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ANTIQUE SHOW



Uncle Sam Wants YOU!!

Well, actually the Kitsap Antique Show wants you.

Our annual antique show fundraiser is coming up. It is happening on Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 29-30, 2022 at the President's Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds.

The show is the only fundraiser for our genealogical society. It provides over 50% of our income and is the major source of funding for the classes and workshops that are available to you throughout the year.

There is a core committee that works during the year to plan and organize the event. BUT, (and it's a BIG BUT), we can't do it without you. We have about 40 volunteer shifts to fill on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Oct 28-30.

Please put this important event on your calendar. Contact Peg Powell—pegkinder@aol.com or Rachelle Peel—rachellep98370@gmail.com to let us know that you want to be part of this event.

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Presidential Ponderings

by Jean Yager

The Genealogy Center (GC) is now OPEN!! This has been made possible by our very own Sharon Hornback. Someone just can't say they want to be a GC volunteer and simply sit down at the desk. OH NO, there is a lot of background work needed before a person is "qualified" to work in the GC. Sharon has put in countless hours reaching out to the PSGS members for potential GC volunteers. For those who accept the responsibility, Sharon organizes the Safety and COVID trainings with KRL staff, which is the first step in becoming a volunteer. Then working closely with Elisabeth Demmon, Sharon assists with completion of the proper paperwork, organizes training in what the GC has to offer, as well as how to help patrons with their own family history. Currently there are 19 volunteers, only five per training which means Sharon is scheduling multiple trainings. Sharon creates and emails the monthly schedule, keeping track of those signing up for the 12pm – 4pm daily time slot. This is a lot of work for being a volunteer herself, not to mention Sharon is the Backtracker Editor. However, 19 volunteers are not enough, we need more! As a PSGS member, you have the golden opportunity to "work" in the GC. You don't need to be an

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Genealogy Center Report

by Sharon Hornback

As you will see in the Presidential Ponderings, the Genealogy Center is open and ready to welcome you back. We have been focusing on training volunteers so that we can open. The other exciting part of the GC opening is for you to come in and use our wonderful room. Please come in and take advantage of the free programs available to you. While in the library, you have access to Ancestry (library edition), Family Search, and Fold 3. Feel free to bring your own laptop and have the same access. The many books that line our shelves have been re-entered into the KRL catalog. You can make a list from home of all the books you may want to review while visiting the GC. Stop by any Monday through Saturday from 12 PM—4 PM and say hello!

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Presidential Ponderings

by Jean Yager

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expert in genealogy nor be knowledgeable of everything available in the GC. Sharon will share with you all you need to know. Plus, you will have the chance to work on your own genealogy! Please consider volunteering at least four hours a month. Sharon can be contacted at sharonhornback@comcast.net. Thank you, Sharon, for your dedication to PSGS!!

It's also that time of year where the Nomination Committee begins their search for PSGS Officers for 2023. But first there needs to be committee chairperson. If you're that person, please contact me at psgsociety1301@gmail.com.

Annual Salt Lake City Trip 2023



Mark your calendars! We are back on schedule for the Puget Sound Genealogical Society's (PSGS) annual trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City! We are currently looking at week long accommodations for the week beginning Sunday, March 12, 2023 for the trip to SLC. Standard single queen rooms are \$98 and deluxe double queens or king rooms are \$108.

If you are interested in joining the annual trip, please contact Diane Howell Evans by July 30th at DEvansAVA@aol.com.

Watch for more details about the annual SLC trip in future issues of The Backtracker.

ROOTS TECH 2023

RootsTech 2023 will be virtual and in person! FamilySearch is again sponsoring this informative collection of classes. Learn more at [rootstech.org](https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech).

Mark your calendars for March 2—4, 2023. This is shaping up to be an exciting year!

ARE YOU WRITING A FAMILY HISTORY BOOK?

by Elisabeth Demmon

Do you plan to write your family history or are you already in the process of doing so? If so, you will have another chapter(s) to write with the information from the 1950 U. S. Federal Census. By the time you read this, the Census will have been released so I hope you have enjoyed searching for and finding your family members. The census places your ancestor in a place and time and is a great starting point for further research but as we all know there is more to a family story than just facts from a Census form.

One of the many treasures in the Genealogy Center collection is the series of books called “This Is Who We Were.” Each book in the series is based on a Census decade with the first book in the series being “This Is Who We Were, 1880-1899” with the last book being the one for 1990.

These books offer all sorts of information to help you place your ancestors/family in context with the time and place in which they lived; this information will enrich your ancestors’ story. For instance, in the volume about the 1950s, you can find out what were the average salaries for a variety of occupations (teachers in public schools earned \$3,314 annually in 1953); the prices for various items (a 1st class stamp cost \$0.04); examples of published articles of attitudes and opinions (“Teenomania” by Marion Walker published September 1952); historical facts (Motown Records was founded by Berry Gordon Jr.); fun facts such as how many homes had TV sets (5 million) and lots of statistics. There are also snapshots of individu-

als in a particular job, plenty of pictures to illustrate various topics, and advertisements for popular products.¹ This series is a superb resource to help you describe what your ancestor’s world was like for them as they lived through various decades and to help you understand the social history of the times in which they lived.

Sincerely,

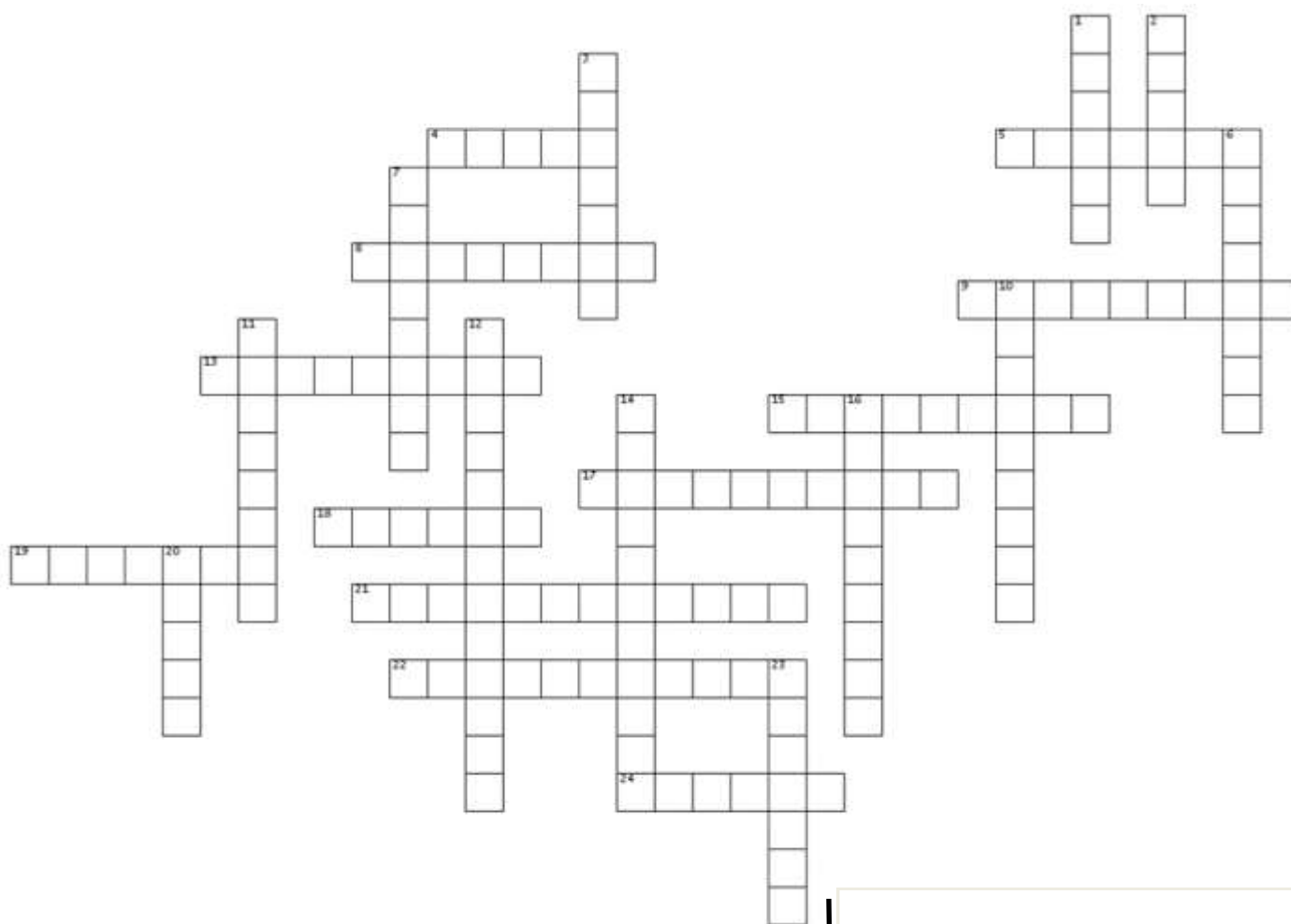
Elisabeth Demmon, KRL Liaison to the PSGS.



A sampling of the “This is Who We Were” books from a few decades. Be sure and take a look at them.

¹ This is Who We Were in the 1950s. New York, New York: Grey House Publishing, Inc. 2013.

Backtracker Genealogy Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

4. Name of hotel by the Family History Library in SLC
5. State that Allen County Public Library is in
8. State that Midwest Genealogy Center is in
9. Religion often served by circuit rider who kept personal records
13. Name of a DAR Chapter in Olympia
15. Officer position that will be open for 2023
17. Committee that will be formed to find new PSGS officers for 2023
18. 1950 one was released this year
19. What month is our annual Kitsap Antique Show
21. Free genealogy program available at the library (2 words)
22. Family researcher
24. Type of training needed to volunteer in the GC

DOWN

1. What has 3 rings that Melody chose to organize her family history in
2. One place to find maps
3. Another name for Society of Friends
6. Free library edition genealogy program available at the library
7. Death notice in newspaper
10. What Peg used to make her family story/album
11. Form you can have printed for free at the Family History Library (two words)
12. War fought 1775-1783
14. Place to find free books (2 words)
16. Who is our KRL liaison to the PSGS
20. Book where families recorded births, marriages, deaths
23. Old time photograph

Answers on page 11. Read the Backtracker articles to find answers



Looking Forward...

to the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

July 27, 2022 No Program, GENERAL MEETING CANCELLED

August 24, 2022 TO BE ANNOUNCED

September 28, 2022 TO BE ANNOUNCED

Heidi Ginder has been working hard getting speakers lined up for our programs. As the responses are confirmed, information will be sent to members. Thank you for your patience.

Schedule of Classes — September to December 2022

Discovering Your Ancestor - Series V - presented by Janet O'Connor Camarata

This series is going to be unique where Janet will be helping to solve genealogical challenges. Attendees are encouraged to submit their questions, providing as much information (ie: birth, marriage, death dates and places) on a couple. Janet will apply research tools and techniques, utilize websites, search methods, limitations with website research and more. Problem-solving varies week to week as Janet addresses one couple each week. Janet prefers to stay within the United States, but can help with Germany, Great Britain and Italy. An email blast to PSGS members will be sent out the first part of September with a handout to capture information Janet needs to process participants' requests. The dates are Sep 17, Oct 1 and 15, Nov 5 and 19 and Dec 3 from 10:30am to 12:30pm. All classes will be Hybrid.

Class Invite/Link is sent out two days before class.

No registration is required, however in-person class count is limited.

**Please RSVP to psgsociety1301@gmail.com
if you plan to attend in person in the Heninger room**

Janet O'Connor Camarata



Our trip to Salt Lake City

by Bobbi Klippert and Janell Crumpacker

Bobbi:

I went with my cousin, Janell, to Salt Lake City in March. We flew to SLC on a Sunday and stayed at the Plaza. We got the genealogy rate even though we were not there with a group. We were disappointed that the restaurant in the corner of the hotel was closed, but we walked to a grocery store “only about 4 blocks away”. We forgot about the length of Salt Lake City blocks. There is a refrigerator and microwave in the room so we could heat and cool foods.

The library is closed on Sunday, but we were there early on Monday morning. There has been renovation and updating while the library was closed. There are all new tables and workstations. The computers were spread further apart on tables. Copies are free! When I went to get a thumb drive, I found they were free also! As usual, people were very helpful. They still print fan charts downstairs for free.

I went there with a goal: find out more about my husband’s mother’s family. She and her family were Germans from Russia from the town of Norka. I spent three days working upstairs looking for information. My last day, I went downstairs to the international section where I should have gone first. The woman I met who helped me (Shari Mehling Stone) also had family from Norka. She walked me directly to the books about that area. She went at the hunt completely differently that I did. She started looking for the names of the settlers who came from Germany and we found several families with the right last name. Then we followed each family forward until it either died out or had no sons to carry the name. We were

able to rule out several families, but I did not have time to complete the effort. Now I know where to start the next time I visit.

Janell:

As always, the trip to SLC was enjoyable and rewarding. As we were leaving the library one afternoon, a couple of ladies noticed my DAR bag. They asked where we are from and as it turned out, they are relatives of a past member of the Sacajawea Chapter in Olympia. As we talked we realized that it was their Aunt that we, the Sacajawea Chapter, had a memorial service for at a local cemetery in Olympia and I, as Regent, presided over the service.

Another extremely exciting incident for me was when I was looking at the FamilySearch website I came across a tree with information on my Dad’s half-sister which I didn’t have. Following it along it traced her lineage back to England and Europe. Of course, I will have to follow up on all the information and get the proof documented, but it was quite a surprise to find.

On our next trip I plan to have my family trees in FamilySearch so that I can have the fan charts printed. The Fan charts are quite something to see and allows you to see where there are gaps.

If you haven’t visited the Family Research library in Salt Lake City, I recommend that you do. It’s an amazing place.



ONE WAY TO WRITE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

by Melody Knight

If you don't want the details of your family story to be forgotten, you need to record them verbally, tell them often to everyone in the family, or record them on paper for now and for future generations. I have chosen to write down the facts I know, add all the photos I can find to illustrate them, include documents (or the facts from documents) of all kinds, and weave them into a story form.

I thought I might start the process by making the first draft of the story my husband's side of the family, the Knight and Bossier families. This first draft would be for our niece, Erica. She is my husband's brother's daughter. We had picked gifts from the gift registry site Erica and Samuel (her fiancé) had set up but we wanted to give them a more personal addition to the wedding gifts we had ordered for them.

I discussed the different ways I might make this family history. My favorite idea is to make a kind of novel out of the research, add family photos, starting with the oldest couples or individuals and come forward in history. Or I could start with my husband's parents and go back in time featuring each person, a brief amount about their parents, everything I can find about that person and their siblings and even try to fill in children and grandchildren if possible. The main problem with the novel or booklet is it would have to be edited often and might involve chapters or pages of changes in a book. My brother-in-law suggested we use a 3-ring binder, print only on one side of the paper, and that it could be added to without having to redo an entire book. I resisted that unfinished look at first but it is a more practical ap-

proach. For example, If you wanted to add the children or grandchildren of the featured person, a page, written on one side only, could just be added after what had already been shared about that person.

A 3-ring binder with a place to slip in a piece of paper (with text and photo) was chosen to begin the project. I had photos of each couple for several generations so I used those to introduce each couple. On each page of the introduction for each couple I put a 5 by 7 photo, the full given names of each person, and how they were related to the person receiving the notebook. The first one was for John Carl Knight and Etta Dale Bossier (Parents of: Joseph Eric & James Carl Knight, grandparents of: Jeffrey Carl, Christopher Eric, Erica Margaret, and Michael Jeffrey Knight, and great-grandparents of: Rowan Keinholz, and Jeffrey James Knight).

After the introductory page, the next step was making a "story" including some brief facts about their parents (because they would have their own story pages), and as much as I could find about each person and their siblings. I started with the husband's story, and put all the information, stories, and photos I could find to make it more interesting. Then I did the same thing with the wife giving information, stories, and photos about her, her siblings, and I added the children the couple had in her page rather than listing them on both the husband and wife's pages.

I made out the pages for the two parents, the four grandparents, the eight great grandparents and the sixteen 2nd great grandparents and more

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by Melody Knight

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because I had names and dates for all of them. I have written articles for the Backtracker which I included in 3rd or 4th great grandparents for my husband and his brother. One was about one family tragedy in the Civil War you may have seen. The other one was about busting myths in a mystery that may come in the October issue. What I ended up with was about 70 pages of photos, facts and family stories.

By the way, I shared this with the bride and groom during their four days of wedding events. She even had time to read some of the stories (like the one when we were visiting one of my husband's aunts

shortly after we were first married. Carl was already in the bed. I got in and the mattress slipped off the frame and crashed to the floor making a huge noise! The slats must have been too short or something. In came Aunt Cora while I was in my baby blue baby-doll pajamas. We were all so embarrassed but we all had to laugh! Luckily I only weighed about 120 pounds at the time so I knew I hadn't broken the bed!) The cover was their guest registry page with their photo, their wedding date, and I added the words: NOW IS THE TIME TO WRITE YOUR OWN LOVESTORY! They loved it!

SEEKING NEW OFFICERS FOR PSGS

It is time to be thinking about serving as part of the leadership team for Puget Sound Genealogical Society in 2023. We will be looking for a chair for the Nominating Committee in July. Some of our amazing officers may wish to run again, and that would be wonderful, but all positions are open. Officers of PSGS include President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Descriptions of the duties for each of these positions are listed in the Member Handbook located on the Members page of PSGS (psgsociety.org). Take a look and see what position speaks to you. Our new Nominating Committee will soon be hard at work. Elections will held be at our Annual Business Meeting, October 26, 2022.



TELL ME A STORY

by Peg Powell

Tell me a story, tell me a story,
Tell me a story, remember what you said.
You promised me, you said you would.
You gotta give in so I'll be good.
Tell me a story, then I'll go to bed.

The words of that old song remind us to tell our stories. There are lots of ways to tell our stories. I'd like to share a way that I used to tell a little bit of my story. This is an introduction to six generations of the Rising family.

While browsing through craft ideas, I came across a post about an album made from envelopes. It looked like a fun, easy project. I decided to use this technique to make a six generation album. It has my great grandmother, grandmother, mother, me, my daughter, and my granddaughters. The "pages" of the album have a brief biographical story of the person. It also has a few pictures to go with the story.

The content of the album can be whatever you would like. I don't know if there is a limit to the number of pages/envelopes you can use. I personally think it seems like a six to twelve page kind of project. I have an Envelope Punch Board that I use to make envelopes, but it is not necessary. There are lots of YouTube tutorials on envelope making. Commercial envelopes can also be used.

Now for some details. I made my envelopes from scrapbook paper, but the album can be made from ready made envelopes. Here is one link to a tutorial showing making envelopes and putting the album together.

<https://www.laurascraftylife.com/envelope-mini-album/>

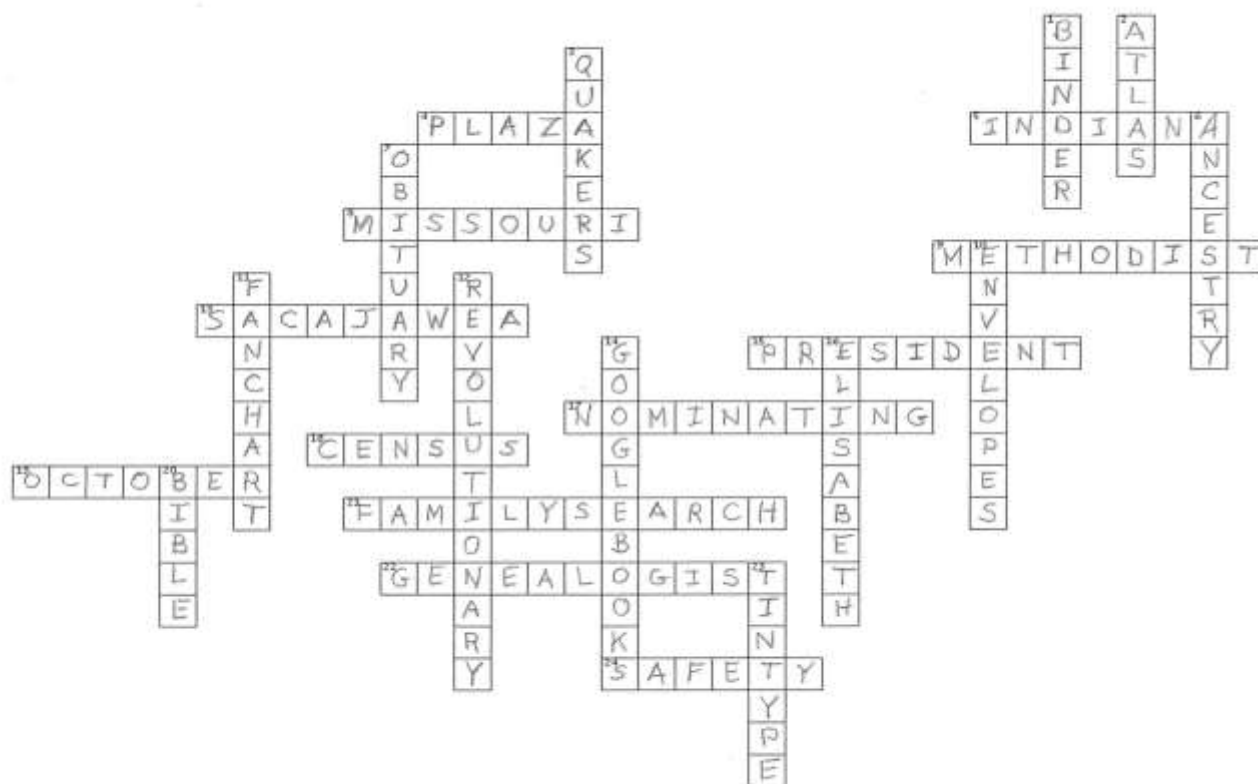
The pictures below show the process. The first envelope is address side down. The second envelope is address side up. Slide the flap of the second envelope into the first envelope as if you were inserting a

letter. I did glue it in place. Then flip the second envelope on top of the first and continue adding the next envelope. Repeat until the album is the size you like.

Good luck; I am available to help if you have questions.



Answers to Backtracker Puzzle from page 5



How did you do on the crossword puzzle? Hope you had fun reading the articles to find the answers.

Looking for Your Story

Have you written your story for the next issue yet? Articles are due September 30 for the next Backtracker. Not sure what to write about? Below are some suggestions.

- Have you taken a recent genealogy trip? What did you find or not find?
- Have you looked at the 1950 Census yet? What did you find?
- Do you have any family Thanksgiving or Christmas traditions to share with the membership? This can be a paragraph or two, or a page. The length is up to you.
- Is your family a Kitsap County pioneer family? Tell us about your history.

Looking forward to receiving so many stories they will fill two or more issues of the Backtracker. Happy writing!

GC Volunteers

The Genealogy Center Soft Opening is happening now. We received all the paperwork and completed our first round of trainings in June and July. If you want to volunteer in the GC, or need more information about what is involved, and have not notified Sharon Hornback yet, please do so today.

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She will send you the paperwork you need and will let you know when the needed trainings are scheduled.

The only way we can keep the GC open is with your help. Thank you for your wish to volunteer for PSGS.



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