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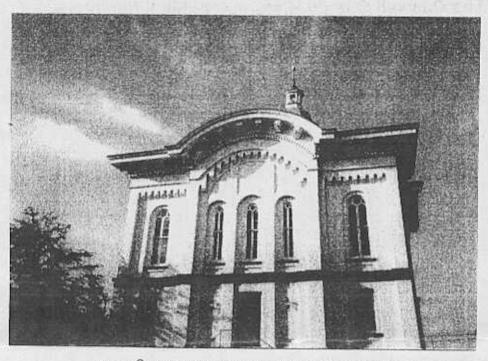
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Sallie P. Anderson, Ed.



COME ON AROUND TO THE BACK AND SEE WHAT'S NEW!

We've been pointing out to visitors and anybody else that will listen what additions and improvements have taken place on Court Square since the Yanceyville Horticulture Club shifted into high gear. Now we have to add that you can't see it all from the front. One of the most Important antique courthouses in the state is getting a highly scenic back yard.

It's been exciting for the editor, a next-door neighbor, to observe an enlarged and improved parking lot (no meters) followed by the Arboretum that must be seen to be believed! The goal of examples of all the North Carelina trees is being realized -- what an opportunity for school groups! Graveled paths on expertly placed trails are the work of many machines and men as the whole area has been transformed from a wasteland to a dreamland! What a difference!

Some five or ten years ago, the editor witnessed from my west windows the details of a novie-type-but-real car chase that came to an abrupt halt in the Old Jail (much smaller) parking lot.

The fugitive abandoned his stelen car and disappeared into the undergrowth that at that time extended almost to the bottom of the hill. It was a cold but clear night as we watched the officers' cars halt abruptly and the men and later the dogs spill out in all directions. ie knew what they would find -- dead wood, tough undergrowth, old junk, some of it glass, and a large septic tank that never had a cover and used to belong to the Old Jail. And, o yes, all those bamboo bushes (native N. C.?) -- oh! Long-time Sheriff Gunn used to supply himself and any ther fisherman with free fish-poles and it was a popular resource. However, of late years the plant had spread extensively and was a major problem to uprost. But they've done it!

The fugitive? Well, if he had waded in Jail Branch let us say he would have got cold feet but he would have eluded the bamboo and in any case he was not apprehended though the officers searched for hours. Some time later he was found, apparently in sound enough condition to be

ried and sentenced.

MARY LEE VARNER CARTER

We wonder if some of our readers may have missed the ebituary of our former Register of Deeds, Mary Lee Varner Carter? It may not have been in the MESSENGER and if it was we wonder if any mention was made of the importance of her continuing the policies of J. Burch Blaylock after she succeeded him as Register of Deeds for 2h years? These policies were of great importance to the efforts of the Caswell County Historical Association to preserve the history and genealogy of Caswell County.

The account in the Danville Register and Bee did give the vital statistics sought by family and historical researchers. We quote: Manceyville, N. C .-- Mary Lee Varner Carter, 73, of 69 Bo Carter Rd., died Saturday, February 4, 2006, at Moses Cone Hospital, following a per-

iod of declining health.

She was born May 28, 1937, in Angela, N. Y. to the late Edward and Isabelle McIntosh Varner. She attended Rockingham Community College and worked for 24 years as Caswell County's Register of Deeds. She was a member of Prospect United Methodist Church, Member of American Bus Women's Association, and member of the N. C. Association of Registrar of Deeds.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a. m. at Prospect United Methodist Church, con-

ducted by the Rev. David Grisson, Pastor.

She is survived by her husband, Bo Carter of the home; son, Bill Carter of Yanseyville; two daughters, Karen Lynn Carter of Oklahoma City, Okla., Mary Ann Carter of Greensboro, one grandson, Glenn Carter Foust of Greensboro, and a great-aunt, Lucille Lowder of High Point! These are facts so often collected by Blaylock for his MISCELLANEOUS VOLUMES for reference furmished to people from all over the country who would come into his office and ask for help on their family. Did it take time from his official business of recording deeds, contracts and mortgages? Certainly, but he was willing to work overtime if necessary to help anyone. Mary Lee was instructed in all the methods of record-keeping and customer-serving and both of them were of inestimable help to the CCHA in getting started by Burch's efforts and by selling our publications, the HISTORY, HERITAGE, and other books like Kendall's ABSTRACTS OF DEEDS to the public. In this regard, we report that there are a very few copies of Katharine Kerr Kendall's ABSTRACTS OF CASWELL COUNTY DEEDS 1814-1842. Write us for details. The other early Abstracts, a small book in a red binder, is very valuable and so far there are no more copies for sale that we know of. Anywhere.

Besides her willingness to assist the public with family research, Mary Lee displayed a helpful spirit which genealogy researchers have not always encountered. Because of the Register we have a large collection of Cemetery Rostersand people were always encouraged to submit mame: on neglected or deserted property tombstones. Personally the editor can think of agroup of tomat stones leaning up against an old building and we had a report of a tombstone being used as a

stepping stone for a corn-crib. James Yancey's un-carved stones are in my back yard.

Our ASSOCIATION blesses the memory of those who care for our memories. Yes, this is Bartlett's brother and Mr. Plumblee put them here when he saw them buldozed from the grave-site. Mike and Lucindy Willis seem to have restored the Bartlett Yancey Cemetery at the historic home where CCHA will have its meal-and-band concert occasion on Saturday, May 6.

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

We have received a letter from a Florida resident who has visited in the county and whose roots are definitely here. She will welcome correspondence with anyone about the following: ALDRIDGE: Susan A. Aldridge (b. 1/271821, d. 11/26/ 1886) mother of William Harrison Aldridge (b. 1/11/1841 & d. 7/25/1903), m. Nancy Benton Crawford

CARRETT: Thomas Carrett (b. 12/19/1776 & d. (5/11/1857 (son of William Carrett and Mary Lucas) m. Susannah Simpson b. 1/31/1781 & d. abt. 1859

GRAVES: May I call you on this family line?

HODOES: My oldest Hodges living in Caswell County was Thomas Hodges (b.5/10/1778 & d.12/10/ 1877) m.Frances Miller (1789-1857)

KERR: Alexander Kerr, Jr. (b.6/1726& d.12/1812) m. Mary Elizabeth Rice

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SIMPSON: Moses Simpson (b. 4/17/87 & d. 1/1870) m. Jane Meacham Tracy
WALKER: Phillip Walker, Sr. (b. abt. 1738 & d. 1826)
Address of correspondent: Dottie Pickett, 500 17th Ave. South, Naples, F1.34102-7407
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Markers reveal tie to ex-governor of Mississippi

By BILL SIERICHS Staff Writer

A pile of broken, early 19thcentury tombstones unco-vered Monday on the site of the Ingleside Plantation may solve a minor historical mystery about the fate of a former Mississippi governor.

Robert Williams was gover-nor of the Mississippi Territory from 1806 to 1809, when Aaron Burr ellegedly tried to start a civil war and create a separate nation out of Missis-

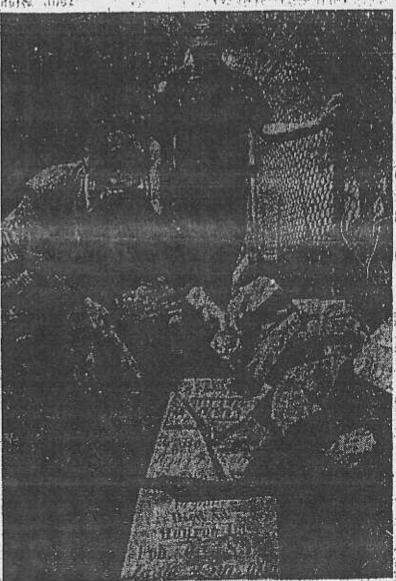
sippi and Louisiana. Williams' daughter was an early owner of Ingleside Plantation. But historians did not know where Williams had died and been burled after he left Mississippl, Total - Term

Northeast Louisiana University history teacher E. Russ Williams — no relation to the governor — says the ques-tion probably is answered. Circumstantial evidence at the site is strong that the "Robert Williams, Born in Prince Edward County, Virginia," on the tombstone was the gover-

"I,think he just came over here in his old age to live with his daughter, !! says Russ Williams. He died and was buried

About 15 tombstones were used plot of land, recently purchased by Dr. Lee and Nancy. Joyner of 320 Virginia Dr. liwas being pleared.

"The tombstones apparently had been located on a cemetery on nearby land now



Dr. E. Russ Williams pieces together tombstones. found Monday when a long-un- Ovachita Parish sheriff's deputy Steve Struben looks on

owned by the Baptist Chil-Children's Home's land dren's Home, says Russ Williams speculates that the ilams. They had been piled, land was cleared early this many broken, in a drainage ditch running between the Joyner's property and the See TOMBSTONES, page 2A

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A photo on an inside page showed the prince in Barbados while blond ex-model Vicki Hodge, 36, the prince standing on a poolside patio in ounged in the sun beside him in a bikini

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Lady Airlie, the former Virginia Fortune Ryan of Newport, R.I., married the Earl of Airlie in daughters. can make Queen Elizabeth II chuckle, the Londou Daily Mirror reported Monday.

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the acting superb.

They had hired a grader to move dirt and fill in the ditch. As its blade dug into the ditch bank next to a wire fence surrounding the Children's Home, it uncovered the stones buried in the dirt, says Nancy The Joyners were clearing their own land of brush and an abandoned house Monday, Joyner,

She says an old property description lists the ditch as formerly being a road called

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Williams says an 1863 map shows a road, running through the middle of the plantation at the approximate location of the denoted the cemetery, he speculates. The road probably ran from the plantation dítch. The map also has a dot nearby which home to Bayou DeSlard.

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old cemetery near where the water tower is located on the Children's Home land. She ast saw it in 1921, several years before the Corry, said Monday that she remembers an then was in a pecan orchard on "Kansas A long-time parish resident, Mrs. W.B. Home purchased the land, The cemetery Plantation" adjacent to Ingleside, she

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zation interested in history can be found to then, "I'm storing them in an area where I hope they'll be safe until we can decide what to do with them." restore and preserve the tombstones. Until Joyner says she hopes a group or organi

what to do with them."
Robert, Willams, daughter, Eliza Wil. fice on May 13, 1806.
Ilams, had married a Natchez, Miss, na. He Immediately ran into a problem with tive, Samuel Richardson, Russ Willams a state political leader, Cato West, who had Spanish land grant. They had at least two which originally had been created from a They bought Ingleside Plantation,

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tombstones are the oldest in the collec-

as a Jutice of the Peace in the parish. The Hamblens had three children, at least one of whom died young and was burled in the John M.A. Hamblen. He was later elected Eliza Williams married his physician, Dr. Richardson died in 1820. Two years later cemetery.

Jan. 30, 1836. Hamblen died two years later, on Feb. 4, 1838. His tombstone also was in the old cemetery.

Eliza Willams married a third time, a parently came to Ingleside, where he died

found in the ditch. Her daughter, Columbia; married Wesley J.Q. Baker, who was the Ouachita Parish judge from 1872 to 1874. man named Warfield -- his first name was not available - whose tombstone also was

ally controversial career. He served as a U.S. congressman from North Carolina (term of service unavailable) until he was appointed by President Thomas Jefferson Robert Williams had a varied and politic to be the third governor of the Mississippl renttory

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The spring 1806, Williams left Mississippi visited Mississippi with a number of followfor a year. During that time, Aaron Burr ers. Burr was a political opponent of Jefferson a one-time candidate for president of the United States and had killed U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamliton in a famous duel.

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> A Mississippi grand jury refused to indict Burr, who was later arrested elsewhere but acquited of a treason charge.

In subsequent political battles, partially created by the Burr Conspiracy, Williams was barassed by various Mississippi political factions which he was unable to counter, the "History" says. Once Williams even dissolved the state Legislature during a political fight over its reapportionment,

Williams was reappointed governor by Jefferson in 1808, but tired of the fighting and resigned on March 3, 1809. He ran unsuccessfully for territorial delegate in 1811、1251

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children - twins named Williams and Winston who were born and died in 1819. Their

At some point, Robert Williams ap-

Williams succeeded Mississippi Gov. W.C.C. Claiborne, who was the first Ameri-

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wanted to be govenor. West seized the state's records and took them to his Greenville, Miss., home and refused to return

SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2006 (2:30 pm -- 5:00 pm)

RICHMOND-MILES HISTORY MUSEUM – COURT SQUARE Yanceyville, North Carolina

Come to see what's new and what's old. Our volunteers will be there to welcome you, answer your questions, and serve a glass of lemonade!

Special activities

Poet's Corner - Award winning poet Barry Koplen will read his poems about this area.

Native-American Show and Tell – by popular demand David Kirby will be on hand to share his Native-American artifact collection and help you know the significance of your artifacts. Just bring them with you. In January a guest from South Boston brought a motar that was a perfect fit for David Kirby's pestle. See photo on the CCHA Weblog.¹

YOUR ASSOCIATION AT WORK

The Richmond-Miles History Museum was closed in January, but there was much activity by our loyal volunteers. You will see the results of our volunteer workdays when you visit. The central hall stairwell is now the site of some of our best photos of the Court Square area over the years. The conference room is a portrait gallery. Numerous boxes of artifacts have been brought from the basement and added to our exhibits. There is a new sports memorabilia exhibit and a fashion exhibit. Our front hall is enlivened by two lovely benches bequeathed by Maud Gatewood² that were once the prosecutor and defender's benches in the historic Caswell County Courthouse courtroom. Dorothy Zimmerman's³ family gave the museum her collection of Maud Gatewood's early work in loving memory of Dot. And, there are some great later Gatewood works on loan from her estate. Too many people were involved in these efforts to give credit to everyone.

David Kirby's Native American Show and Tell and Anne Gunn Everitt's presentation on Saving Family Photo Treasures were great successes at the January 15, 2006, CCHA General Membership Meeting.

http://ncccha.blogspot.com/2006/02/early-american-artifacts-in-caswell.html

² For an article on Maud Gatewood go to: http://www.rootsweb.com/~ncccha/biographies/maudegatewood.html

³ For information on Dorothy Dean Yarbrough Zimmerman, go to: http://wc.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=caswellcounty&id=14173

Anne sent along three additional pointers that she wanted to share:

- Store photos in non-acid boxes or albums. Do not store photos in corrugated boxes, or if you do, isolate them from the cardboard with non-acid material.
- DO NOT LAMINATE your valuable old, one-of-a-kind photographs. Store in non-acid sleeves.
- Use ultra violet protective glass when framing photographs, especially color photographs

If you want a copy of her handouts, sent us a stamped self-addressed envelope (two first class stamps please) and we will send you a copy.

REMINDER: IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2006 DUES, PLEASE DO SO NOW. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTIONS. Please note that you now may pay your dues online using PayPal or a credit card. Go to: http://ncccha.org/

CCHA Online

This new section of the Newsletter will contain information on our efforts to better serve CCHA members and the public by providing various internet resources. We now have four online sites for you to visit.

The first is the main CCHA Website at http://www.rootsweb.com/~ncccha/. There you will find articles on notable Caswell County people and places, a genealogy section, a list of the publications sold by the CCHA, an expanding photograph section, and much more. For you convenience, the latest twenty-five changes to the website are listed on the home page. The website was created in July 2005 and has had over 5,100 visitors.

The second online resource, the CCHA Message Board (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ncccha/), is related to the first. The purpose is to act as a mailing list for those who would like to receive information about the CCHA (including significant changes to the main CCHA Website) and the Richmond-Miles History Museum. It also provides a forum to share materials about the history of Caswell County. Joining this group is free and easy, as is unsubscribing should you no longer be interested. Membership currently is unrestricted. We now have sixty-seven subscribers, with more joining daily.

The third internet site is the CCHA Web Log (or Blog) at: http://ncccha.blogspot.com/. This is a chattier, less formal place to share stories, photographs, and other items not suitable for full coverage on the CCHA Website. Take a look. You also may leave comments. Many of the items posted there will find they way to the main CCHA Website as full-blown articles.

The Caswell County Family Tree at: http://wc.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=caswellcounty is the final online resource we have created. It is an ambitious effort to document in the format of a family tree all the families of Caswell County. Only two months old, it already contains 9,869 entries. By virtue of its scope, this is a long-term project. If you would like your family included, send an outline to the CCHA Webmaster

(rick@ncccha.org). You also may leave Post-Em notes on the family tree itself. This is a great feature that you are encouraged to use.

Finally, to better serve CCHA members, we are creating a directory of email addresses. This will allow us to broadcast information of interest that arises between issues of the Newsletter and one day should allow distribution of the Newsletter over the internet. Please send your email address to the CCHA Webmaster (rick@ncccha.org). We promise to use your email address responsibly, not to share it with others, and to protect it from spammers.

LA BELLA NOCHE (DINNER UNDER THE STARS)

FIFTH ANNUAL DSO GALA AND DINNER

SATURDAY - MAY 6, 2006 - 6:00 pm

PINNACLE STUDIOS - WEST MAIN ST. - YANCEYVILLE

(four blocks west of the historic courthouse)

Details are in the enclosed invitation. This is our major fundraiser for 2006. Proceeds will benefit the Richmond-Miles History Museum. If you cannot attend, please consider a generous donation that reflects your love and appreciation for the heritage of Caswell County. Tickets also may be ordered online using PayPal or a major credit card. Go to: http://ncccha.org/

GIFT SHOP NEWS: NEW BOOKS AND OLD!

Our inventory of books has been replenished with copies of Matthew Bumgarner's account of the Kirk's Raiders who were involved in the Kirk-Holden War. New books include Fascinating People of the Dan River Region (featuring several well-known Caswell faces), Dead End Road by Deborah Brown, telling the story of the integration of Caswell County School. Don't forget that we have the Maud Gatewood documentary video and DVD.

There is much more! Our volunteers have been working hard to enhance the gift shop. We can ship books and gifts to you. We will soon have more than books listed on the website.

Visit our website (http://ncccha.org/) for a complete listing of books, videos, and DVD's with prices or call the museum Wednesday-Friday between 12 noon and 4 pm. 336-694-4965 Note that you may order publications online (http://ncccha.org/) and pay through PayPal or by major credit card.

⁴ For an article on the murder of Senator John W. Stephens and the Kirk-Holden War that followed go to: http://www.rootsweb.com/~ncccha/biographies/senatorjohnstephens.html



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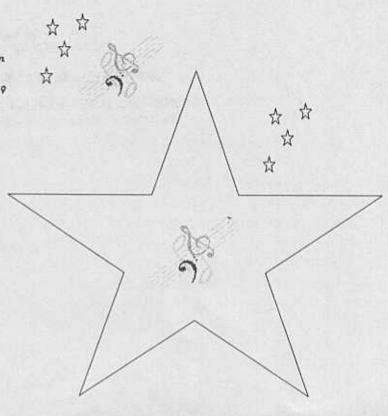
The Caswell County Historical Association Cordially invites you to

La Bella Noche Dinner under the Stars

With the Danville Symphony

Saturday, May 6, 2006 6:00pm Pinnacle Studios Yanceyville, NC

SPACE IS LIMITED SO ORDER NOW!



The 5th Annual Danville Symphony Orchestra Gala!

Please join us Saturday, May 6, 2006 at 6pm for dinner and a pops concert performed by the Danville Symphony Orchestra at Pinnacle Studios. All proceeds benefit the Caswell County Historical Association's Richmond-Miles Museum.

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Credit card contributions are available on line at http://www.ncccha.org/ or send check or money order made out to the Caswell County Historical Association to:

Karen Oestreicher 228 Cactus Drive Prospect Hill, NC 27314 336-562-5083

Non-refundable receipts will be sent by return mail. Please indicate if a vegetarian meal is required.

SPACE IS LIMITIED SO ORDER NOW!

Contributions: \$100.00 per couple

\$ 50.00 per person

Sponsorship: \$400.00 for table of 8

\$200.00 for 1/2 table

CCHA is a 501©(3) tax exempt organization.





Four Course Italian Dinner Restaurant
Non-refue Provided Cash beer and wine Please

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The Caswell County Historical Association hosts 5th Annual Danville Symphony Orchestra Gala at Pinnacle Studios

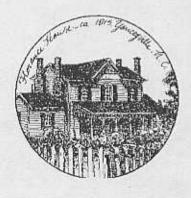
Yanceyville, NC - You think you've lived? Not until you have sampled the kitchen delights of famed Chef Lucindy Willis of the Yancey House Restaurant in Caswell County have you approached perfection. The chance to dine and be entertained in style is coming up Saturday, May 6, 2006 at 6pm when the Caswell County Historical Association presents *La Bella Noche: Dinner under the Stars* with the full 65 member Danville Symphony Orchestra performing selections from their extensive repertory of classical and popular music. General Chair for this stellar event is Marion Farrar Dalgleish, a descendant of one of Caswell County's first settlers Revolutionary War officer John Graves, who combines her appreciation of Caswell County's rich history with the sophistication of her youth in Palm Beach, Florida and her career in marketing in cities like Atlanta, Georgia.

The event will be held at Pinnacle Studios in Yanceyville, North Carolina. A cash beer and wine bar will be available. The recommended dress is *elegant casual*. Dinner will be catered by the popular Yancey House Restaurant.

The Northern Italian dinner menu for the "La Bella Noche" will feature four fabulous courses: first, antipasti (a tasting plate of various crostini & vegetables); second, en salada cesare (romaine and red leaf crowns w/ garlic croutons and shaved parmigiano with creamy Italian dressing); third, pollo piccato con ravioli d ricotto e spinaci (chicken piccata w/ spinach/ricotta ravioli drizzled with olive oil & fresh herbs) "or the vegetarian option (request in advance)" funghi rapieni con ravioli d ricotta e spinaci (stuffed portobello mushroom w/ spinach/ricotta ravioli drizzled with olive oil & fresh herbs); and fourth, fragoli torti (meringue-nut base dessert topped with fresh strawberries and whipped cream) and coffee.

Tickets are a \$50 donation for individuals, \$100 for a couple, \$200 to co-sponsor a table (four seats), and \$400 to sponsor an entire table (eight seats). You may order on-line by credit card at www.ncccha.org. For additional information and to order tickets by other means contact Karen Oestreicher at 336-562-5083 or Lib McPherson at 336-694-4450. Proceeds will benefit the Caswell County Historical Association and its Richmond-Miles History Museum. The CCHA is a Section 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and some of your ticket price may qualify as a charitable deduction on your federal income tax return. Space is limited so order today!

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Don't Miss La Bella Noche May 6, 2006 (invitation inside)

Don't miss Open House Richmond-Miles Museum Sunday, April 2 – 2:30-5:00 pm



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