

**MITCHONDRIAL DNA (MTDNA) TESTING OF PROBABLE EIGHTH COUSINS  
CONFIRMS THEIR KINSHIP AND PROVES THEIR MATRILINEAL LINES OF DESCENT FROM  
AELTJE CORNELIS (COOL) (VAN COUWENHOVEN) STOOHOFF**

Simultaneously Proving Two Long-Held Theories  
Developed Sequentially Through Conventional Research

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WAS THE HERETOFORE UNIDENTIFIED WIFE OF ROLIPH<sup>5</sup> UPDIKE**

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***"This is the first time that mtDNA has been run by our company for a client  
where we have seen a match going back nearly this number of generations."***

—Bennett Greenspan, President & CEO of Family Tree DNA

Perry Streeter's previous articles in *New Netherland Connections* have explored the ancestry of his great-grandmother, Mary (Williamson) Streeter of Greenwood, Steuben County, New York. In his first article, "Brothers Peter and Jacobus Williamson of Greenwich Township, Warren County, New Jersey: Did They Descend from Willem<sup>1</sup> Willemsen, Willem<sup>1</sup> Davidszen [Williamson] or Someone Else?" (July, August, September 2000; Volume 5, Number 3), he put forth his theories on Mary's *patrilineal* (*male*-line) ancestry. Subsequently, with the cooperation of a patrilineal descendant of Mary's great-grandfather, Abraham Williamson of New Jersey; Tompkins County, New York; and Greenwood, Steuben County, New York, Perry was able to prove that Mary descended from Willem Willemsen and Mayken Pieters Wyckoff of Gravesend, Kings County, New York by comparing his cousin's y-Chromosome DNA test results to those of a known patrilineal descendant of Willem Willemsen. These findings have been published in the series on "The Williamson Family of Gravesend," currently appearing in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*.

This article documents Mary (Williamson) Streeter's *matrilineal* (*female*-line) descent from Aeltje Cornelis (Cool) (Van Couwenhoven) Stoothoff (ca. 1615-1683) of Gowanus and Flatlands, King County, New York. Aeltje was the daughter of Cornelis<sup>1</sup> Lambertse Cool and the wife of Gerrit<sup>2</sup> Wolfertse Van Couwenhoven (*Wolfert<sup>1</sup> Gerritse*) and Elbert Elbertsen Stoothoff. **Contrary to frequent claims, Aeltje was *not* the daughter of Cornelis<sup>1</sup> Lambertse Cool's second wife, Altien Brackhonge, who he married long after Aeltje was born. Unfortunately, the identity of Aeltje's mother remains unknown.**

Perry and Mike would like to thank the many contributors to this line of research without whom it would not have been possible to generate and prove the theories presented below. These individuals include Linda Boorum, Margaret Force Christensen, Janette (Streeter) Cornell, Kathy Detrano, Philip C. Garrett II, Ken Grantham, Sharon Kiser and Dorothy Koenig.

**THEORY #1: MARY (UPDIKE) RICHEY OF GREENWOOD, STEUBEN COUNTY, NEW YORK WAS A HERETOFORE UNIDENTIFIED DAUGHTER OF ROLIPH<sup>5</sup> UPDIKE (*John<sup>4</sup>, Lawrence<sup>3</sup>, Johannes<sup>2</sup>, Louris<sup>1</sup> Jansen*)**

When Perry began reviewing existing family records as a teenager in the 1980s, he easily discovered that Mary (Williamson) Streeter's maternal grandmother was Mary Jane (Krusen) Brundage and that Mary Jane's mother was Charity (Richey) Krusen, both of Greenwood. A distant cousin, Sharon (Stephens) Kiser, soon provided proof that Charity (Richey) Krusen was the daughter of Daniel and Mary (Updike) Richey of New Jersey; Tompkins County, New York; and lastly, Greenwood. That Mary (Updike) Richey's maiden name was *Updike* was derived from the following:

I have a letter from Norma and Don DeRemer, of South Wales, NY, dated 1982 which tells of a DeRemer history which lists "Caroline Richey Deremer's parents as Daniel Richey and **Polly Updyke**." (Sharon S. Kiser, correspondence, June 1990).

Perry subsequently discovered that the *History of the Counties of McKean, Elk, Cameron and Potter, Pennsylvania* (J.H. Beers, [Chicago, IL: J.H. Beers & Co. Pub.; 1890]), also documents the marriage of Abram Deremer to Caroline Richey, daughter of Daniel and **Polly (Opdyke) Richey**. Of course, *Polly* was a common nickname for *Mary*. Thus began Perry's quest to determine the unknown origins of Mary (Updike) Richey. He was soon corresponding with another distant cousin, Ken Grantham, about the Richey and Updike families of New Jersey and Tompkins County, New York.

From Sharon's research, we knew that Isaac Richey, the first child of Mary Updike and her husband, Daniel<sup>3</sup> Richey Jr. (*Daniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), was born in Tompkins County, New York about 1804; the Richey family migrated from New Jersey to Tompkins County about 1801. **It seemed probable that Mary's father was one of the five sons of John<sup>4</sup> Updike (*Lawrence<sup>3</sup>, Johannes<sup>2</sup>, Louris<sup>1</sup> Jansen*) and his wife, Mary<sup>3</sup> Bragaw (*Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Bourgon<sup>1</sup> Broucard*), who also migrated from New Jersey to Tompkins County about the same time:**

Of John's nine sons there remained in New Jersey four, —Lawrence, Isaac, William and Peter, —and a son of his son Jacob... About 1800, the other five sons of John [Burgoon, Roliph, Abraham, Jacob, and John Jr.] moved together, or nearly so, to Tompkins County, the richest soil of New York State; and with them went one of the sons of their brother, Lawrence; there too in Tompkins County the descendants of the brothers multiplied so rapidly that their neighborhood was called the "Updike Settlement," and the graveyard of the old Log Church near Waterburg, N.Y., is filled with their tombstones. (Charles Wilson Opdyke, *The Op Dyck Genealogy: Containing the Opdyck-Opdycke-Opdyke-Updike American Descendants of the Wesel and Holland Families* ([hereinafter *Opdyke*] [Albany, NY: Weed, Parsons & Co., 1880])

Unfortunately, Mary was *not* identified in Opdyke's generally well-researched and well-documented genealogy. **It is evident from the will of Isaac<sup>5</sup> Updike that he had no children of his own; however, his will did include a bequest "to Isaac Richey, son of my brother**

***Ruliph Opdycke's daughter Mary, \$100" (Opdyke, 245). That Mary (Updike) Richey's father was Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike would seem to be an obvious conclusion. However, by the time that Isaac<sup>5</sup> Updike made his will on 18 April 1808, Mary (Updike) Richey's son, Isaac Richey, had a first cousin who bore the same name and, per Opdyke, his mother was also named Mary.***

In *Opdyke*, there are two documented marriages between the families of Daniel<sup>2</sup> and Juda/Jude "Jerush" (\_\_\_) Richey and Roliph<sup>5</sup> Upike. John<sup>3</sup> Richey (*Daniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), married Mary Ellen<sup>6</sup> "Nellie" Updike (*Roliph<sup>5</sup>*) and Margaret<sup>4</sup> Richey (*Lawrence<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*) married Ralph<sup>6</sup> Updike (*Roliph<sup>5</sup>*) (*Opdyke*, 310). The available evidence suggested that there was a third heretofore unrecognized marriage between these families.

Outside of *Opdyke*, Mary Ellen<sup>6</sup> "Nellie" (Updike) Richey was known simply as Eleanor in other sources, including the inscription on her tombstone. Over time, Perry came to the tentative conclusion that Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike actually had two daughters that married Richey brothers; that the daughters' names were Mary and Eleanor; and that there was no daughter named Mary Ellen. The author of the *Opdyke* genealogy must have created an erroneous composite name, Mary Ellen, for Eleanor in order to incorporate Isaac<sup>5</sup> Updike's reference to a grandson of Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike named Isaac Richey because he was not aware of Mary (Updike) Richey's existence and the fact that Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike apparently had two grandsons named Isaac Richey. **Reconsider the wording of Isaac<sup>5</sup> Updike's will—he certainly knew that he had two grand-nephews both named Issac Richey so he specified which one as the "son of my brother Ruliph Opdycke's daughter Mary [as opposed to Eleanor]"**. That Mary (Updike) Richey was a daughter of Roliph<sup>3</sup> Updike was further supported by the following evidence:

- Nellie* is a nickname for *Eleanor*, *Ellen* or *Helen* but not *Mary*.
- Mary (Updike) Richey named sons *Matthias* and *Peter*; these were also names of Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike's sons.
- Mary (Updike) Richey and Eleanor (Updike) Richey, probable sisters, each had a daughter bearing the unusual name of *Lufanny*.

In response to the last point provided above, it initially seemed reasonable to speculate that the unknown wife of Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike was a woman named *Lufanny*. Much effort was expended in researching this erroneous theory. That Mary (Updike) Richey was the daughter of Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike was destined to remain a probable but unproven conclusion for many years. It was not until 2001, that a new, second theory on the identify of Roliph's wife emerged which eventually led to confirmation that Mary (Updike) Richey was Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike's daughter in 2005.

**THEORY #2: ELEANOR<sup>5</sup> "NELLY" LANE (Gizebert<sup>4</sup>, Mathias<sup>3</sup>, Gysbrecht<sup>2</sup> "Gilbert" Laenen, Matthys<sup>1</sup> Jansen) WAS THE HERETOFORE UNIDENTIFIED WIFE OF ROLIPH<sup>5</sup> UPDIKE**

During the 1990s, the widespread adoption of personal computers and the explosive growth of the Internet enabled distant cousins to find each other and share information easily in ways not previously imagined. In seeking to confirm his descent from Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike, Perry had the good fortune to meet Mike Morrissey on-line.

Margaret Force Christensen had been seeking the origins of her ancestor, Jerusha (Updike) Force, born circa 1769/70, as an undocumented daughter of Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike or his brother Burgoon. David and Jerusha (Updike) Force were married circa 1790; they resided in Somerset County, New Jersey and Tompkins County, New York. Their daughter, Hannah, married

Andrew T. German. By German family records, Hannah was reportedly "the dau. of David Force and Jerusha Updike Force, **whose mother's maiden name was Lane.**"

In early 2001, Margaret inquired of Mike Morrissey, a descendant of Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike, if he was familiar with *The Life and Family of Gilbert Updike [son of Roliph<sup>5</sup>]* (LDS FHL #929.273 A1 #490). This document assumes that Jerusha was Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike's daughter because Jerusha and Gilbert<sup>6</sup> were both present at the Battle of Princeton, according to family legend.

Mike relayed Margaret's email to Perry and added his observation that **Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike lived near Ralph Lane in New Jersey.** Based on the possibility that Jerusha (Updike) Force may have been Roliph<sup>5</sup>'s daughter, Perry immediately launched a search to determine if Ralph Lane might be the father of the elusive Mrs. Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike.

A quick search at RootsWeb's WorldConnect project revealed that Ralph Lane was the son of Mathias<sup>3</sup> Lane (*Gysbrecht<sup>2</sup> "Gilbert" Laenen, Matthys<sup>1</sup> Jansen*) and Ann/Antje<sup>3</sup> Schenck (*Garret<sup>2</sup> Roelofse, Roelof<sup>1</sup> Martense*). Recognizing the Lane family to be of the same origins as Perry's Van Pelt ancestors, he contacted Dorothy Koenig, Editor of *New Netherland Connections*, and a fellow descendant of the Laenen Van Pelt family.

Through Dorothy's quick research and additional on-line searches on Perry's part, including the WorldConnect database of Linda Boorum, **it quickly became apparent that Mrs. Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike was not the daughter of Ralph<sup>4</sup> and Susannah (\_\_\_) Lane. However, naming patterns and associations in common with other individuals soon caused us to consider the possibility that Mrs. Roliph Updike was closely related to Ralph Lane.**

Peter Updike and Jacob Sartore were executors to the will of Ralph Lane's wife, Suzannah (\_\_\_) Lane of Montgomery Township, made 1810, proved 1811 (*Somerset Wills*, Book A, p. 317, as cited in "Lane Families of Somerset and Vicinity" by A. Van Doren Honeyman, *Somerset County Historical Quarterly*, Vol. II [p. 201]); William Updike Jr., John Savidge and Jos. H. Skelton were witnesses. Samuel Updike and David Johnson made the inventory. Peter Updike was probably Roliph<sup>5</sup>'s brother; Samuel and William Jr. were probably the sons of Roliph's brother, William<sup>5</sup> Updike, who married Naomi Johnson. David Johnson was probably the husband of Roliph's sister, Mary. The property of Peter Updike and John Savidge was adjacent to Ralph Lane's in 1813 and William Updike lived nearby. Mike raised an interesting sidebar question—was Suzannah (\_\_\_) Lane related to the Updikes?

**Perry suggested to Dorothy that Ralph Lane's brother, Gizebert<sup>4</sup> Lane, might have been the father of Mrs. Roliph Updike, based solely on the given names found in common between the family groups and a number of daughters with no known husbands born in the right time frame.** Dorothy located the will abstract of "Gizebort [*sic*] Lane, of the Western Precinct, Somerset County, [NJ]" in *New Jersey Calendar of Wills, 1801-1805* (p. 264-5), proved 12 April 1804. **Gizebert (Gysbert/Gilbert) left , 100 to each of his daughters upon their mother's death and he also gave to his daughter, Eleanor [no married surname given!], the lot of land she now lives on, during her life, and then the same to her son, Gilbert.** William Collins witnessed this will; he was married to Susannah Lane, daughter of Ralph and Suzannah (\_\_\_) Lane. **Thus, brothers Gizebert<sup>4</sup> Lane and Ralph<sup>4</sup> Lane both lived in close proximity to Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike.**

From Linda's WorldConnect database and others, we knew that Gizebert<sup>4</sup> Lane was married to his first cousin, Eleanor/Neeltje Smock, daughter of Hendrick and Maria "Mary" (Schenck) Smock. Mike located the primary record:

County of Monmouth... 1741... Gysbert Lane... obtained license of marriage for himself and for Eleanor Smock of said county, spinster... [w] Rob't Savage. Wm

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Recall that John Savidge witnessed the will of Suzannah (—) Lane; perhaps he was related to "Rob't Savage." Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike's brother Jacob married Anna Savage.

Kathy Detrano and Sharon (Stephens) Kiser reviewed probate and land records while Mike continued research in tax, legal and church records, both in New Jersey and New York. Other than learning that one of Roliph's grandsons bore *Lane* as his middle name, these conventional research techniques failed to yield proof that Eleanor Lane was the wife of Roliph Updike. Much of the support for our theory that Eleanor Lane was the wife of Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike was based on the names found in both the Updike and Lane families:

- Eleanor<sup>6</sup> Updike was probably named in honor of her maternal grandmother, Eleanor (Smock) Lane, and her mother.
- Gilbert<sup>6</sup> Updike, the eldest known son, was probably named in honor of his maternal grandfather, Gizebert/Gilbert<sup>4</sup> Lane.
- Matthias<sup>6</sup> Updike, was probably named in honor of a maternal uncle who died young (as well as his mother's paternal grandfather and her paternal uncle).
- Catherine<sup>6</sup> Updike, was probably named in honor of a maternal aunt.
- Lyman Lane<sup>7</sup> Updike, grandson of Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike, was probably partially named in honor of his paternal grandmother's family of origin.

Again, we were left with a probable but unproven theory. Although there was no means to prove that Roliph<sup>5</sup> Updike was the father of Mary (Updike) Richey, by 2001 it was already possible to prove whether or not Eleanor Lane was mother of Mary (Updike) Richey.

#### **PROVING BOTH THEORIES WITH MITOCHONDRIAL DNA TESTING**

Below is an excerpt from Family Tree DNA's document, "Understanding your mtDNA Report," that explains how Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) can be used in conjunction with conventional genealogical research. For more information, please see their web site at <http://www.familytreedna.com>.

Mitochondria are organelles present in all human cells... in the cytoplasm of each cell and contain their own DNA. In the process of human reproduction, mtDNA is passed in the egg cytoplasm only. Males do not contribute mtDNA to the offspring but carry mtDNA contributed from their mother. A female receives mtDNA from her mother who received mtDNA from her mother along the female line.

Eleanor Lane's matrilineal descent from Aeltje Cornelis (Cool) (Van Couwenhoven) Stoothoff is well-documented. Perry's great-grandmother, Mary (Williamson) Streeter, a matrilineal descendant of Mary (Updike) Richey, has five generations of living matrilineal descendants, including her only daughter (and Perry's great aunt), Janette (Streeter) Cornell. If a known living matrilineal descendant of Aeltje's could be found, Perry realized that mtDNA analysis could be used to confirm or refute the Lane-Updike link theorized in the matrilineal lineage presented here by comparing his/her mtDNA to Janette's:

1. Aeltje Cornelis Cool m. Gerrit Wolfertse Van Couwenhoven
2. Marritje Gerritse Van Couwenhoven m. Coert Stevense Van Voorhees
3. Neeltje Coertse Van Voorhees m. Garret Roelofse Schenck
4. Maria Garretse Schenck m. Hendrick Smock
5. Eleanor Smock m. Gilbert Lane
6. **Eleanor Lane probably m. Roliph Updike**
7. Mary Updike m. Daniel Richey
8. Charity Richey m. Francis Krusen
9. Mary Jane Krusen m. Israel Morris Brundage
10. Cora Charity Brundage m. Merritt Clarence Williamson
11. Mary Williamson m. Miner Thomas Streeter
12. Janette Streeter m. Lewis Ross Cornell

On 21 March 2001, Perry posted a detailed message to DUTCH-COLONIES-L@rootsweb.com containing much of the same content presented above, including the suggestion that mtDNA testing could be used to prove or refute these theories. "Help Wanted Ads" soliciting living matrilineal descendants of Aeltje Cornelis (Cool) (Van Couwenhoven) Stoothoff were posted to other Internet-based message boards and discussion lists. Similar "ads" were published *New Netherland Connections*, *The New York Researcher* (a publication of The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society), and newsletters for the Van Voorhees and Schenck family associations.

Unfortunately, no volunteers ever came forth. Fortunately, as a confirmed descendant of Roliph Updike, Mike was even more obsessed with proving that Eleanor Lane was Roliph's wife than Perry was and a plan of partnership emerged. Once identified by Mike, Perry would contact any probable cousins and attempt to persuade them to provide an mtDNA sample. Once cooperation was secured, Perry would pay for Janette's mtDNA test while Mike would cover the expense for the probable cousin.

In July 2003, Mike identified a living matrilineal descendant of Eleanor (Smock) Lane, a probable sixth cousin of Janette (Streeter) Cornell. Perry immediately contacted her by "snail" mail. No response was forthcoming, so he sent a follow-up letter on 5 September 2003. She responded to the first letter on 6 September 2003 before his second letter arrived; her response was heart-breaking:

...the genealogical charts you presented of your ancestors brought up for me painful memories of my own mother's similar interests. Her snobbishness and bigotry—much of it stemming from "ancestor worship"—were only two of the many qualities that caused lifelong dissension between us... My mother and her mother (and for all I know her mother) were emotionally impoverished individuals, interested in almost wholly in their family connections and social status. I wish to break that cycle.

"To break that cycle," she chose to *not* help us. Perry's own experience with genealogy, and probably that of most readers of *New Netherland Connections*, has been quite the opposite of our unwilling contact's. From the time that Perry was a teenager, genealogy was a great way for him to bond with all of his grandparents. He shared some very personal details about the positive role of genealogy in his own life in yet another letter, but the correspondence ended there.

It was not until February 2004 that Mike was able to identify another living matrilineal descendant for a potential mtDNA comparison. As a descendant of Neeltje Coertse (Van

Voorhees) Schenck, she was probably an eighth cousin of Janette (Streeter) Cornell. However, we did not have quite enough confidence in all the links of the probable cousin's lineage to invest in mtDNA testing.

**In November 2004, Mike found Philip C. Garrett II, a confirmed living matrilineal descendant of Neeltje Coertse (Van Voorhees) Schenck, another probable eighth cousin of Janette (Streeter) Cornell.** Perry reached Phil by phone on November 20. Although Phil had researched some of his father's ancestry, he hadn't done any serious work on his mother's side of the family. He was excited to learn more about his own ancestry and he quickly agreed to provide a sample of his mtDNA. DNA collection kits were ordered from Family Tree DNA, completed and returned for processing. Then, it was just a matter of waiting several weeks for the results.

**On 24 February 2005, Janette's low-resolution results became available; she had mtDNA matches with more than 400 other customers of Family Tree DNA, including Phil. The next day, her high-resolution mtDNA test results were released. At a high-resolution level, Janette's mtDNA matched *only* with Phil's! At long last, we had conclusive and scientific proof for both of the theories presented above. Eleanor Lane was indeed the wife of Roliph Updike and they were the parents of Mary (Updike) Richey!**

For those who may be interested in understanding the mtDNA test results in greater detail, the matrilineal descendants of Aeltje Cornelis (Cool) (Van Couwenhoven) Stoothoff belong to Haplogroup H and are distinguished by the following mutations in contrast to the accepted mtDNA standard, the Cambridge Reference Sequence: 1st Segment: 16519C; 2nd Segment: 113T, 263G, 309.1C, 309.2C, 315.1C.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

We recognize that additional genealogical and biographical details on Roliph<sup>5</sup> and Eleanor (Lane) Updike and their descendants are probably not of general interest to the readers of *New Netherland Connections*. For anyone who may be interested, please see Perry's web site, <http://www.perry.streeter.com> and/or Mike's WorldConnect database, "Morrissey/Updike Family" (filename = morrupdike) via <http://www.rootsweb.com>. **Others seeking to prove a matrilineal line of descent from Aeltje Cornelis (Cool) (Van Couwenhoven) Stoothoff through mtDNA testing are welcome to contact either Perry or Mike** (see contact information further below).

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

Conventional research does *not* support the conclusion that Margaret's ancestor, Jerusha (Updike) Force, was the daughter of Roliph<sup>5</sup> and Eleanor (Lane) Updike. However, it is possible, if not probable, that Eleanor's sister, Mary Lane, married Roliph's brother, Burgoon<sup>5</sup> Updike, and they may have been Jerusha's parents. Mike intends to identify a matrilineal descent of Mrs. Burgoon Updike to confirm or refute this theory through further mtDNA testing.

Future research efforts will also be focused on confirming a new theory in development that Catherine (Barents) Smock was the daughter of Barent<sup>1</sup> Joosten Ridder as well as finding the remaining unknown New Netherland ancestors of Roliph and Eleanor.

#### CLOSING THOUGHTS

This article demonstrates the power of pairing sound theories developed through conventional research with the scientific certainty of DNA testing. As indicated in the quote by Bennett Greenspan at the beginning of article, Perry and Mike's use of mtDNA testing to confirm their own lines of descent from a female ancestor born as long ago as Aeltje Cornelis (Cool) (Van Couwenhoven) Stoothoff is an historical event in its own right.

Some readers may be questioning if the time, effort and expense required to prove the theories presented above was worth it. Roliph<sup>5</sup> and Eleanor (Lane) Updike are "gateway" ancestors for Perry and Mike; having scientific proof to connect us to many well-researched and well-documented founding families of New Netherland is priceless. A picture is worth a thousand words so please refer to pedigree charts for Roliph and Eleanor that follow the end of this article.

Janette (Streeter) Cornell has been a considerate and generous custodian of her family's history. It gave Perry great pleasure to present his beloved great aunt with her mtDNA certificate from Family Tree DNA and a chart with dozens of "new" ancestors as part of her 94th birthday celebration. How wonderful that she was able to make history in the new world of DNA testing as part of expanding the history of her family!

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