers. Bountiful, Utah: Carr Printing Company, 1966.p. 206.

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Charles Jr., were born on May 22. The crops failed, and the family returned to Centerville in July. Word of Charles skill as a stonemason spread quickly; he was hired to build homes throughout the Centerville and Farmington area. Charles' career in masonry spanned from 1853 to 1891. Charles taught the trade to his three sons, John, Charles and Archibald. Most of the early rock buildings and culverts in South Davis County were built by the Duncans.

Additionally, Charles worked for many years cutting stone for the Salt Lake City L.D.S. Temple which was constructed during 1863-67. A common, 'trademark' feature of the rock homes built by the Duncans is frequent use of quoins made from granite or sandstone. Charles brought back to Centerville pieces of stone which had been discarded or deemed unsuitable for the L.D.S. Temple. He used these stones to add decoration, as well as religious symbolism, to the residences in Centerville. Charles and his wife Margaret lived in the seven room stone house at 558 N. 340 E. with his son Archibald.⁷ Charles passed away in April 1891.⁸

John Samuel worked with his father, Charles Duncan, in building the Classical style stone house c.1873. It reportedly was originally one large room with the adobe interior partitions added later. John bought the house from his father in 1888. According to the 1880 census records, John, age 26, lived with Harriet (Hattie) M., age 22, his wife, and Hattie M., age 2, and George W(alter) age 4/12, his two children, presumably in this house. In 1900 he was living with Eliza Jennett (Jennie), his second wife, and two children, Walter and Erma. Eliza Jennett was born in 1864 and died in August 1918. It appears that Harriet died prior to John's marriage to Eliza Jennett, however, it is unknown.⁹

In 1926 this house was sold to Harold Duncan, a son of John and Eliza Jennett born in 1904¹⁰. Little is known about Harold. The house was then sold to John and Harriet's son, George Walter, in 1934. George was born in 1880 to John and Harriet. He married Florence Mary Hardy in June 1905. He was a former Centerville city councilman and past director of the Deuel Creek Irrigation Co. He died on May 11, 1966.¹¹ In 1937 William and Vesta McIlrath bought the property.¹² The current owner, Brian Bytheway, purchased the house in 1988.

⁷ Interview with Karla Uffens, May 1997.

⁸ Smoot and Sheriff, p. 207.

⁹ The census records do not indicate that they ever lived here at the same time.

¹⁰ Census Records, 1910, p.5B.

¹¹ *Deseret News*, May 12, 1996, p.B15.

¹² Title Records, Davis County Recorders Office.

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Duncan, John, Harriet, and Eliza Jennett, House
Name of Property

Centerville, Davis County, Utah
City, County, and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.31 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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C 1 11111 111111 D 1 11111 111111

Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning on the West line of a street (400 East Street) at a point on the South line of the property conveyed to Charles Eldon Duncan, Etux, by Quit Claim Deed 81-163, said point being North 0°19'40", East 300.88 feet along the monument line of 400 East Street and South 88°04'24", West 33.02 feet from the monument marking the monument line intersection of 400 East Street and 400 North Street (bearing base=monument line of Parrish lane North 89°39'10" West & monument line of 400 East Street from Parrish lane to 540 North Street), said point is given as North 98.55 feet & East 101.52 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 7, Township 2 north, Range 1 East, Salt Lake Meridian & run then South 88°04'24" West along said Duncan property & along a fence line extended 90 feet; then South 00°21'05" West 146.55 feet more or less to a fence at a point on the North line of the property conveyed to James A. McIntire, Etux by Warranty Deed in 138-281; then North 89°33'29", East 90 feet along said fence and said McIntire property to a point which is given as North 00°19'40", East 120.69 feet from the Southeast corner of Lot 6, Block BA, Big Creek Plat Centerville Township Survey (Cor not in place) then North 00°19'40", East 148.88 feet more or less along the West line of said street to the point of beginning.

__ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

Boundary Justification

The boundaries are those that were historically and continue to be associated with the building.

__ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

11. Form Prepared By

name/title USHPO Staff; Lisa M. Miller / Preservation Research Consultant

organization _____

date March 1997

street & number 166 T Street

telephone (801) 355-8611

city or town Salt Lake City

state UT zip code 84103-4152

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Maps:** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A **Sketch map** for historic districts and/or properties having large acreage or numerous resources.
- **Photographs:** Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.
- **Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

name Brian Bytheway

street & number 445 North 400 East

telephone (801) 295-0628

city or town Centerville

state UT zip code 84104

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Common Label Information:

1. Duncan, John, Harriet, and Eliza Jennett, House
2. Centerville, Davis County, Utah
3. Photographer: Lisa M. Miller
4. Date: November 1996
5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.

Photo No. 1:

6. South elevation of building. Camera facing north.

Photo No. 2:

6. East elevation of building. Camera facing west.

Photo No. 3:

6. Northwest elevation of building. Camera facing southeast.

Photo No. 4:

6. Southwest elevation of building. Camera facing northeast.

Photo No. 5:

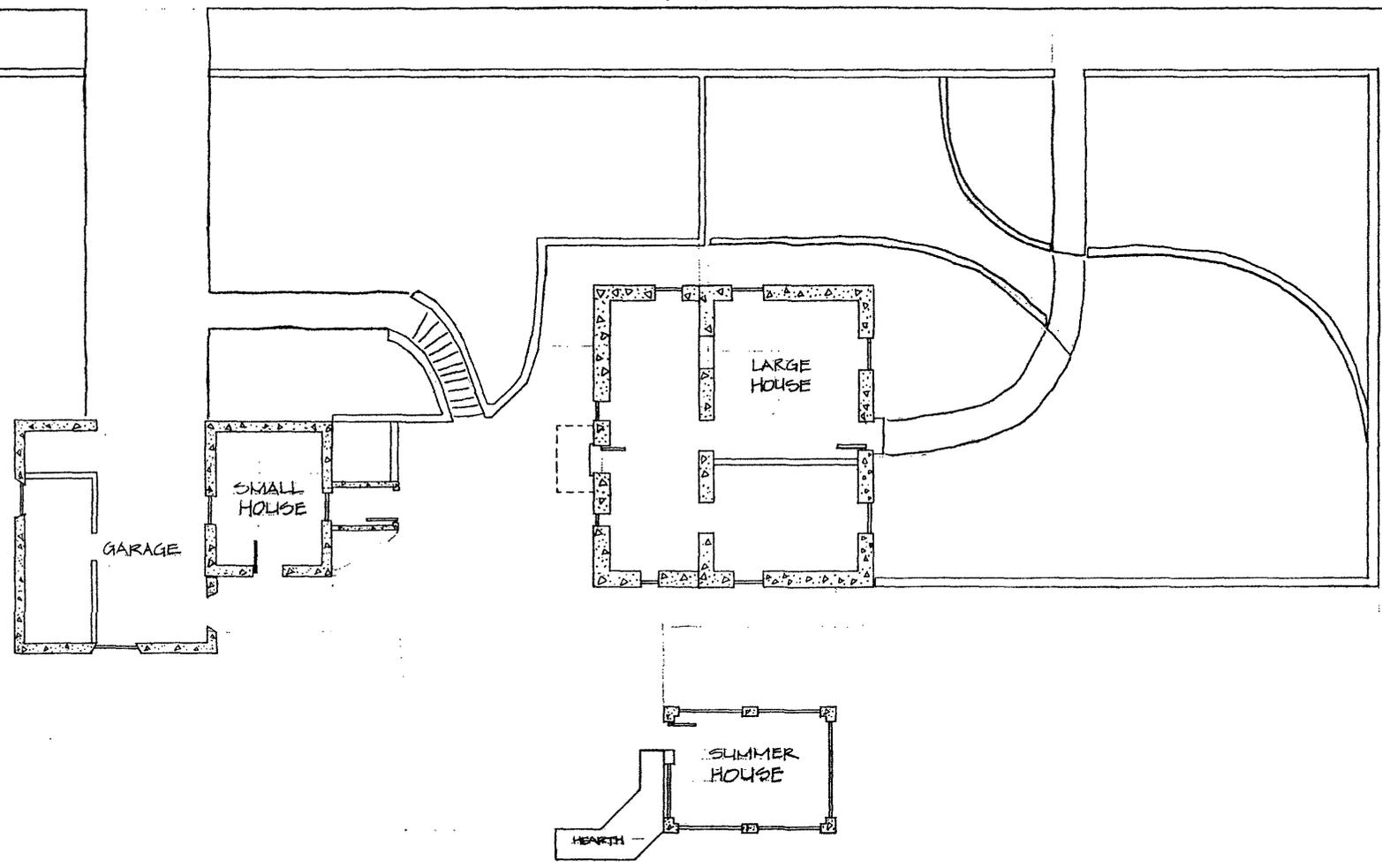
6. Southwest elevation of outbuilding and retaining walls. Camera facing northeast.

Photo No. 6:

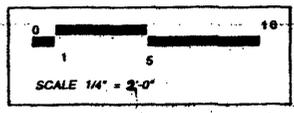
6. Northeast elevation of outbuilding. Camera facing southwest.

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400 EAST



CHARLES DUNCAN ESTATE
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NOT TO SCALE: SITE IMPROVEMENTS
 INTERIOR DIMENSIONS OF LARGE HOUSE

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