SPRING CONFERENCE AT
MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY

Saturday, April 20, 2002
SECOND CALL

The 68th meeting of the Association will be held on April 20 at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay (508-830-5000). The program is listed on pages 3-4 of this issue and was mailed earlier to all members along with registration, motel and travel instructions.

Vice-President James O'Toole (Boston College) arranged this splendid program. Christopher Hannan and Ron Smith at Massachusetts Maritime Academy made local arrangements with the expert assistance of Executive Secretary James P. Hanlan. This is the Association's first meeting on scenic Cape Cod and we are very grateful for the hospitable efforts on our behalf. Please see our web page for other details:
http://www.wpi.edu/~jphanlan/NEHA.

The Spring conference begins with registration on Saturday at 8:00 A.M. in the Harrington Academic Building. Members are invited to bring copies of their own recent publications as well as timely professional literature for display or distribution at the book exhibit. Registration fee payment is required for everyone on the program (panelists, chairs and commentators) and all who attend the conference. Pre-registration by mail prior to April 6 is strongly recommended, but registration at the conference is possible. Please feel free to photocopy the conference registration form on the back page when inviting colleagues, graduate students and friends.

Luncheon will be served in the Bay State Conference Room on Saturday at 12:15, but seating is limited. Please purchase your lunch ticket when you register by mail no later than April 6. Even if you do not join us on Cape Cod, please use this form to pay your annual membership dues. The annual election of Association officers will be conducted at lunch following a brief business meeting, and presentation of our second annual NEHA Prize. The Spring meeting will conclude with a cruise of Cape Cod Canal (tickets are $12.00) at 3:15 on Saturday.
OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

Cape Cod is an attractive and popular destination in the springtime and demand for room reservations may be high. The Association suggests that members make motel reservations early. Call the Atlantic Motel (508-295-0210), Bridge Bourne (800-356-6738), Butternut Bay Inn (508-743-0800), Innskeeper Too (508-759-3003), Ocean Pointe Inn (508-356-6738), or the Yankee Thrift Motel (508-759-3883).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Driving from the North: take I-93 South to Route 3 South to Route 6 & 28 West to Buzzards Bay. Follow Route 24 South to Route 495 South to Route 25 East. Take the second Buzzards Bay exit. Once on Main Street in Buzzards Bay make a left at the only set of traffic lights onto Academy Drive. Follow it to the MMA campus.

Driving from the South: follow Route I-95 North to Providence. Take I-95 East to Route 25 East. Take the second Buzzards Bay exit.

Driving from the West: follow Route I-84 to I-90 (Mass Pike). Take I-494 South to Route 25 East and then take the second Buzzards Bay exit.

Parking on the MMA campus is available in lots marked with the familiar NEHA signs leading to the Harrington Academic Building.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Fall meeting will be held at Rhode Island College in Providence on October 19, 2002. Our new Vice-President will be the program chair, and organize the program. The deadline for submitting proposals (one-page abstract and a brief c.v.) is June 15, 2002. For information about the program or submissions contact James P. Hanlan, WPI, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, MA 01609-2280; jphlanlan@wpi.edu

THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

A Regional Professional Association for all Historical Specializations Since 1965

SATURDAY APRIL 20, 2001

MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY BUZZARDS BAY, MASSACHUSETTS

SPRING CONFERENCE PROGRAM

All sessions will be held in the Harrington Academic Building.

8:00-8:30 REGISTRATION: Harrington Foyer.

First Morning Session, 8:30-10:00:

8:30 Session 1: Politics and Economy in Antiquity Room: H 102
Christopher McDonough, Boston College, chair/commentator
Valerie Warner, Wesleyan University, A Conspiracy in Republican Rome: The Senate's Attempt to Control Bacchic Worship
Jacqueline Carlson, Tufts University, Amicitia and Revisionist History: Pliay and the Sexen trials of 93 C.E.
Joshua Soin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Fiduciary Coutage at Hellenistic Thebes

8:30 Session 2: 20th-Century African-American Leadership: National and Local Room: H 103
Crystal Feinestein, Boston College, chair/commentator
Amy Baas, SUNY Plattsburgh, You Can Never Go Home Again: The Problem of Remembering W. E. B. Du Bois
Ebenezer Miller, Brandeis University, Ralph Bunche Remembered
Dolita Cathcart, Wheaton College, Living in Color: Race, Class, and Politics in Turn of the Century Boston

8:30 Session 3: No Irish Need Apply: A Myth of victimization? Room: H 104
Kevin Kenny, Boston College, chair
Richard Jensen, University of Illinois-Chicago, emeritus, No Irish Need Apply: A Myth of victimization?
Comments: John McGlynn, Assumption College
Kevin Kenny, Boston College

8:30 Session 4: Presenting Ghosts of Industries Past: Instructional Technologies in Public History Room: H 105
Bruce Cohen, Worcester State College, chair
Presentation: S. J. Woolf, American Antiquarian Society
Technology: David Rawson, Worcester State College
Comment: Robert Farrand, University of Massachusetts-Lowell

8:45 8:50 Session 5: Explorations in the History of Medicine and Public Health Room: H 106
Cassandra Cavanagh, College of the Holy Cross, chair/commentator
Martha Yoder, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, We Must Bleed Every Vein: Disease, Trade, and Nonimportation in Pre-Revolutionary Boston
Ann Becker, SUNY Stony Brook, Smallpox in Washington's Army

Break for Book Exhibit & Refreshments: 10:00-10:30

Morning Session II: 10:30-12:00
REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bruce Cohen (Worcester State College), chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the following candidates were nominated for the April 20 election:

President: James O'Toole (Boston College)
Vice-President: Paul Monod (Middlebury College)
Secretary: Peter Holloran (Worcester State College)

Executive Committee: George Dameron (St. Michael's College), Jane Lancaster (Independent Scholar), Aliena Waller (University of Connecticut), Robert Weir (Bay Path College)

Nominating Committee: David Balfour (St. Joseph's College), Martin Menke (Rivier College), Marc Stern (Bentley College), S. J. Wolfe (American Antiquarian Society)

THE NEHA PRIZE

On April 20 the Association will present the second NEHA Prize, a new annual award for the best paper presented by a graduate student at our Spring or Fall conferences. The prize is a certificate of merit and a $200.00 honorarium. The first annual prize was presented to Matthew Rainbow Hale (Brandeis University) at the Spring meeting for his paper "A Very Odd Jumble: The Contradictions and Consequences of Americans' Support for the French Revolutionary War.

We will present the second annual NEHA Prize to Robert Martello (MIT) for the paper he presented at the conference on April 21, 2001, "Patriot in the Copper Mill: Paul Revere and Proto-Industrial Evolution in the Early Republic."
Each session chair may nominate one paper for this prize and a committee of three members appointed by the president will judge all nominations. The criteria are scholarship, presentation, and originality. This year the committee members were Peter Holloran (Worcester State College), chair; Jane Lancaster (Brown University); and Steven Corvi (Northeastern University). The prize is intended to encourage and recognize outstanding research papers by more graduate students at our conferences. The second annual prize will be presented at the April 20, 2002 meeting. Session chairs are invited to recommend papers presented by a graduate student at the Spring or Fall meetings. Contact the Executive Secretary for details.

NEHA BOOK AWARD COMMITTEE

The Book Award Committee presented the 2000 NEHA Book Award on October 20 to the winner, Lisa McGill (Harvard University) for her outstanding book, Suburban Warriors: The Origins of the New American Right (Princeton University Press). The committee members were: Martin Menke, chair (Rivier College); Steven Corey (Worcester State College), Clifford Putney (Bentley College); William Leonard (Emmanuel College); and Joanne Schneider (Rhode Island College).

Any publisher may nominate one book each year by writing to Executive Secretary James P. Hanlan, WPI, Department of Humanities, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, MA 01609-2280 or email him at jhanlan@wpi.edu by June 1, 2002. Monographs on any historical time, topic or place published in 2001, written by an author who lives or works in New England (or has done so in the past two years), are eligible for the annual NEHA Book Award to be presented at the October 2002 conference. The nominated book should represent the best historical writing and scholarship in any era or field of history. The award certificate and $200.00 stipend is presented to the winner at the conference each Fall.

The members of the NEHA Book Award Committee for 2001 are Joanne Schneider, chair (Rhode Island College); Joseph McCarthy (Suffolk University); Donna Brown (University of Vermont); Jack Resch (University of New Hampshire-Manchester); and Peter Holloran (Worcester State College). Nominations may be made before June 1 by contacting Joanne Schneider, Rhode Island College, Department of History, Providence, RI 02908; jschneider@hotmail.com

AT THE SESSIONS

The 67th meeting of the Association at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont on October 19-20 was well attended with 68 historians registered for 10 sessions with 28 papers. At the luncheon on campus 49 members joined us for food and the business meeting.

This meeting was made possible by the splendid efforts on our behalf by the program chair, Vice-President James O'Toole (Boston College), Executive Secretary James P. Hanlan (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), and a very cooperative local arrangements committee headed by George Dameron from the St. Michael's College History Department.

NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

Reggie Blazeyk (Boston University) received a Baird Society Resident Fellowship at the Smithsonian Institution to study The Color Revolution.

Jeffrey Burds (Northeastern University) received a grant from the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation to study post-war crime in the USSR.

Randall Hanson (Colby-Sawyer College) was named New Hampshire Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation.

Jeanne Marie Pennvene (Tufts University) won the Lieber Award for distinguished teaching and will be a Scholar in Residence at the Tufts European Center in France.

Louis Stein, a specialist on the Spanish Republican exiles and a veteran member of the Boston University Prison Education Program, died in January.


Lawrence Wolff (Boston College) was elected to the American Historical Association Research Division.

BOOK NEWS


Jon Butler (Yale University) published Becoming American: The Revolution Before 1776 (Harvard University Press).


Mike Davis (SUNY Stony Brook) published Late Victorian Holocausts: El Nino Faminies and the Making of the Third World (Verso), which won the World History Association 2002 book award.

Peter Deur (Cornell University) published Revolutionizing the Sciences: European Knowledge and Its Ambitions, 1500-1700 (Princeton University Press).


John Mack Faragher (Yale University) published Women and Men on the Overland Trail (Yale University Press), which won the OAH'S Frederick Jackson Turner Award.

Lawrence Fine (Mt. Holyoke College) published Judaism in Practice: From the Middle Ages Through the Early Modern Period (Princeton University Press).

CONFERENCES MEETING

The Historical Society’s third national conference will be in Atlanta on May 16-18, 2002 on the theme of Historical Reconstructions. For information contact Joseph Lucas, The Historical Society, 656 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02215 or see the website: http://www.bu.edu/historic/conference.html

The Washburn Humanities Center and the University of Maine at Farmington will jointly host the annual conference on Northern New England in the 19th Century on June 6-8 in Farmington. Contact Billie Gammon, Washburn Humanities Center, 42 Hathaway Hill Road, Livermore, ME 04253; (207) 897-2236; fax: (207) 897-7064; email: Nadelhft@maine.edu

Hancock Shaker Village hosts the 2002 Shaker Seminar on July 21-26 at the Enfield Shaker Village and the Canterbury Shaker Village in New Hampshire. For more information contact Todd Burdick, Shaker Seminar, Hancock Shaker Village, Hancock, MA 00000; (413) 443-0188; akoomler@aol.com

The Social Science History Association holds its 27th annual conference in St. Louis on October 24-27 on the theme International Perspectives on Social Science History: Thinking Globally, Researching Locally, Working Cooperatively. Contact Ellen Dwyer, Department of History, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405.

The New England American Studies Association (NEASA) holds its annual conference in Boston at the Massachusetts Historical Society on April 26-28, 2002 on the theme The Tyranny of Facts: Cultural Institutions and the Authority of Evidence. For information contact the program chair, Lisa MacFarlane, University of New Hampshire, Department of English, Durham, NH 03824; lwm@csunix.unh.edu

The American Association for the History of Medicine holds its 2002 meeting in Kansas City on April 25-28. Contact Nancy Toomes, Department of History, SUNY Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794-4348.

The 29th Annual Faulkner & Yoknapatwpha Conference meets at the University of Mississippi on July 21-26, 2002. Contact the Institute for Continuing Studies, PO Box 879, University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677-0897; 662-915-4554, or see http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/south/ Faulkner/index.htm

CONFERENCE CALLS FOR PAPERS

The Northeast Popular Culture/American Culture Association (NEPCA) invites proposals for its 25th annual conference at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, NH on November 8-9, 2002. Send a one page abstract with a concise title and C.V. by July 1 to the program chair, Margaret Wiley, Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH 03050; mwiley@colby-sawyer.edu or see the NEPCA website: http://www.wpi.edu/~jphanlan/NEPCA.html

The 2002 meeting of the Northeast Conference on British Studies will be on October 18-19 at Yale University. Proposals may be submitted by April 20 to the program chair: Contact Malcolm Smuts, Department of History, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA 02125; Malcolm.Smuts@umb.edu
The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) holds its 24th annual conference at the University of California at Berkeley on July 11-14, 2002. For further information, contact the program chair, Patricia Cline Cohen, American Antiquarian Society, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609-1634; email: pcohen@history.ucsb.edu

The Film and History League invites proposals for its second national conference in Kansas City on November 7-10, 2002. The conference theme is "The American West(s) in Film, TV, and History." Contact the Film and History League, RR 3, Box 80, Cleveland, OK 74020; phone: (918) 243-7742; fax: (312) 577-0742; email: FilmHistLeague@aol.com; or see the web site: http://www.FilmandHistory.org

The 12th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women meets on June 6-9, 2002 at the University of Connecticut in Storrs on the theme "Local Knowledge--Global Knowledge." Contact Claire Potter, Center for the Americas, 255 High Street, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT 06457; cpotter@wesleyan.edu or see the web site for more information: http://www.berkconference.com

The Rural Women's Studies Association invites proposals for its conference in Las Cruces, New Mexico on February 20-23, 2003. Contact Jeanette Keith, Department of History, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, 400 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815-1399 (keith@bloomsu.edu) by May 24.

The 4th North American Conference on Welsh Studies meets in Syracuse on June 20-22. Contact the program chair, Carol Nelson-Burns, Department of English, 2801 W. Bancroft, Toledo, OH 43606-3390; cburns@unt.net@utoledo.edu

or www2.be.edu/~ellijsig/naaswch.html.

The Oral History Association will hold an international conference in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa on June 24-27, 2002 on the theme "The Power of Oral History: Memory, Healing, and Development." For further information contact Madelyn Campbell, Oral History Association, Executive Secretary, Dickinson College, PO Box 1773, Carlisle, PA 17013-2896, or see the web site: http://www.is.unp.ac.za/oha/2002

The Oral History Association invites proposals for the First Biennial Urban History conference in Pittsburgh on September 26-28. Contact Timothy R. Mahoney, Executive Secretary, Urban History Association, University of Nebraska, Department of History, Lincoln, NE 68588-0327; tmahoney1@unl.edu

Historic Deerfield will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2002 and the 300th anniversary of the Deerfield Massacre of 1704 with a major conference, lecture series, publications, special events and tours in Deerfield, Massachusetts from 2002 to 2004. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the executive director, Donald R. Friary at (413) 775-7166 or by email: dfriary@historic-deerfield.org

The Northeast Victorian Studies Association holds its 2002 conference at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario on April 19-21. Contact Suzy Anger, University of Maryland, Department of English, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250; anger@umbc.edu

The Hagley Prize is offered each year jointly by the Hagley Museum and Library and the Business History Conference jointly for the best book in business history. The prize committee encourages the submission of books from all methodological perspectives. Scholars, publishers and other interested parties may submit nominations. Contact Michael Nash, Hagley Museum and Library, PO Box 2630, Wilmington, DE 19807-0630.

The Northeast Popular Culture/American Culture Association (NEPCA) offers its annual book award for the best book on any American culture or pop culture topic published in 2001 by an author in New England or New York. Publishers may nominate one book by June 15, 2002. The award certificate and $200 prize will be presented to the winner at the November 8-9, 2002 Northeast PCA/ACA conference at Colby-Sawyer College. Contact the NEPCA Executive Secretary: Peter Holloran, Worcester State College, History Department, Worcester, MA 01602; pch@world.std.com

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

The Southern Labor Archives of the Special Collections Department at Georgia State University offers the Mel E. Reed Fellowships for scholars using its archives. Contact Julia Marks Young, Southern Labor Archives, Georgia State University, 100 Decatur Street SE, Atlanta, GA 30303; (404) 651-2477.

The McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania offers fellowships for dissertation writers in any relevant discipline. Some are for nine months and others for shorter terms. Contact the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 3619 Locust Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6213; drichter@history.upenn.edu or see the website: http://www.mceas.org/dissertationfellowships.htm

The Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library at Yale University offers short-term fellowships to support visiting scholars pursuing post-doctoral research in its collections. The fellowships support travel to and from New Haven and pay a monthly allowance ($2,800.00) with free access to the library. For information on the collections see the website http://www.library.yale.edu/beincke/ and for application information contact the Beinecke Library, Director, PO Box 208240, New Haven, CT 06520-8240.

AUTHORS WANTED

The World History Association invites submissions for its annual book award competition. Books published in 2002 may be nominated by contacting David Chappell, WHA Book Award Chair, Department of History, University of Hawaii, 2530 Dole Street, Honolulu, HI 96822-2383; dchappell@hawaii.edu

CONFERENCES MEETING ABROAD

The European Association for American Studies holds its annual conference in Bordeaux on March 22-25, 2002. Contact the EAAS Conference in France by phone: +33 (0) 5 56 11 88 88, or fax: +33 (0) 5 56 11 88 22, or email: bec@bordeaux-expo.com

The Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library at Yale University offers short-term fellowships to support visiting scholars pursuing post-doctoral research in its collections. The fellowships support travel to and from New Haven and pay a monthly allowance ($2,800.00) with free access to the library. For information on the collections see the website http://www.library.yale.edu/beincke/ and for application information contact the Beinecke Library, Director, PO Box 208240, New Haven, CT 06520-8240.
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Richard Yeo, an associate professor of History at Griffith University in Queensland, discusses encyclopedias from 1700 to 1820, focusing on the works of John Harris and Ephraim Chambers which served as the models for Diderot and, later, the Encyclopédie Britannica. His purpose is to establish their modernity and their importance to men who thought of themselves as citizens of the Republic of Letters. Eighteenth-century encyclopedias, or dictionaries of the arts and sciences as they were called, are modern, Yeo says, because they “exemplified the Enlightenment ideal of knowledge as open, collaborative, and public...” (xiv) They differed from their medieval predecessors in content and purpose. They were written and published for an educated audience who wished to keep current with all areas of empirical knowledge. Theology, metaphysics, and the speculative pursuits that comprised the bulk of material contained in earlier encyclopedias were omitted. The readers of Harris, Chambers, and Diderot believed that keeping current with the constantly expanding natural and social sciences was an important part of their public lives, that public dissemination and open discussion of the arts and sciences made their century different from all others.

Professor Yeo argues that encyclopedias were central to the formation of what is now called the public sphere, “symbolizing the achievements of science and reason, but also epitomizing the success of private capitalism.” (xii) The challenge of how to organize and present the increasingly vast knowledge of the mechanical arts and natural sciences was solved by the decision to publish articles in alphabetical order, rather than grouping them by field of inquiry, craft, trade, or industry.

This method not only made all rational, empirical knowledge democratically accessible, it also made it easier for Harris, Chambers, Diderot and their printers to accommodate new knowledge in later editions.

Years ago, in a childhood summer now long past, I first saw Vermont. For a suburban boy from the Boston area, the intensity of the emerald countryside was astonishing, as was the cooling effect of climbing the wooded heights above its rolling fields. And then there was that glorious ferry ride on Lake Champlain, cobalt blue and cold. The memory of that vacation trip has lingered ever since, as has a hunger for understanding how the unique New England landscape came to be that way.

In *Hands on the Land*, Jan Albers of St. Michael's College presents a delicacy that helps to satisfy that hunger. The simple act of opening this sweeping book not only brought that old memory back to life, but also rekindled the sense of wonder that I felt in first viewing the Vermont landscape. The color photography accompanying her text would alone recommend this book. But this is not merely an antiquarian travelogue or a Chamber of Commerce promotional, as one might think when first picking it up. No, Albers has larger fish to fry here. This is a comprehensive history of humanity’s use of the land we now call Vermont and thus of how its landscape has evolved through the centuries.

In pursuing this goal, however, Albers has not written a scholarly monograph, per se. Rather, she has deftly pulled together a variety of well-recognized disciplines to produce this self-proclaimed “landscape history” targeted for general and collegiate audiences. It is an environmental history, complete with an appearance by Vermont’s own George Perkins Marsh, yet it eschews the mind-numbing catalogue of organisms and ecosystems that blight so many books of that genre. It is a guide to the historic preservation of Vermont’s architecture, but it is neither a how-to manual nor an architectural-detail plan book. It is an agricultural history, though not a Four-H guide to husbandry and cultivation. And it is a business study, but not a annual report to stockholders. Hands on the Land considers all of these influences upon the shaping of Vermont’s landscape, and does so with remarkable ease. And having done all this, Albers brings us to the clear conclusion that there has “been a series of Vermonts—some more successful than others [p. 331]”. Her point is that every human group that has inhabited this unique place has consciously shaped its landscape to suit their own needs and desires; and that there are many lessons to be learned from a careful review of that history, lessons that can be applied in Vermont’s landscape future.

Lest anyone think that this praise is overblown, the positive reception of Hands on the Land in many venues should put those doubts to rest. It has been honored with several awards, among them the annual Book Prize of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities and a Milestone Award from the Vermont Book Professionals Association, both in 2000, as well as the annual Media Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation in 2001. This praise has led the MIT Press to issue Hands on Land this spring in paperback, which should make it even more accessible than Albers has already made it. This book belongs in the library of every historian interested in the people, commerce, architecture, and environment of New England. All that is, as Jan Albers writes, its landscape.

David A. Rawson
Worcester State College

**PLAN AHEAD**

**American Historical Association**
2003 * Chicago * 2-5 January
2004 * Washington * 8-11 January
2005 * Seattle * 6-9 January
2006 * Philadelphia * 5-8 January

**Organization of American Historians**
2003 * Memphis * 3-6 April
2004 * Boston * 25-28 March

**American Studies Association**
2002 * Houston * 14-17 November
2003 * Hartford * 16-19 October

**Social Science History Association**
2002 * St. Louis * 24-27 October
2003 * Baltimore * 13-16 November
2004 * Chicago * 18-21 November
2005 * Portland * 3-6 November
2006 * Minneapolis * 2-5 November

**Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association**
2003 * New Orleans * 16-19 April
2004 * San Antonio * 7-10 April
2005 * San Diego * 23-26 March

**Northeast Popular Culture/American Culture Association**
2002 * Colby-Sawyer College * 8-9 November
2003 * Worcester State College * 31 October-1 November

**Oral History Association**
2002 * San Diego * 23-27 October
2002 * South Africa * 24-27 June

**National Conference on Public History**
2002 * Washington, D.C. * 11-14 April

**Society of Historians of the Early American Republic**
2002 * UC Berkeley * 11-14 July
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