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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Matson Street Historic District

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

Along portions of N & S Matson, W Church, N Cleveland,

street & number W Richland, W Marion, and W Sumter Streets

not for publication

city, town Kershaw

vicinity

state South Carolina

code SC

county Lancaster

code 057

zip code 29067

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>26</u>	<u>13</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>26</u>	<u>13</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Historic Resources of Lancaster Co, c. 1745-c. 1940

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.  See continuation sheet.

Mary W. Edmonds

11/8/89

Signature of certifying official

Date

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SHPO, SC Department of Archives & History, Columbia, SC

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. 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:)

Amy Federman

9/4/90

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling  
Religion/Religious Structure  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling  
Religion/Religious Structure  
Commerce/Trade/Office  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th & 20th Century Revivals  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick  
walls Wood; Weatherboard  
Brick  
roof Asphalt; Metal  
other Wood  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Matson Street Historic District is a collection of 39 primarily residential properties in the western area of Kershaw, including portions of North and South Matson Street, West Church Street, North Cleveland Street, West Richland Street, West Marion Street, and West Sumter Street. The district contains 26 properties contributing to the character of the district. The historic resources of the district date from c. 1890 to c. 1940, with the majority dating from c. 1890 to c. 1920, a particularly significant period of development in Kershaw.

These properties generally conform to the descriptions of types and subtypes under the property types "Residences" and "Religious Buildings." The contributing properties meet the registration requirements outlined under those property types.

North Matson Street

1. 101 North Matson St: post-1940 residence; noncontributing.
2. 105 North Matson St: post-1940 residence; noncontributing.
3. 115 North Matson St: post-1940 residence; noncontributing.
4. 201 North Matson St: c. 1915, two-and-one-half story, lateral-gabled roof with shed roof dormer, clapboard-sided residence. Porch supports on brick piers wraps around east facade and partially around south facade.
5. 203 North Matson St: post-1940 residence; noncontributing.
6. 206 North Matson St: c. 1900, one-story, lateral-gabled roof, clapboard-sided residence with hipped roof with replacement supports.
7. First Baptist Church, North Matson St: post-1940 church; noncontributing.
8. 213 North Matson St: c. 1890, alterations c. 1920, one-and-one-half story, lateral-gabled-roof with gable dormer, three-bay, clapboard-sided residence with full-facade porch with supports on brick piers.
9. 215 North Matson St: c. 1925, one-and-one-half-story, lateral-gabled roof with shed dormer, clapboard-sided residence with Craftsman influences.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

c. 1890 - c. 1940  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Johnson, J. Carroll  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Matson Street Historic District is significant both for its association with the residential development of Kershaw from c. 1890 to c. 1940 and as a reflection of the diverse architectural styles and influences of that period. By 1900 the town of Kershaw was well established and the streets were laid out in a grid pattern; it was described as being "correctly, properly and conveniently laid off, with wide handsome streets, raised sidewalks and pavements and pretty young shade trees of oak and elm." Matson Street has historically been one of the major streets in Kershaw and this district illustrates the growth and development of the town for a fifty-year period.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

See continuation sheet

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

**Specify repository:**

SC Department of Archives & History,  
Columbia, SC

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreege of property 29.2 acres

**UTM References**

A 

1,7	53,80,8,0	3,82,31,7,0
Zone	Easting	Northing

C 

1,7	53,80,4,0	3,82,24,0,0
Zone	Easting	Northing

B 

1,7	53,82,0,0	3,82,25,0,0
Zone	Easting	Northing

D 

1,7	53,78,2,0	3,82,30,6,0
Zone	Easting	Northing

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying map "Matson Street Historic District, Kershaw, South Carolina," drawn at a scale of 1" = 200'.

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**Boundary Justification**

The nominated property includes the significant and intact residences along portions of Matson Street, Church Street, Cleveland Street, Richland Street, Marion Street, and Sumter Street, and retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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10. 301 North Matson St: c. 1890, one-story, lateral-gabled roof, three-bay, clapboard-sided residence with Eastlake influences. Large 1971 commercial addition on south facade.
11. 305 North Matson St: c. 1925, one-story, lateral-gabled-roof with lattice covered gabled vent, clapboard-sided residence with Craftsman-influences. The engaged porch has wood supports on piers.
12. 307 North Matson St: c. 1920, lateral-gable roof with central gable dormer, clapboard-sided residence. The house has a shed roof porch with engaged porte cochere with wood post supports and turned balustrade. A modern addition is attached to the north facade.
13. 308 North Matson St: c. 1900, one-story, cross-gabled roof, clapboard-sided residence with Eastlake details. The porch has sawn brackets, turned posts and balusters.
14. 310 North Matson St: post-1940 residence; noncontributing.
15. Roy L. Blackmon House, 311 North Matson St: c. 1897, two-story, hipped-roof with front gable ell and blind gable dormer, clapboard-sided residence. Decorative features include scrollwork in the dormer and gable and two-tiered Eastlake porch on south facade. The present one-story Colonial Revival porch is a historic alteration and replaces a two-tiered wraparound Eastlake porch similar to the porch on the south facade. Typical window is one-over-one light double-hung sash; the entrance is a single door with transom-light flanked by two smaller double hung-sash windows. The house was built for Roy L. Blackmon. George W. Malone's guide to Lancaster County noted in 1900 that this house and the Elmo M. Estridge House, in the East Richland-East Church Street Historic District, were "the finest residences in the place, exciting great admiration."(1)
16. 312 North Matson St: c. 1900 one-story residence, siding and porch significantly altered; noncontributing.
17. 314 North Matson St: c. 1890, one-story, hipped-roof with lower cross-gabled, clapboard-sided, residence with Eastlake influences. These decorative influences include scalloped vergeboard, scrollwork, sawn brackets, wraparound porch with turned posts, spindlework, and turned balustrade.

South Matson Street

18. 102 South Matson St: post-1940 residence; noncontributing.

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19. 104 South Matson St: post-1940 residence; noncontributing.
20. 106 South Matson St: c. 1900, one-story, cross-gabled, clapboard-sided residence with Eastlake detailing.
21. 108 South Matson St: c. 1900, two-story, hipped-roof, three-bay Classical Revival residence. Two-story Ionic pedimented portico with lunette window and a lower one-story Tuscan veranda with slat balustrade and engaged porte cochere.
22. 111 South Matson St: post-1940 residence; noncontributing.
23. 115 South Matson St: c. 1937, one-story, hipped-roof, clapboard-sided bungalow residence.
24. 204 South Matson St: post-1940 residence; noncontributing.
25. 206 South Matson St: c. 1920, one-and-one-half story, hipped-roof with pedimented gable dormer, clapboard-sided medical office, originally a residence. An historic addition is on the south side.
26. 207 South Matson St: post-1940 residence; noncontributing.
27. 210 South Matson St: c. 1900, one-story, hipped-roof with lower cross gables, clapboard-sided with Eastlake scrollwork and spindles in gables and canted bays. The present porch is a later alteration.
28. 211 South Matson St: c. 1915, one-story, hipped-roof, three-bay, clapboard-sided residence with hipped-roof porch supported by wood supports.
29. 212 South Matson St: c. 1900, two-and-one-half story, hipped-roof with a hipped-roof dormer and projecting pedimented gables, clapboard-sided, Colonial Revival residence. A one-story hipped-roof veranda supported by paired Tuscan columns is located on the west facade and wraps partially around the north and south facades.
30. 215 South Matson St: c. 1910, one-and-one-half-story, clapboard-sided residence with hipped-roof dormer and wraparound porch.

West Church Street

31. 202 West Church St: c. 1890, one-and one-half-story, cross-gabled, clapboard-sided residence with Eastlake and Colonial Revival detailing. Features include Tuscan wraparound porch with denticulated cornice, second story balcony, scrollwork and vergeboard on gable eaves, and carved brackets on a canted bay. The house is surrounded by a wood picket fence.

North Cleveland Street

32. First Presbyterian Church, North Cleveland St: c. 1916 brick church with a Roman Doric pedimented portico with colossal columns.

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Other features include octagonal steeple, semicircular-arched side windows, and quoining. This church was designed by J. Carroll Johnson, one of the better-known twentieth-century architects of Columbia. Johnson was commissioned by John T. Stevens after he designed Stevens' house on West Richland Street, also in this district.(2)

West Richland Street

33. 208 West Richland St: post-1940 residence; noncontributing.
34. 210 West Richland St: c. 1890, pent gable-front, two-bay, clapboard-sided residence with one-story wraparound porch with post supports.
35. John T. Stevens House, 225 West Richland St: 1916-1920, two-story, hipped-roof, brick, Colonial Revival residence with projecting end bays. It has a one-story full-facade veranda supported by paired Tuscan columns with fretwork roof balustrade on north facade and porte cochere on west facade. The house has elaborate interior woodwork and plaster moldings. It was built for John T. Stevens (1869-1950), prominent Lancaster County businessman. Stevens was a frequent business partner of textile entrepreneur Leroy Springs, and a leader in the cottonseed and cotton oil industry in the state. He established the Kershaw Oil Mill, Lancaster Cotton Oil Company, and Marion Oil Company, and also served as president of the South Carolina Cotton Seed Crushers' Association. In addition, Stevens served as president of the Bank of Kershaw, president of the Kershaw Telephone Company, vice president of the Kershaw Cotton Mill, and vice president of the Lancaster and Chester Railroad. The house was designed by J. Carroll Johnson, who also designed the First Presbyterian Church in this district.(3)

West Marion Street

36. 214 West Marion St: 1916, two-story, hipped-roof, clapboard-sided, Classical Revival residence. There is a two-story, Corinthian pedimented portico with one-story porch with engaged porte cochere supported by Tuscan columns on the south facade. The house has three bays with a central entry with sidelights and transom-lights on the first and second stories.
37. West Marion St: c. 1905, two-story, three-bay, hipped-roof with projecting gable and hipped-roof dormer, clapboard-sided, Colonial Revival residence with a one-story, Tuscan, wraparound porch with turned balustrade on porch and open, second-story,

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central bay balcony.

West Sumter Street

38. 215 West Sumter St: c. 1900, two-story, hipped-roof, three-bay, aluminum-sided residence with altered wraparound porch.
39. West Sumter St: c. 1900, one-and-one-half-story, pyramidal roof with lower cross gables and a pyramidal-roof dormer, clapboard-sided residence. Tuscan, full-facade, one-story, hipped-roof porch with turned balustrade.

NOTES

(1) Mrs. Frances Moreland's Fifth Grade Class, Kershaw Elementary School, "Kershaw, South Carolina: Kershaw Sights, Sounds, and Memories," unpublished pamphlet, Kershaw, S.C., 1986, p. 46; Lancaster County Public Library, Lancaster, S.C.; George W. Malone, An Attractive New Book Describing the Principal Towns of Lancaster County, S.C., Including Lancaster, Kershaw, Heath Springs and others. Noting the Leading Men and Their Pursuits, and Dwelling upon the Main Business Enterprises. With Historical Sketches (Lancaster: Enterprise Publishing Company, 1900), p. 31.

(2) "Kershaw Sights, Sounds, and Memories," p. 46; Interview with Mrs. Betty Lou Blackwell, Kershaw, S.C., 6 June 1989; J. Carroll Johnson to J. Gordon Hughes, 15 July 1926, in David R. Coker Papers, South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.

(3) Ibid.; Secretary of State of South Carolina, Dead Domestic Corporations, File # 4657, Lancaster Cotton Oil Company; Secretary of State of South Carolina, Live Domestic Corporations, File # 2595, Kershaw Oil Mill; South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.; Ernest A. Beaty and Carl W. McMurray, Lancaster County: Economic and Social, Bulletin of the University of South Carolina, No. 132, November 15, 1923, Issued Semi-Monthly by the University (Columbia: University of South Carolina, 1923), p. 21; South Carolina: Special Limited Edition (Chicago and New York: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1920), p. 165; Geddings Hardy Crawford, Editor, Who's Who in South Carolina: A Dictionary of Contemporaries Containing Biographical Notices of Eminent Men of South Carolina (Columbia: McCaw of Columbia, 1921), pp. 185-186; and Ralph E. Grier, Editor, South Carolina and Her Builders A Work for Newspaper and Library Reference and Home Reading (The Carolina Biographical Association, Inc., 1930), pp. 194, 338.



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Name of property: Matson Street Historic District  
(Historic Resources of Lancaster County  
multiple property submission)

Location of property: Lancaster County, South Carolina

Location of negative: South Carolina Department of Archives and History

1. 201 North Matson Street  
Staff, SC Department of Archives & History  
June 1989
2. 213 North Matson Street  
Staff, SC Department of Archives & History  
June 1989
3. Roy L. Blackmon House, 311 North Matson Street  
Catawba Regional Planning Council, Rock Hill, SC  
1982
4. 314 North Matson Street  
Staff, SC Department of Archives & History  
June 1989
5. 106 South Matson Street  
Staff, SC Department of Archives & History  
June 1989
6. 108 South Matson Street  
Staff, SC Department of Archives & History  
June 1989
7. 212 South Matson Street  
Staff, SC Department of Archives & History  
June 1989
8. 202 West Church Street  
Staff, SC Department of Archives & History  
June 1989
9. First Presbyterian Church, North Cleveland Street  
Staff, SC Department of Archives & History  
June 1989

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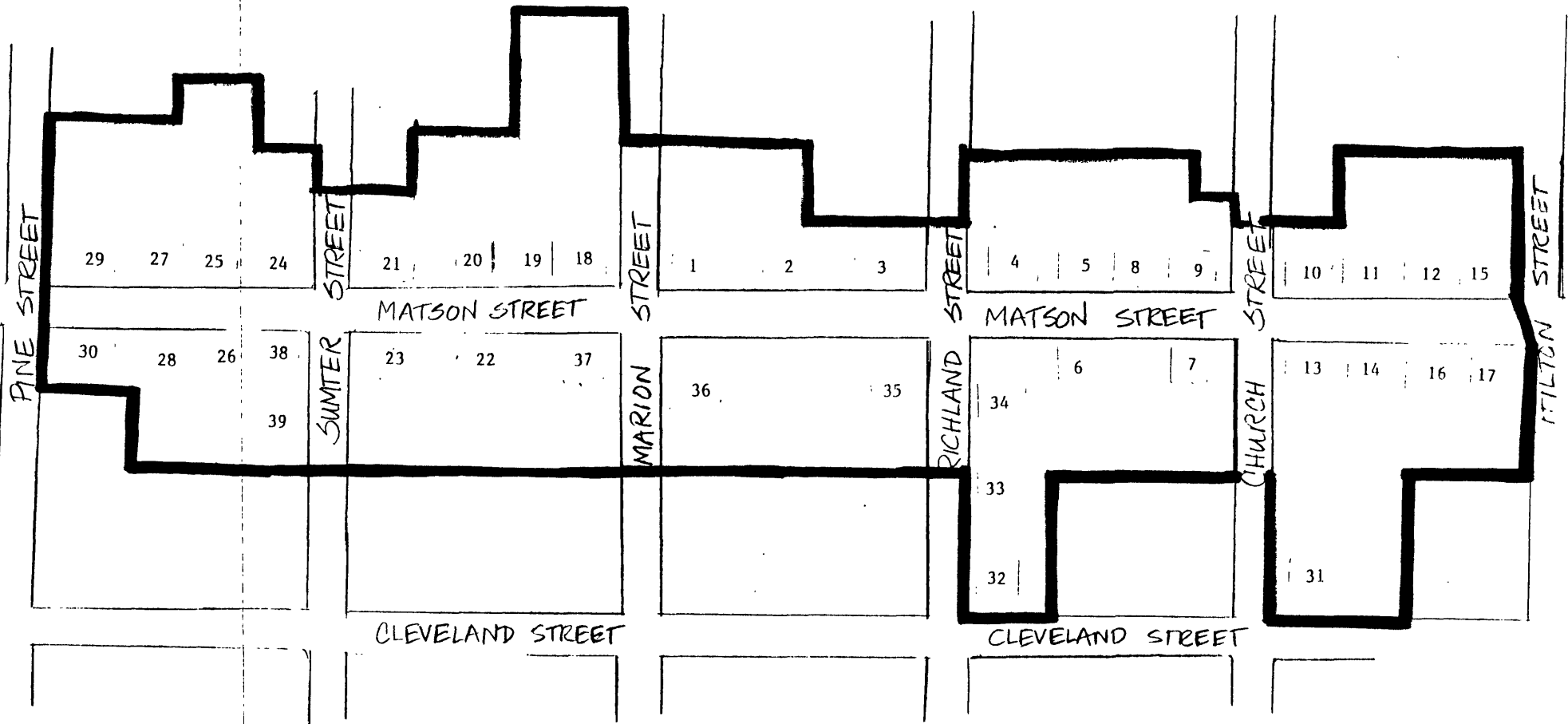
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10. John T. Stevens House, 225 West Richland Street  
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1982
11. 214 West Marion Street  
Staff, SC Department of Archives & History  
June 1989
12. West Sumter Street  
Staff, SC Department of Archives & History  
June 1989
13. 115 North Matson Street (Noncontributing)  
Staff, SC Department of Archives & History  
June 1989
14. 203 North Matson Street (Noncontributing)  
Staff, SC Department of Archives & History  
June 1989



MATSON STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT  
 Kershaw, Lancaster County, SC

Adapted from Lancaster County Tax Maps; Drawn at a scale of 1" = 200'.  
 Numbers correspond to the inventory of district properties.

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