



Seattle Genealogical Society

June - August 2012

newsletter

ELECTION RESULTS

A big THANK YOU to all 230 SGS members who voted in this year's election and to our dedicated Election Committee (Michael D. Smith, chair; John Eshelman, Elizabeth Howie, Reiley Kidd, Patrick Stewart-Fowler, and Vicki Stewart-Fowler) for efficiently counting the ballots and reporting the results.

Those elected through the balloting process are:

Vice President	Jean A Roth
Secretary	Linda Dougherty
Treasurer	Richard Morrill
Dir. of Education	Ida Skarson McCormick
Dir. of Library	Amber Brock Case
Dir. of Membership	Pat Younie
Dir. of Operations	Christine Schomaker
Dir. of Publications	Jill Morelli
Dir. of Volunteers	Michelle Khuon

There were a total of 30 write-in votes cast for President. No one person received a majority of those votes, so the 2011-12 Nominating Committee contacted all vote-getters about their eligibility and willingness to serve as president. At the May 21st Board meeting, Linda Fitzgerald was unanimously elected to serve as President for the 2012-2013 membership year. Linda has been Director of Membership this past year and served two terms as Director of Operations. She's been an SGS member for over 20 years.

2012-13 Nominating Committee members elected were Molly Fitzsimmons, chair; Amandalei Bennett, Fran Lewis, Julia Marconi, and Joan Wilson; Susan Underwood is the alternate.

The \$5 dues increase was passed with a 92.3% Yes vote. The new SGS dues structure is:

Individuals and Libraries	\$40
Dual memberships	\$50
Life (single)	\$600
Life (dual)	\$750

SGS ANNUAL MEETING

This year's SGS Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 10th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the SGS Library. Come meet our new officers and directors, hear a summary of SGS activities over the past year, review and approve the SGS budget. Following the business meeting, Vice President Jean Roth will lead a discussion focusing on the future of the SGS Library. Right now we have way too many books, periodicals and other materials for our space. What should we do? Please come and share your thoughts and ideas. Refreshments will be provided.

SPRING SEMINAR A SUCCESS!

We don't have final financial results from our Spring Seminar with George Morgan yet, but feedback received from attendees has been very positive. Whether beginner or professional, everyone learned something from George. The MOHAI auditorium proved to be a comfortable venue for the seminar and the Panera lunches were yummy, as usual. A huge THANK YOU to our wonderful seminar committee and day-of-seminar volunteers for a job well done!



SGS Library Closed

INDEPENDENCE DAY
Sunday, July 1st – Wednesday, July 4th

LABOR DAY WEEKEND
Saturday, Sept. 1 – Monday Sept. 3

If in doubt please CALL the SGS Library
BEFORE you leave home
to make sure it is open.

(206) 522-8658

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WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL

In honor of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812, The Washington State Society, U.S. Daughters of 1812, cordially invites you to attend the dedication of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Monument for the Veterans of the War of 1812 who died in Washington Territory on Saturday, June 23, 2012, 10:30am, Washelli Veterans Cemetery, 11111 Aurora Ave. North, Seattle, WA 98133.

Guest Speaker will be Jerry Handfield, Washington State Archivist. A short slide show will follow about the

veterans. Descendants of the veterans will be acknowledged. Please RSVP to: Linda Rae Lind, Washington State President, U.S.D. 1812 at <LRLind04@wavecable.com> or (360) 830-4529

For more information on the veterans being honored please go to this website <<http://www.washelli.com/obits/obituaries.php/obitID/277814/obit/Veterans-of-the-War-Washington-Territory>>

Alphabetical List of the Veterans of the War of 1812 Who Died in Washington Territory

Veteran Cemetery	Town or County	Life Span	Military Service
Bozorth, Squire	IIOF, Woodland	1792-1853	KY Militia
Bush, George	Bush/Union, Tumwater	1789/90-1863	TN Militia
Coombs, Asa	Lake View, Seattle	1796-1888	MA Militia
Crockett, Walter	Sunnyside, Coupeville	1786-1869	VA Militia
Denny, John	Lake View, Seattle	1793-1875	KY Militia
Ebey, Jacob	Sunnyside, Coupeville	1793-1862	OH Militia
Gates, Levi	Body not found - Probate Lewis County	1790-1879	MA Militia
Harmon, Henry	Lake View, Seattle	1791-1866	U.S. Army
Mabie, Jeremiah	Masonic - Tumwater	1795-1875	NY Militia
Marble, Butler	Emery Ft. Vancouver Military Cemetery	1794-1866	U.S. Army
Martin, Hutson	Prob. Fishers Cemetery, Clark Co.	1783-1862	OH Militia
Ostrander, Abel	Pleasant Hill Road, Kelso	1777-1859	NY Militia
Roundtree, Turner R.	Original Boistfort Cemetery, Boistfort	1795-1868	KY Militia
Rutledge, William	Bush/Union, Tumwater	1794-1872	PA Militia
Stewart, William M.	Woodlawn Abbey, Sumner	1794-1885	OH Militia
Stice, Peter J., Sr.	Washougal Memorial Cemetery	1787-1877	U.S. Army

SGS PARTICIPATION IN GiveBIG DAY



The Seattle Foundation's GIVE BIG DAY was Wednesday, May 2nd this year. This was the second annual event and the second time SGS has participated. King5 and the Seattle Times promoted the event much more this year and SGS included the event in our mid-April and May e-letters as well as our February Newsletter.

We are thrilled to report that SGS received 42 donations this year totalling \$3166. With the Seattle Foundation s-t-r-e-t-c-h dollars provided by the Microsoft Corporation and the Bezos Family Foundation, SGS received a check from the Seattle Foundation for \$3532.01.

THANK YOU to the following people who made donations through GiveBIG:

Joan Burnett	Nancy & Leo Parks	Carol Friedel	Dorothy Landeen
Elizabeth Hebert	Wini Price	Richard Morrill	Mary Ellen Maxwell
Reiley Kidd	Helen Roberts	Laura Newell	Susan Melville
Linda Dougherty	Ginny Sommarstrom	Karen Portzer	Edna Peak
Elizabeth Bawden	Jeanne Stauffer	Phyllis Purdum	Larry Pike
Dona Bubelis	James Chapman	Robert Ryan	Bridget Quinn
Mollie Fitzsimmons	Dawn Bingaman	Judy Tomassene	Jean A Roth
Kate Johnston	Sally Boyce	Pat Younie	Gary Shirley
Evelyn Landry	Darlene Burt	Sarah Fleming	Allyn Stevens
Claire Madsen	Anna Chavelle	Carol J Gaffney	
Nancy Martin	Linda Fitzgerald	Chris Gaston	

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BOARD NEWS

The last three months have been busy ones for your SGS Board of Directors. We have continued to work on many of the projects started earlier in the year (such as a new Copyright Policy and refining our Accounting Policies and Procedures) and completed others, including the Disaster Policy. Our annual elections went very smoothly, thanks to the work of this year's Nominating and Election committees, and we're in the process of transitioning to the new Board.

Specific projects and topics the Board has been dealing with include the following:

- developing and adopting a new Copyright Policy to protect SGS and our Bulletin article submitters and program presenters from plagiarism (thank you, Amber Brock Case)
- hosting a third successful Library Work Day on April 29th (THANK YOU to all who came and helped and to Amber and Michelle for planning and coordinating)
- establishing an SGS online "store" where members and others can purchase SGS logo merchandise <http://www.cafepress.com/seattlegenealogical_society>
- hosted our second annual Volunteer Appreciation Day on April 16th, providing lunch or dinner to our many wonderful volunteers
- worked with 3 graduate students in the UW's Library and Information Science program to submit a grant proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities to have a professional assessment done of our SGS library and archives [completing this assessment will open up many more library grant opportunities for us]
- Director of Operations Christine Schomaker and Library Trustees Marilyn Rose and Bernice Keller attended the WESTPAS Protecting Cultural Collections Workshop
- began discussions about allowing the Seattle Public Library to digitize our older SGS Bulletins and make them available on their website; unfortunately, this project has hit a snag in that every author will need to give permission for digital publication of their work
- obtained additional parking along the northeast side of the building in the alleyway for our volunteers
- mailed the Spring/Summer SGS Bulletin ahead of schedule, thanks to the efforts of Director of Publications Annette Dwyer, writers Jean Roth and Nathan Maleng, and printing helper Sharon Storbo
- appointed Betty Ravenholt for a 3-year term as a Library Trustee.

NEW GRANT FOR DIGITIZING SGS ARCHIVAL RECORDS

SGS received a \$3500 grant from 4Culture of King County to digitize some of the important archival records discovered by our Archives Committee last year. The submitted proposal identified three record sets for digitization: approximately 10,000 Seattle VFW Post 1416 application cards from World War I and II veterans; about 4250 cards from the Wright Columbarium in Seattle (Queen Anne neighborhood) from the 1890s into the 1950s; some of the 15,000 index cards documenting marriages mentioned in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer newspaper from the early 1880s through the 1970s. We believe the \$3500 will be sufficient to cover complete scanning and digitizing of the first two record sets; whatever is left will be used to start digitizing the marriage index cards.

Our proposal calls for hiring a professional scanning/digitization firm to create the digital images from our records. We also included a small amount of funding to get professional help with posting the images to our website. We will need SGS volunteers to index the records once they have been digitized. The three firms who provided bids in response to our RFP quoted outrageous prices to do even the simplest indexing—surname + given name—so our proposal said that SGS volunteers will do the indexing. We hope enough members will be willing to help with the indexing so that we can get both an index and the images posted to our website before the end of the year. If you are willing to help with this important project, please contact Director of Volunteers Michelle Khuon at <sgsvolunteers@gmail.com>.

MEMBERS ONLY WEBSITE IS GOING LIVE!

Beginning June 1st, SGS will be introducing a new feature on our website for members only. Members will have exclusive access to SGS Bulletins, databases, presentation handouts, and other content being developed. Through the month of June, we will be inviting members via email to log in with the email address SGS has on file. You will receive an email directing you to the login page. We will be sending these emails in groups of 50, just in case people have trouble with the login process. Please be patient.

The emails inviting you to log in will be coming from <sgs@seattlegenealogicalsociety.org>. Please be sure your email program is not blocking emails from this address. If you're not seeing our regular digital e-letters twice a month, please check your spam folder. If we don't have your current email address, please send it to <sgsmembership@gmail.com>.

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DISASTER PLANS

May 8th was the final day of two all-day workshops presented by WESTPAS (Western States and Territories Preservation Assistance Service) which was held at the University of Washington and attended by the two continuing Library Trustees, Bernice Keller and Marilyn Rose, and the Director of Operations, Christine Schomaker. Their attendance at this event was a result of the Board passing the Disaster Policy submitted by the Trustees in March of this year. The workshop, entitled "Protecting Cultural Collections: Disaster Prevention, Preparedness, Response & Recovery", included homework for the participants between the first segment, held in March and the second, held in May. The homework was to prepare a Disaster Plan for the organization that we represented. The SGS team, using a template provided during the March workshop, created a pocket-sized document that lists the names and contact numbers of those who are Institutional Contacts, those who will serve on the Disaster Team, the Building Manager, Regional Contacts, First Responders and Emergency Recovery Services. On the other side of this sheet is an Immediate Response and Checklist for Collections Recovery and a color-coded map of the Society showing which parts of the collection have the highest priority in case of an emergency. All of this information, which is printed on 8 ½ by 14 inch paper, folds compactly so that the final document measures 2 1/8 inches by 3 ½ inches; truly pocket-sized! The participants felt that these workshops provided a strong background with which to develop wide-ranging disaster plans and procedures for the Society. Plans which may never be needed, but will be in place if a disaster were to hit!

SGS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS AT THE 2012 SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

Saturday, July 28 and Sunday, July 29, 2012

Come listen to the bagpipes, watch the dancers, visit the clans, and help SGS promote genealogy in King County the last weekend of July.

We need volunteers to help at the Seattle Genealogical Society booth during the Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games at the Enumclaw Expo Center [former King County Fairgrounds. We have been participating for many years and with an approximate attendance of 30,000 during the two day weekend – it is an excellent way to let the public know about SGS and to promote membership. Community outreach like this has helped us receive much-needed grant money. Most of the people who come to the SGS booth are interested, but don't have an understanding of their Scottish or Irish heritage and haven't done any research. They primarily want to know two things: 1. What clan do I belong to? 2. What tartan can I use?

We will have a number of reference books available at the booth that help answer those questions. We will also send you information on "Discovering Your Scottish Ancestry." We need at least two volunteers for each two hour session from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm each day. We would like three people during the peak afternoon times. We will provide a ticket to the game for you. Parking will be at your own expense which is about \$5.00 a day. We encourage carpooling. You will have most of the day to enjoy the activities of the games. It's a lot of fun! Please contact Jean A. Roth as soon as possible if you can help as we have to order tickets early. Phone: (206) 782-2629 or email: <jeanaroth@juno.com>

FREE CLASSES AT SPL

Beginning Your Family History. Tuesday, June 19, 2012, 5:30 – 7pm The Seattle Public Library. Central Library. Level 4, Large Computer Lab

Interested in finding out who your ancestors were and what they did? *An introduction to family history research* and an overview of resources available for research in the Seattle area will be presented by Mahina Oshie, Genealogy Librarian. Sample genealogy charts and bibliographies will be provided in the class.

Registration is required. To register, send an email using Ask A Librarian, or call 206-386-4636 and ask for the genealogy desk.

Writing Your Memoir or Family History: a Workshop. Tuesday, August 21, 2012, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The Seattle Public Library. Central Library. Level 4, Room 2

Join us for an inspiring and entertaining two hour discussion, demonstration, writing, and sharing of memoir and family history, presented by Charley Kempthorne, author of *For All Time: A Complete Guide to Writing your Family History*. Some of the topics to be covered are: basic techniques of narrative (history) writing; using a journal to keep life history as you live it; writing extended captions for family photographs; and publishing your history for family and friends.

Registration is limited and required. To register, send an email using Ask A Librarian, or call 206-386-4636 and ask for the genealogy desk.

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IMPORTANT COMPUTER CHECK FOR HACKER DAMAGE

FBI Backup Protection to End this summer

An International Computer hacker ring infected over 570,000 computers around the world in an online advertising scheme to take control with rogue servers. Alerted, the FBI did a backup protection to prevent internet disruptions which ends after July 9, 2012. If your computer is involved – you will not be able to connect to the internet after that date when the protection ends. The FBI is encouraging all computer users to see if their computer is infected by a simple test. Here is the test and fix: Go to <<http://www.dcwg.org>>

Click on “Detect” in the upper left corner, or the green button next to it. You will be directed to a new page. Pick your language [English] from the list and click on the link next to it.

If your computer is not infected, you will see a green logo with the message: “DNS Resolution = Green. Your computer appears to be looking up IP addresses correctly!” If you see that message, you don’t need to do anything more.

HAVE YOU RENEWED?

SGS members with annual memberships must renew their membership by June 30th to continue to receive our publications and program announcements. If you’ve misplaced your renewal letter, you can find all the information you need and links to a printable form and online membership renewal on our website at <<http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/content/join>>

Surely you don’t want to miss knowing about any of our wonderful educational programs, classes and seminars. Or receiving our bi-annual Bulletin and quarterly Newsletters. Or having access to our library and computer databases like World Ancestry and American Ancestors. And you certainly aren’t going to want to miss having access to the Members Only section of our website.

Please RENEW NOW and save our membership volunteers from having to hassle you.

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

In an election year, it’s always good to have a friend in DC. What’s not so good for SGS is that our friend in



DC is Ann Gillespie, our SGS Volunteer of the Quarter. Ann was very active at SGS, most notably as chair of the newly formed Archives Committee. She also worked at the book sales during the seminars, volunteered at various SGS open houses and helped with the Pennsylvania state focus group.

Ann’s interest in genealogy started through a side door. She was involved with Seattle’s Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, first as a volunteer, then as a seasonal hire, and finally after completing the UW certificate program in museum studies, as a regular employee. It was there that Ann became interested in the first families of Seattle. Ann went on to pursue a graduate degree at Youngstown State University in Ohio, where she wrote her thesis on the Millionaire’s Row area of Youngstown. In her research, she corrected a long-standing misconception on the history of one particular residence and its owners.

Ann recently moved to the Washington, DC area to focus on a new career doing research at places such as NARA and the Library of Congress. A side benefit of the new location is that she is closer to her family and her roots and has recently been collaborating with genealogists in her family to break through some brick walls. She has not found a local genealogical society in her new locale yet, but is anticipating joining the local APG chapter and perhaps volunteering at a local historical museum. She misses SGS. “What I particularly enjoyed doing at SGS - really, it was just about being useful. I learned so much at SGS - from hanging around as much as from programs- that it only seemed right to be contributing to SGS in any way that I could.”

While we no longer have Ann as a volunteer at SGS, we now perhaps have a friend in DC who might be willing to do a little contract research at NARA. If you need someone to pull that Civil War pension file, Ann might just be the researcher to contact. You can find her at <<http://anngillespiereasearch.weebly.com>>

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Calendar of Events

All events held at the Seattle Genealogical Society Library, unless stated otherwise.

JUNE 2012

- 2 Saturday 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. CANADIAN INTEREST GROUP
Topic: Migrations in Canada.
- 6 Wednesday 1 p.m. – 2:30 pm WORLD WAR II RESEARCH Presented by Mary Roddy
THE MARK GOLDEN CASE STUDY On this anniversary of D-Day, Mary Roddy will present a case study of her WWII Research. WWII is the earliest war where we can actually speak to the veterans themselves, the men and women who served. This talk will present a case study, fleshing out a basic story of a pilot and crew of a B-17 shot down over Germany, illustrating how to find and access multiple sources to learn about the experiences of these heroes. Mary Roddy has written an article on her research into this story which has been published in the May/June 2012 issue of Family Chronicle magazine.
- 10 Sunday 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
The Irish and German Interest Groups will not meet in June, July or August; they will resume on 15 September, Saturday.
- 13 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. CREATING POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS Presented by Amber Case
Come learn how to create basic presentations in PowerPoint 2010. In addition to creating basic slides, Amber Case will walk through how to add animations, images, sound and video into your presentation. No experience is required.
- 13 Wednesday, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. MAC COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP Fiske Library
Topic to be announced. For more information contact the Fiske Library at 1644 43rd Ave E
<www.fiskelibrary.org> \$3 use fee. *The Mac Group will not meet in July, August and September; the next meeting will be Wednesday, October 10, 2012.* Seattle (Madison Pk)
- 23 Saturday 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. RESEARCHING YOUR LUXEMBOURGER ANCESTORS Presented by Lisa Oberg
Mir wölle bleiwe wat mir sin! We want to remain what we are! Despite its small size and tumultuous history, Luxembourg has a unique identity and culture. Lisa Oberg will discuss research strategies and resources available for finding your Luxembourg ancestors both in the U.S. and Luxembourg.
- 30 Saturday 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. DNA INTEREST GROUP North Seattle Alliance Church
DNA Testing Updates-What's New; Autosomal DNA testing – 2150 N 122nd, Rm 210, Seattle, WA
Comparison of Family Finder at 23 and Me and Ancestry's new test; followed by three DNA Interest Group members sharing their DNA Testing Result adventures. Co-Chairs: Cary bright and Herb McDaniel. To be added to our email list for meeting announcements contact <sgsdnasig@gmail.com> (\$5 donation requested to pay meeting room.)
- 30 Saturday 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. RESEARCHING FEMALE ANCESTORS (BEGINNER'S)
Come learn some helpful techniques when trying to track down your elusive female ancestors. Amber Case and Lisa Oberg will show how to start your search and ways to get around some common brick walls.

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Calendar of Events, continued

JULY 2012

1 - 4 Sunday - Wednesday

SGS LIBRARY CLOSED FOR FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY.

No meeting this month.

MAC COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP

14 Saturday 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

GENEALOGICAL GEMS AT THE U OF W

The University of Washington Libraries have an extensive collection of over 7 million books, government documents, historical photographs, maps and

Presented by
Lisa Oberg and
Amber Case

atlases, journals, magazines, microfilm and newspapers. Lisa Oberg and Amber Case will highlight how the UW Libraries collections can aid in your genealogical research and will provide tips for searching the UW Libraries catalog and databases.

18 Wednesday 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

MORE THAN JUST DATABASES

Genealogists know all about using <Ancestry.com> and <FamilySearch.org> to find specific data and records on their ancestors. But do you know about the many articles and videos these sites have to offer – for FREE! – to teach you to be a better genealogist and researcher? Come hear how to harness hours and hours (weeks and weeks, actually) of expert knowledge. You may never pay for another genealogy magazine again!

Presented by Mary Roddy

31 Tuesday 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

BRICK WALL SESSION

Hear how our panellists have solved their brick walls and bring yours to share. These popular sessions have opened doors for many researchers as they receive personal research assistance and suggestions to break through those pesky “brick walls.”

AUGUST 2012

2 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

TIMELINES

Are you using this tool to analyze your data? It's a great way to organize dates and places for specific ancestors and puts a different perspective on the information you've gathered.

Presented by Mary Roddy

No meeting this month.

MAC COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP

15 Wednesday 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

LAND RECORDS 101

Learn how land records add depth to your research. An overview of various types of land records and how to interpret descriptions used in the Public Land Survey System will be discussed.

Presented by Lynn Magnuson

25 Saturday 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

TALES FROM SEATTLE CEMETERIES –
A WALKING TOUR

Join us for a walking tour of Calvary Cemetery. Calvary was established in 1889 as a Diocesan Cemetery. There are over 40,000 people buried in the 40 acre grounds. Amber Case and Lisa Oberg will highlight notable Seattle individuals and interesting grave symbolism during the tour.

Calvary Cemetery
5041 35th Ave NE, Seattle, WA.

Presented by Amber Case
and Lisa Oberg

Please RSVP to Amber Case <ajbrock@uw.edu>

by August 10th if you plan to participate.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

- Please contact Director of Volunteers Michelle Khunon at <sgsvolunteers@gmail.com> if you can help fill any of these needs:
- Someone experienced in using Quicken to help organize our financial recordkeeping and reporting. If you have a recent version of Quicken you're not using, SGS would be happy to accept it as a donation.
- People to help plan this coming year's Seminars – both fall and spring. Our Seminar Committee needs some new volunteers.
- People to help with our Publications process, including writers, editors, proofreaders, printers. Helpers at the Scottish Highland Games on July 28 & 29. See article on page 4.
- Someone experienced in digital scanning projects to help with our new grant. See article on page 3.

- Proofreaders/transcribers for the Seattle 1890 Census Project. We won't be starting on the 1891 Seattle City Directory until September, but please email Chuck Richards at <sgs1890@gmail.com> if you'd like to help.
- Seattle 1890 also needs two special volunteers, one to serve as 1891 City Directory Registrar, digitally distributing record packets containing scanned city directory pages and Excel transcriptions of those pages to SGS volunteers for proofreading. The second special volunteer we are looking for is a detail-oriented data entry person who will receive all the corrected Excel transcription spreadsheets from the volunteer proofreaders and make corrections in the master database.
- Are you a GIS expert? Experienced with ArcView or putting digital maps online? If so, we need your help!

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