

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 *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 Preston House
other names/site number 60-270

2. Location

street & number South side U.S. 460/11 1/2 mi. southwest of VA Rt. 641 not for publication N/A
city, town Christiansburg vicinity
state Virginia code VA county Montgomery code 121 zip code 24073

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Prehistoric and Historic Resources of Montgomery County

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.

Signature of certifying official Virginia Department of Historic Resources Date _____

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:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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)OTHER: folk bungalow

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICKwalls WOOD: weatherboardroof ASPHALT

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Preston House is located on the south side of U. S. 460/11 on the crest of a hill. The house consists of a gable-fronted one-story section with numerous appendages including gabled square bays, an octagonal room, wraparound porches, and a semi-detached two-story cellar structure to the west (rear) of the house. Many of the one-over-one double-hung sash and smaller fixed windows have ornamental shutters. Three square or polygonal lanterns or cupolas ornament the roof. On the northeast corner facing the road, a four-bay wraparound porch is supported by tapered wood posts on brick plinths. Scalloped-topped picket railings surround the porch and a smaller similar porch to the south of the principal (east) front. The octagonal semi-detached room located to the south of the main building features a bracketed cornice. The house is sheathed with wide weatherboards and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Ornamental roof cresting is found in some areas and around a two-stage tower on the east front. Interior details are conventional and modest, and have been altered somewhat to accommodate changes in the building through the years. A fire damaged the interior in the 1960s (Scott).

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

Period of Significance

1942

Significant Dates

1942

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

William Preston/ Builder

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

The Preston House is significant under criterion C as a unique example of regional and popular architecture interpreted within a folk context. Although constructed several years after the 1938 official cut-off date, the house's exterior has exceptional significance that justifies the exception. The complex form and decorative elements of the house mark it as one of the area's most distinctive landmarks. Creation of the house by William Preston bears all the hallmarks of classic folk aesthetic. The house originally had several features which have been removed during a recent rehabilitation due to the house's delapidated condition. These elements include a lattice frieze on the principal porch with heart and star appliques and sawn verge boards with decorative pendants in most of the gables. These elements are well documented in photographs and could easily be duplicated. Their loss, while detrimental to the appearance of the house, does not reduce its formal complexity and relative value within the context of the county's twentieth-century architecture.

In 1942 William Preston, a resident of the Ironto area of Montgomery County, began construction of the house. Preston told his sister Mrs. William Hodge, "One night I had a dream of this house, so I built it just like the dream." She helped him wallpaper it after it was built and related "Inside, there were all kinds of little shelves and cabinets and little things over the windows. He really loved it. He did all the construction himself." Preston lived in the house for about ten years and then eventually moved to Oklahoma. Laura Scott of Blacksburg purchased the house in 1972. An article written in 1973 described the house's original paint scheme as white with green and orange trim. Mrs. Scott did considerable work on the house and attempted to preserve Preston's vision as much as possible (Streitmatter).

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Scott, Laura. Personal Communication, 1988.

Streitmatter, R. A. "A good dream house never dies - if someone cares." Roanoke Times, 21 June, 1973.

Montgomery County Tax Parcel Maps

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository:

Virginia Department of Historic Resources
221 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

A 17 559900 4111450
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at point A on the southeast side of US 460/11 1/2 mi. southwest of the intersection with VA Route 641, thence east with the south side of a drive 35 feet to point B, thence with the east side of a drive south 180 feet to point C, thence west 200 feet to point D, thence north-northwest 130 feet to point E, thence northeast with the southeast side of US 460/11 to the point of origin.

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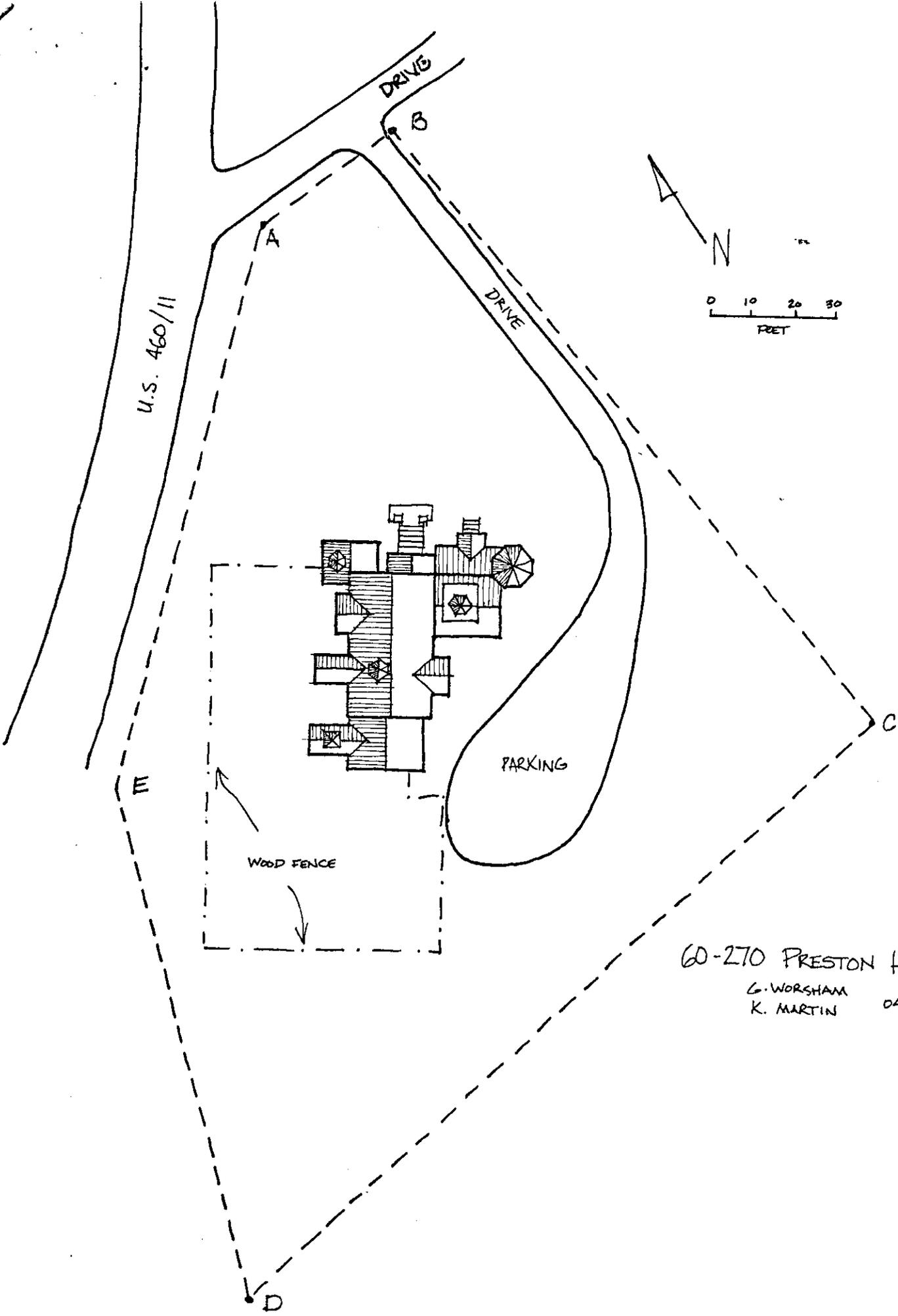
Boundary Justification

The boundaries represent the historic site of the building and coincide with the boundaries of the lot on which the building was constructed.

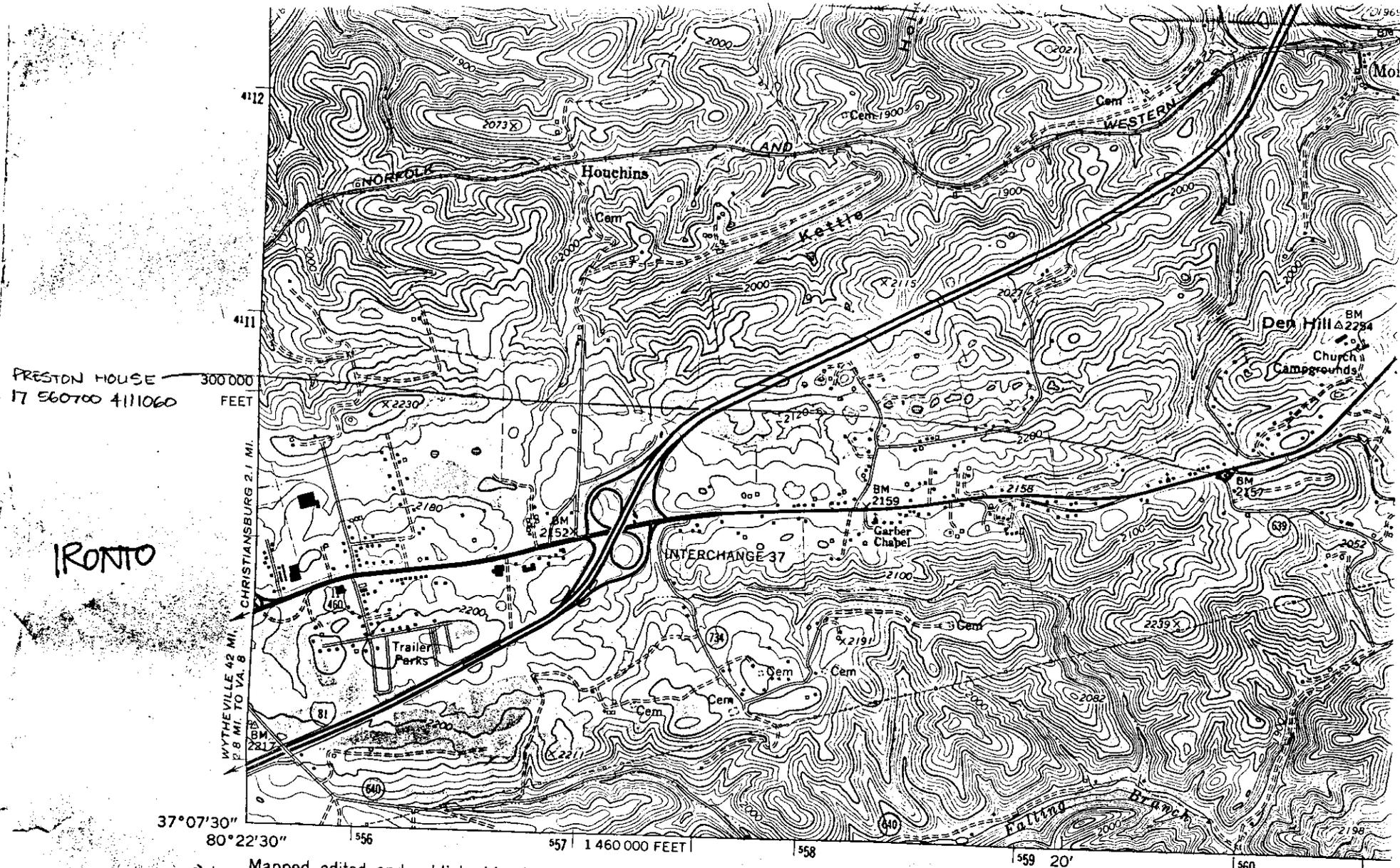
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11. Form Prepared By

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60-270 PRESTON HOUSE
G. WORSHAM
K. MARTIN 0A/88



PRESTON HOUSE
17 560700 4111060

IRONTO

(RINER)
4958 III SW

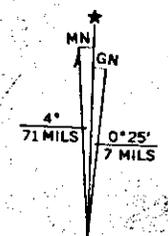
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1963. Field checked 1965

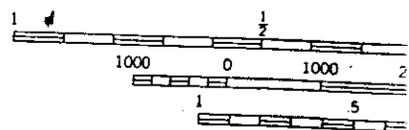
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Virginia coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with
Commonwealth of Virginia agencies from aerial photographs
taken 1972. This information is unchecked



UTM GRID AND 1972 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



CONTOUR
DATA

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