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MISSOURI — EARLY EXPLORATION

Hernando de Soto first visited the Missouri area in 1541. The area was inhabited by the Osage and Missouri Indians. It was not until 1682 that the entire Mississippi Valley drainage area was claimed by the French, calling it the Louisiana Territory. French fur traders established Ste. Genevieve in 1735, and St. Louis was first settled in 1764.

In 1762, France secretly ceded the territory west of the Mississippi to Spain. In 1800 the Louisiana Territory (including the Missouri area) was retroceded to France, but in 1803 it passed to the United States as part of the Louisiana Purchase.

Father Jacques Marquette 1968 • Scott 1356

(1637–1675)

In 1673 French explorer Father Jacques Marquette, along with Louis Jolliet, discovered the point where the Missouri River joins the Mississippi River. They were probably the first white people to see the mouth of the Missouri. This stamp shows the explorers traveling in their canoe, exploring the Western Territory.

American Folklore Series Daniel Boone 1968 • Scott 1357

(1734–1820)

In 1799, Daniel Boone and his family traveled by canoe down the Ohio River, to settle in the St. Louis area. Although he was once a magistrate in St. Charles County, Boone is best known as one of the most famous pioneers in U.S. history. Boone's Pennsylvania rifle, powder horn, tomahawk, pipe, and knife are shown on this stamp which is part of the American Folklore Series.

Louisiana Purchase 1953 • Scott 1020

When Thomas Jefferson bought the Louisiana Purchase from the French in 1803, Missouri was part of that land. This stamp was issued to celebrate the 150th anniversary of that famed transaction.

Presidential Series Thomas Jefferson 1938 • Scott 807

(1943–1826)

In 1938 this stamp was released as part of the Presidential Series. In 1803 President Thomas Jefferson wrote to Meriwether Lewis instructing him to explore the Missouri River and “the interesting points of portage between the heads of the Missouri, and of the water offering the best communication with the Pacific ocean.”

Lewis & Clark Expedition Bicentennial Series Lewis & Clark Bicentennial 2004 • Scott 3854

On May 14, 1804, Lewis and Clark began their expedition, charting the unknown territories of northwest United States. In August the “Corps of Discovery” held their first meeting with western Indians, setting a pattern for future assemblies. This stamp celebrated the 200th anniversary of the start of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Lewis & Clark Expedition Bicentennial Series William Clark 2004 • Scott 3856

(1770–1838)

William Clark, shown on this stamp of the Expedition Bicentennial Series, was chosen as a co-commander of Jefferson's expedition. In 1807 he was appointed principal Indian agent for the Louisiana Territory and brigadier general of its militia. In 1813 President Jefferson appointed him as governor of the newly-formed Missouri Territory.

Lewis & Clark Expedition Bicentennial Series Meriwether Lewis 2004 • Scott 3855

(1774–1809)

Meriwether Lewis, a boyhood friend of Thomas Jefferson, was commissioned by the President to be the leader of the discovery expedition. Upon the return of the Corps, Lewis was appointed by Jefferson to be the Governor of the Louisiana Territory, which included present-day Missouri. He is shown on this stamp, which is part of the Expedition Bicentennial Series.

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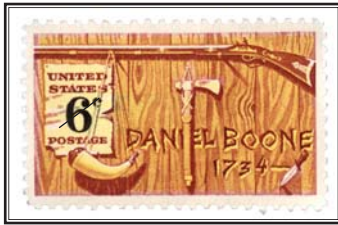
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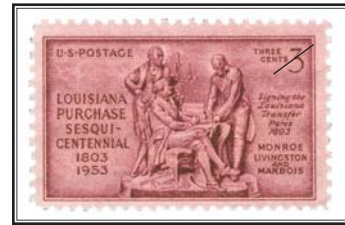
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MISSOURI — WESTWARD EXPANSION

Oregon Trail 1993 • Scott 2747

The Oregon Trail was the only feasible way for settlers to get across the Rocky Mountains to northwest United States. This stamp celebrates the 150th anniversary when, in 1843 about a thousand pioneers left Missouri setting off the massive move west on the Oregon Trail.

Classic Collections: Legends of the West Kit Carson 1994 • Scott 2869n

(1809–1868)

Christopher “Kit” Carson grew up near Franklin, Missouri. At the age of 16, he ran away to travel with westbound wagon trains. He then worked with mountain men where he became an experienced hunter and trapper. Carson guided three of John Fremont’s expeditions throughout the West.

Pony Express 1940 • Scott 894 1960 • Scott 1154

The Pony Express consisted of relays of men and horses carrying mail in specially designed saddlebags across a 1,966-mile trail from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California. Many of the riders were youth, often under 15 years of age, partly because of the requirement to weigh less than 125 pounds. Although it was only in existence for just over eighteen months, from April 3, 1860 to October 25, 1861, the Pony Express carried 34,753 pieces of mail and lost only one mail delivery.

Overland Mail 1958 • Scott 1120

In 1850, when California became a state, mail delivery was by ship, either around the southern tip of South America, or to Panama where it was carried across the isthmus then loaded onto another ship for delivery. Eight years later the first expedition of the Butterfield Overland Mail set out from Tipton, Missouri. This allowed the mail to be delivered across a 2,975 mile route — with a 25 day arrival at its destination. This stamp celebrates the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the initial run of Overland Mail.

Great River Road 1966 • Scott 1319

The Great River Road was developed to conserve the resources located along this mighty river. This stamp depicts the Road that is a gateway to the river valley’s great history. The 215 miles of the road which are located in Missouri tell the stories of the people who lived there before the U.S. became a nation, of the frontier-lands, of Mark Twain, and more.

Kansas City 1950 • Scott 994

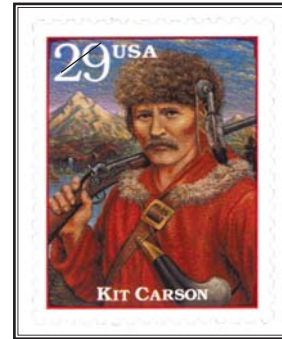
The “Town of Kansas,” located at the confluence of the Missouri and Kansas rivers, became the launching point for travelers on the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California trails in the 1800s. It continues to be the central location for several railroads, and has become a natural hub for commerce, manufacturing, and distribution. This stamp celebrates the centennial of the town’s incorporation in 1850. (The Town of Kansas was renamed Kansas City in 1853.)



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MISSOURI — SYMBOLS

American Bicentennial State Flags Issues

Missouri
1976 • Scott 1656

This stamp shows the Missouri flag which was not adopted until 1913 — almost 92 years after becoming a state. Around a shield located in the center of the flag is a large star and 23 smaller stars, signifying Missouri as the 24th state to join the Union. A cloud around the large star represents the difficulties Missouri endured on its way to becoming that 24th state. The state's motto "Let the welfare of the people be the supreme law" is inscribed on a scroll within the shield.

Honeybee
1988 • Scott 2281

In 1988 this stamp showing a honeybee was issued by the Postal Service. Three years earlier, in 1985 the honeybee was designated as Missouri's state insect. This insect is common to Missouri and is cultivated by beekeepers for honey production. American Indians called the honeybee "white man's flies."

Wonders of America
Mississippi-Missouri
2006 • Scott 4065

The Mississippi-Missouri Rivers create the longest river system in the United States. With a length of 3,900 miles (6,300 km) it is the fourth longest river system in the world. It has an average water discharge of 572,000 cubic feet per second.

Rural America Series
Angus and Longhorn Cattle
1973 • Scott 1504

Beef cattle are among the largest source of income for Missouri farmers. This stamp honors the 100th anniversary of the introduction of Angus bulls in the United States. Since shorthorn and longhorn cattle were already being raised in the Midwest, the black, hornless Angus were often called "freaks" by those who saw them.

Greetings from America
Missouri
2002 • Scott 3585

The Greetings from America stamp series features retro tourist postcards of the 1930s and 40's. Missouri's design shows the St. Louis skyline and Gateway Arch, a lake scene in the Ozarks, and white hawthorn blossoms.

State Birds & Flowers Issues
Missouri Eastern Bluebird and Red Hawthorn
1982 • Scott 1977

This stamp shows the Red Hawthorn that was declared Missouri's state flower in 1923. Also known as the "red haw" or "white haw," more than 75 species of hawthorn grow in Missouri. Just four years later, the bluebird was adopted as the state bird.

Fish Issues
Catfish
1986 • Scott 2209

Missouri anglers love their catfish, and in 1997 the channel catfish was designated as the official fish of the state. This fish is unique in that it does not rely on sight to find its food, but uses its cat-like whiskers as it hunts for something to eat. This USPS issue shows a catfish, as it meanders through a freshwater stream.

Wonders of America
Gateway Arch
2006 • Scott 4044

The Gateway Arch, or Gateway to the West, is located in St. Louis, along the Mississippi River. Construction of the arch began in 1963 and was completed in 1965. This National Historic Landmark is the tallest manmade monument in the United States, standing at 630 feet (192m) tall.



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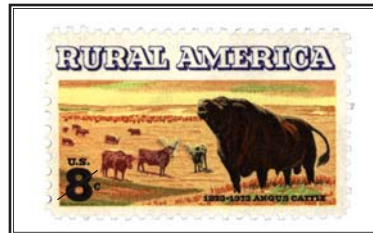
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MISSOURI — FAMOUS PEOPLE

Presidential Series

Ulysses S. Grant

1938 • Scott 823

(1822–1885)

This stamp portrays the 18th president of the United States who spent a portion of his life on an estate located near St. Louis. During the Civil War, Ulysses S. Grant often retreated to this Missouri homestead to relax and spend time with his wife.

Harry S. Truman

1973 • Scott 1499

(1884–1972)

Harry Truman was born in Lamar, but grew up in Independence, Missouri. He became the 33rd president of the U.S., after serving just 82 days as vice president. Truman was a loyal supporter of laws to improve public welfare, fair employment practices, and civil rights. This stamp was issued on the anniversary of Truman's birthday, May 8, 1973.

Winston Churchill Memorial

1965 • Scott 1264

(1874–1965)

One of Winston Churchill's most famous speeches, "Sinews of Peace," was delivered at Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri. In his speech he stated "the name 'Westminster' is somehow familiar to me...Indeed, it was at Westminster that I received a very large part of my education..." When the Church of St. Mary the Virgin located in Aldermanbury was destroyed by a bomb during World War II, the entire building was reconstructed on the Westminster College campus in Fulton. It became the Winston Churchill Memorial and Library in the United States.

Distinguished Soldiers Issues

Gen. Omar N. Bradley

2000 • Scott 3394

(1893–1981)

This stamp honors General Omar Bradley who was born near Clark, Missouri. Gen. Bradley was a General of the Army in the United States Army, having been a field commander in North Africa and Europe during World War II. He was appointed as the first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest ranking military officer in the U.S. armed forces.

John J. Pershing

1961 • Scott 1042A

(1860–1948)

John Pershing was born near Laclede, in north central Missouri. He began his career as a school teacher in Missouri, but entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1882. During World War I, Pershing was commander of the American Expeditionary Force in Europe, and after the war was promoted to general of the armies, a position previously held only by George Washington. He won the Pulitzer Prize for history in 1932 with his memoirs *My Experiences in the World War*.

Black Heritage Series

Scott Joplin

1983 • Scott 2044

(c.1867–1917)

In 1894 Scott Joplin moved to Sedalia, Missouri, where he wrote the popular "Maple Leaf Rag." Later in life he lived in St. Louis where he published many more ragtime compositions, an opera, and ballet. Although Joplin became known as the "King of Ragtime Writers," he, like many other African-Americans of his time, was never fully included in white society.

Black Heritage Series

Langston Hughes

2002 • Scott 3557

(1902–1967)

When he was just eighteen years old, Langston Hughes wrote his first, and best-known poem — "The Negro Speaks of Rivers." Throughout his lifetime he continued to write poetry, news articles, books, short stories, and plays into which he incorporated poverty, prejudice, racial politics, violence, and social causes. This stamp honors Hughes, who was born in Joplin, Missouri.

Joseph Pulitzer

1947 • Scott 946

(1847–1911)

Joseph Pulitzer was born in Hungary, the son of a wealthy grain merchant. At the age of 18 he emigrated to the United States and in 1872 Pulitzer was offered controlling interest in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, where just six years later he became its sole owner. The first Pulitzer Prizes were awarded in 1917, in accordance with Pulitzer's wishes.

Black Heritage

Roy Wilkins

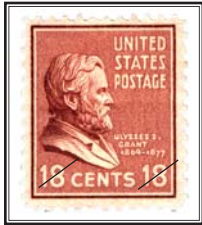
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(1901–1981)

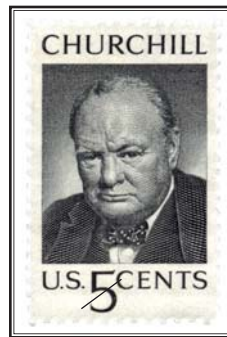
Born in St. Louis, Roy Wilkins became an articulate spokesperson for the civil rights movement. While he was the executive director of the NAACP, Wilkins spearheaded several efforts that led to significant civil rights victories, including the "Civil Rights Act of 1964." In 1967, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. This stamp celebrates the 100th anniversary of Wilkins' birth.



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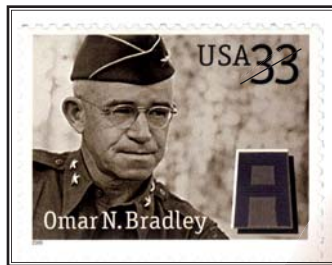
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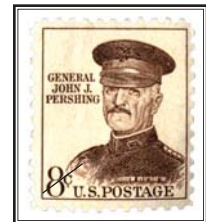
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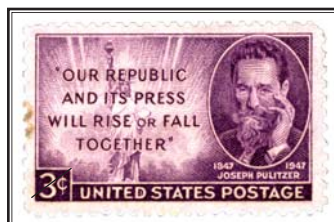
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1961 • Scott 1042A



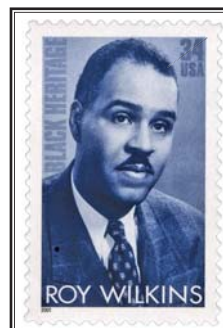
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MISSOURI — MORE FAMOUS PEOPLE

George Washington Carver 1948 • Scott 953

(1846–1943)

Born near Diamond Grove. Carver earned the nickname “The Plant Doctor” at a very young age. As an adult he revolutionized agriculture when he discovered more than four hundred uses for peanuts, soybeans, and pecans. In addition, he developed 118 sweet potato-based products, including molasses, ink, and postage stamp glue. This stamp was issued on the fifth anniversary of Carver’s death.

Thomas Hart Benton 1971 • Scott 1426

(1889–1975)

Thomas Benton’s mural “Independence and the Opening of the West,” is depicted on this stamp that celebrates the 150th anniversary of Missouri’s statehood. Born in Neosho, many of Benton’s works portray everyday scenes of life in the United States. Benton died in 1975 at work in his studio, just as he completed his final mural, “The Sources of Country Music” for the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Great American Issues

Carl Schurz 1983 • Scott 1847

(1829–1986)

Carl Schurz was featured on the 1983 Great American Issue. Born in Germany, he immigrated to the U.S. where he was elected as one of Missouri’s Senators in 1869. He served as Secretary of the Interior, editor of the *New York Evening Post*, contributor to *Harper’s Weekly*, president of the National Civil Service Reform League, and engaged in literary pursuits

Classic Collections: Legends of Baseball

Rogers Hornsby 2000 • Scott 3408f

(1896–1963)

Rogers Hornsby played both infield and outfield for the St. Louis Cardinals from 1915–26 (he was a player/manager in 1925–26.) He returned to St. Louis in 1933, playing for the Cardinals, and later as player/manager of the St. Louis Browns. Hornsby was a two time National League Most Valuable Player, won seven National League batting titles and two National League Triple Crowns. He was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1942.

Classic Collections: Legends of Baseball

Dizzy Dean 2000 • Scott 3408s

(1910–1974)

Jerome Hanna “Dizzy” Dean was a pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals from 1930–1937. He was the National League’s Most Valuable Player in 1934, and MVP runner-up in 1935 and 1936. He retired from baseball after playing for the St. Louis Browns for just one season, 1947. Dean was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1953.

C.M. Russell 1964 • Scott 1243

(1864–1926)

Charles Russell, also known as the “cowboy artist,” grew up in St. Louis, Missouri. He completed more than 2,000 paintings, most of them of cowboys, Indians, and landscapes set in the American West. This stamp honors the 100th anniversary of Russell’s birth.

Literary Arts Series

T. S. Eliot 1986 • Scott 2239

(1888–1965)

Born in St. Louis, later in life Thomas Stearns Eliot moved to England where he became known for his poetry and plays, and for being a literary critic. His writings include *The Waste Land*, “*Ash Wednesday*,” and “*Old Possum’s Book of Practical Cats*.” In 1948 Eliot won the Nobel Prize in Literature. T.S. Eliot is shown on this stamp, the fifth in the Literary Arts Series.

Literary Arts Series

Marianne Moore 1990 • Scott 2449

(1887–1972)

The eighth stamp in the Literary Arts Series honors Marianne Moore, who was born in St. Louis, Missouri. A modernist American poet, Moore became known for her irony and witty verse. Among her honors were the National Book Award, the Bollingen prize, and in 1952 she won a Pulitzer Prize in poetry for her “*Collected Poems*.”

Literary Arts

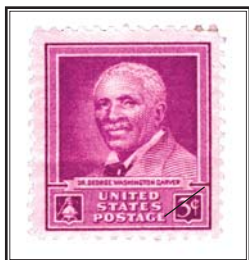
Tennessee Williams 1995 • Scott 3002

(1911–1983)

As a young child, Tennessee Williams moved with his family to University City, Missouri. Later he attended the University of Missouri, and then Washington University in St. Louis. Williams won two Pulitzer Prizes (for *A Streetcar Named Desire* in 1947 and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* in 1955), and was the first playwright to receive, in 1947, the Pulitzer Prize for drama, the Donaldson Award, and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award in the same year.



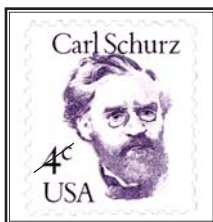
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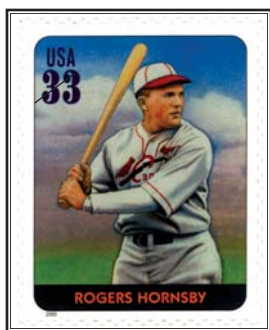
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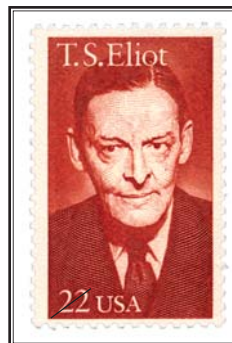
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MISSOURI — PEOPLE AND MORE

Famous Americans Series Samuel Clemens (also known as Mark Twain) 1940 • Scott 863

(1835–1910)

Samuel Clemens is one of the authors featured in the Famous Americans Series. Clemens was born in Florida, Missouri. At a young age, he and his family moved to the small frontier town of Hannibal, Missouri on the banks of the Mississippi River. Clemens' novels *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Life on the Mississippi* captured both his Missouri memories and depictions of the American scene during his youth.

American Folklore Issues Tom Sawyer 1972 • Scott 1470

Tom Sawyer is the young, carefree title character created by Samuel Clemens in his novel *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Sawyer appears in other Clemens' novels, including *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. This stamp depicts the Norman Rockwell painting showing Tom as he is spending a Saturday whitewashing a fence -- his punishment for playing hooky from school and getting his clothes dirty on Friday.

Classic Books Huckleberry Finn 1993 • Scott 2787

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain was published in 1884. This fictional story begins in Missouri, where Huck runs away from his guardians who were trying to "civilize" him. This stamp honors one of the most controversial books ever written.

Walt Disney 1968 • Scott 1355

(1901–1966)

People, especially children, around the world are familiar with Walt Disney's cartoon characters. This famous motion-picture producer was raised on a farm near Marceline, Missouri. His "Main St. USA" in Disneyland is modeled after the real Main St. in Marceline.

Osteopathic Medicine 1972 • Scott 1469

Andrew Still founded osteopathic medicine in Missouri during the time when medications and surgeries often caused more harm than good. His research led him to believe that the body's ability to heal itself could be greatly improved. Still founded the American School of Osteopathy (now named the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine) in 1892. This stamp honors eighty years of osteopathic medicine.

Fulbright Scholarships 1996 • Scott 3065

William Fulbright (1905–1995), a U.S. Senator representing Arkansas, was born in Sumner, Missouri. He is remembered for his efforts to establish an international exchange program. This stamp honors that program — the Fulbright Scholarships.

Project Mercury 1962 • Scott 1193

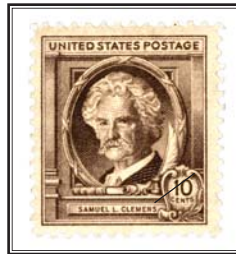
Project Mercury was the United States' first manned space program. Started in 1958, the project goals were to orbit a manned spacecraft around the earth, to investigate man's ability to function in space, and to recover both man and spacecraft safely. McDonnell Aircraft Corporation, located in St. Louis, was the prime contractor for the Mercury spacecraft.

Solo Transatlantic Flight 1977 • Scott 1710

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh became the first person to fly non-stop across the Atlantic Ocean, from New York City to Paris. A year earlier, Lindbergh met with officials from the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce where he promised great things for the city if they would support him. "The Spirit of St. Louis," as shown on this stamp, was born with a budget of \$15,000.



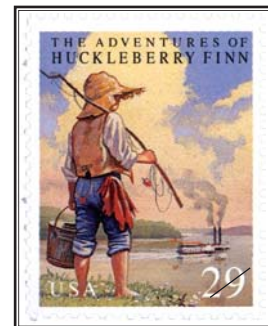
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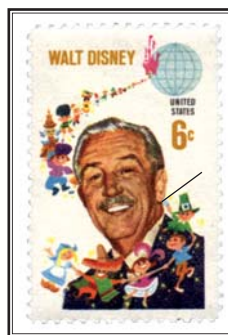
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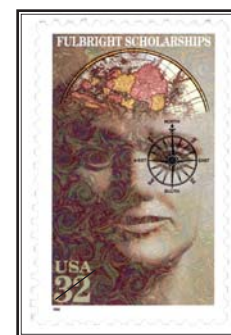
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