

NRL listed 7/11/92

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National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Sam Cooley Barn

other name/site number: Resource #WH0543

2. Location

street & number: County Road 96

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Bald Knob

vicinity: X

state: AR county: White

code: AR 145

zip code: 72010

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building(s)

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas

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#### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Byrd  
Signature of certifying official

6-27-92  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
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

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#### . National Park Service Certification

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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 Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: Agriculture Sub: Subsistence/Barn

Current : Agriculture Sub: Subsistence/Barn

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other: Plain Traditional

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Other Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation Stone roof Metal  
walls Wood other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

## 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

c. 1920

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

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

☒ See continuation sheet

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

See "Historic Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas," Section H.

### 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ See continuation sheet

### Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property \_\_\_\_\_

### UTM References

A 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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B 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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C 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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D 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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☒ See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

☒ See continuation sheet

### Boundary Justification

☒ See continuation sheet

## 11. Form Prepared By

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The Sam Cooley Barn is a two-story, wood frame animal/equipment/feed agricultural structure. It features a symmetrical, transverse crib plan with its axis running along the center of the east-west runway. Its stone pier foundation supports the vertical board walls, and the gable roof and its raised, gable roof vents are sheathed with metal.

The western elevation is accessed via the central vehicular entrance with a northern livestock entrance leading into the side animal shed. The upper part of the central entrance is covered by two hinged doors that can be opened to allow taller machinery into the barn. A single-leaf hay door finishes the elevation. The northern elevation is divided into five bays by the large vehicular entrances into the open side shed while the southern elevation is blank. The eastern elevation is virtually identical to the western elevation, as it is accessed by both the central vehicular entrance and the northern livestock entrance.

The interior of the barn is divided into four rooms on each side of the central drive, with three of the eight being feed bins with floors; the other stalls have dirt floors. The equipment shed to the south and the animal shed to the north are without partitions and are also without floors.

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### Significance

### Criterion C, local significance

The Sam Cooley Barn is significant as the best example in the county from this era of White County history (Boom and Bust: The War and Depression Years, 1914-1939; Section E,4) of a two-story, gable roof barn of symmetrical, transverse crib plan constructed as early as 1915. Its design is noteworthy also for its use of the raised, gable roof vents, a feature found often in barns from other parts of the United States but uncommon in Arkansas. Furthermore, its ground floor square-footage and height are extraordinary for gable roof agricultural buildings in White County, as is the fact that it has survived at all.

This barn was constructed by Sam Cooley, the son of the earlier Bald Knob-area resident and farmer J.A. Cooley; it is in good condition.

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UTM References

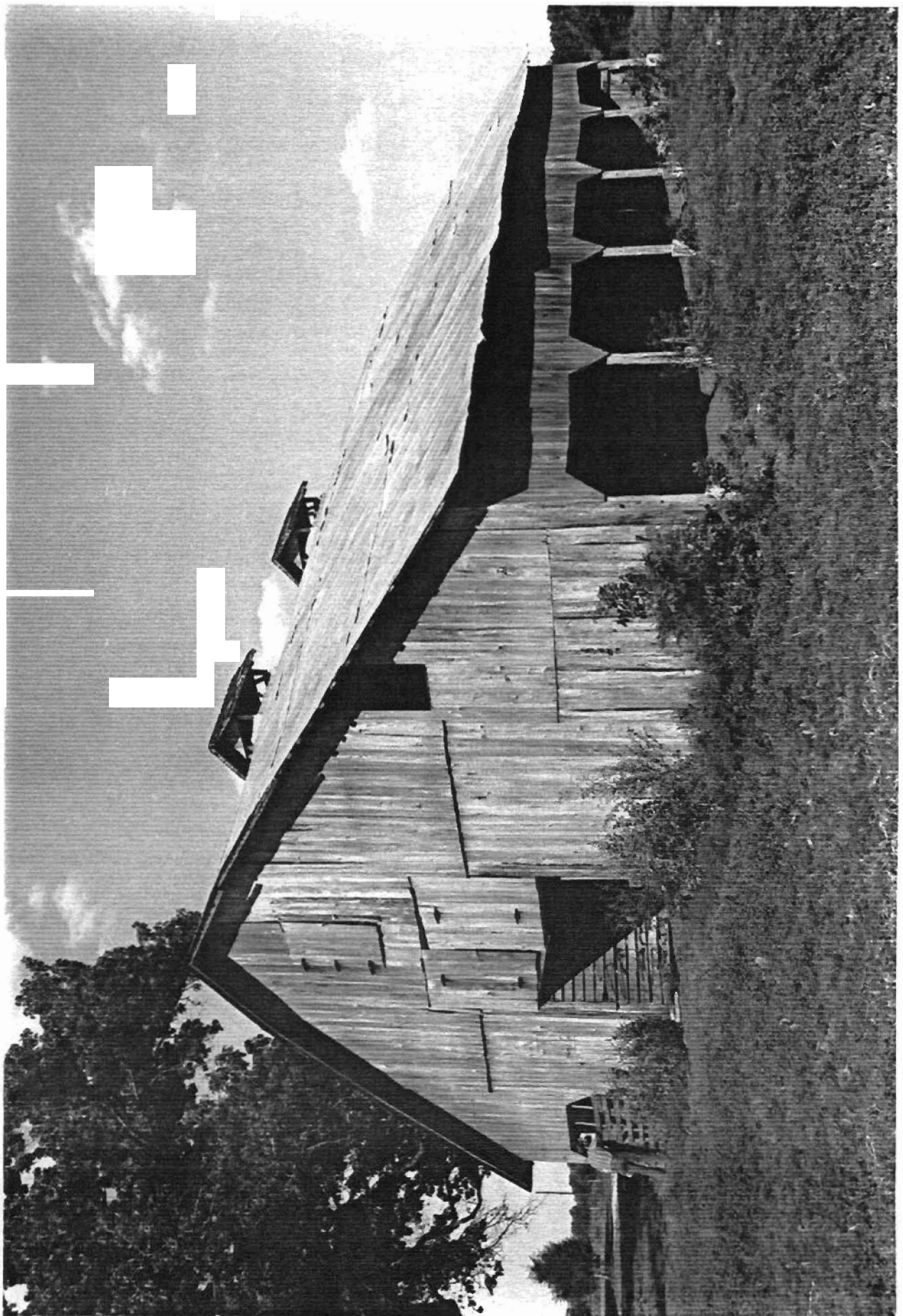
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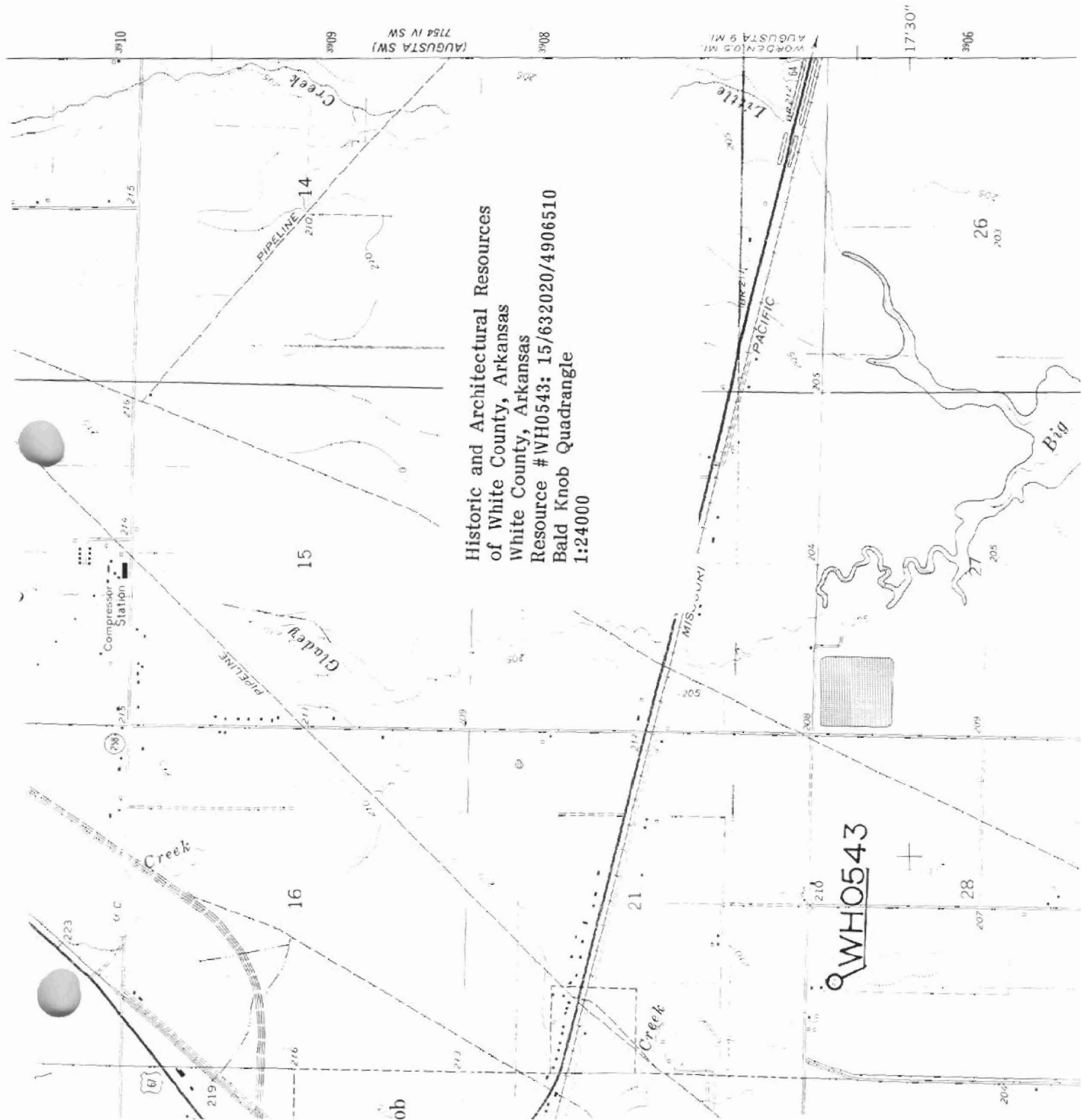
Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of a line running parallel to the barn's eastern elevation and located 50 feet to the east thereof with a perpendicular line running parallel to the barn's northern elevation and located 50 feet to the north thereof (located 437.5 feet south of County Road 96 and 1,375 feet east of County Road 85), proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the western elevation of the barn; thence proceed southerly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the southern elevation of the barn; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the eastern elevation of the barn; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

This resource was constructed as part of a larger farmstead that has lost its integrity as such; thus, this boundary includes all the property known to be historically associated with this resource.





Historic and Architectural Resources  
of White County, Arkansas  
White County, Arkansas  
Resource #WH0543: 15/632020/4906510  
Bald Knob Quadrangle  
1:24000

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