

Winter 2022

MACAULAY MATTERS

Bringing Our People Together

THE MACAULAY NAME ... EVERYWHERE!

I don't know about you, but it tickles me a bit when I see some variation of "MacAulay" in books (and not just Peter May's) or movies (hello, *Philadelphia Story*). I'm always a little surprised and thrilled when I discover places like Macaulay Honors College in New York City, Mount Macaulay in Yukon, Canada, and Macaulay River in New Zealand. There's even a Macauley Vineyard in Saint Helena, California (sounds like a great place for a Gathering). But when I accidentally chanced upon the fact a few years ago that Rosa Parks' middle name was McCauley, my interest was really piqued. This newsletter features several impactful and important MacAulays—including Rosa. Read on for more.

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This is your newsletter. We welcome interesting stories and pictures. No limits to your creativity! It's about sharing everything MacAulay.

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Danger is Sweet!

Membership Contest



Family Heritage for the Holidays and Beyond! "Heed the Call" - generate new or upgraded memberships to Clan MacAulay and automatically be entered in the ***Danger is Sweet* Membership Contest** for 2022 - 2023. The holidays are fast approaching, give the gift of family heritage, or upgrade your current membership, and earn points towards the ***Danger is Sweet* Membership Contest!**

Winner Receives:

- One Y-37 DNA and one Family Finder DNA test from Family Tree DNA
- Complimentary Genealogy Consultation with Clan MacAulay genealogy/DNA experts Lucas McCaw and/or Kathy McCauley to assist with family member test selection and family research goals

Contest Timing:

- Begins - December 1, 2022
- Ends - October 31, 2023
- Prize awarded on or near November 15, 2023 (must be member in good standing in order to win)

Scoring:

- Individual with most points during contest period wins
 - ❖ New Annual Adult or Family Membership = 1 point
 - ❖ Current member referral of a new Annual Adult or Family Membership = 1 point
 - ❖ New Lifetime or Family Lifetime Membership = 2 points
 - ❖ Current member referral of a new Lifetime or Family Lifetime Membership = 2 points
 - ❖ Current member Annual or Family Membership upgrades to Lifetime or Family Lifetime Membership = 2 points

Membership Application:

<https://clanmacaulay.org.uk/membership-application/>

2024 CLAN MACAULAY INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

Mark your calendars!
7-10 August 2024

Inverary Resort
Baddeck, Cape Breton Island
Nova Scotia, Canada



Meet the Executive

Mary Jane “McCauley” Meischeid

Why did you become an Executive member?

I was a member of the planning team for the 2022 Gathering in Stornoway and was asked by our Chief to be the Organizer for the 2024 Gathering in Cape Breton. I am very honored to have this role and to be part of the Clan's executive team.

Birthplace? Easton, PA, USA

Currently live? New Bern, North Carolina, USA

Your profession? I recently retired, but prior to that, I worked for Cigna Healthcare for 42 years. I started in IT in 1978 and continued to grow in the company. My final 15 years were in Project & Program Management for the business.

Favourite pastime? Traveling and planning the next trip to experience.

Who do you admire? Walt Disney—as a dreamer and a visionary, he brought joy to so many children and people through his creative mind, tv shows, films, and magical parks. Walt Disney World in Florida is one of our favorite places, which we visit frequently.

Most unique talent? Singing and cooking—both are my passion.

Favourite beverage? Cosmopolitans and dirty martinis

Favourite music? I love all types of music, with favorites from the '60s, '70s, and '80s.

Favourite place to travel? I love Scotland. It is just so beautiful and different depending on what part of the island you are visiting. We always love to see the sheep just grazing on hillsides, and the people are so kind and friendly ... And the gin and Scotch are pretty good, too.

Your personal motto? Be kind

Oldest MacAulay ancestor? Charles McCauley is the oldest we have traced, born in Donegal in 1840. His father was John, but we have not (as of yet) been able to get his birth year; we assume it's around the 1820s. Charles would be my great-great-grandfather.

DNA? I have done Ancestry and just recently 23&Me—ancestry & health tests.



BARRY MACAULAY MEETS KING CHARLES III

Rachel L. MacAulay, Editor

Barry Macauley from County Antrim in Northern Ireland recently met with King Charles at Buckingham Palace. Barry was invited to a Small Business Reception as Chief Executive/Artistic Director of Arts Care, a social enterprise/charity which enhances personal health and well-being through the arts. Barry said 'I was awarded a BEM in 2020 but did not get to the ceremony at Buckingham Palace due to the COVID-19 pandemic. So I was delighted to have this experience and tell the King and Prince Edward of the fantastic work of Arts Care.'



WRITE FOR NEXT YEAR'S NEWSLETTER!

Rachel L. MacAulay, Editor

I am looking for members from all over to feature in next year's "Letters from Home" themed newsletters. Since next year isn't a Gathering year, let's "get together" through the newsletter, learning more about each other—what it's like where you live, how your family (especially the Macauley side) came to be there, what the typical food/weather/community/etc. is like, and whatever else would be interesting to others.

- March issue: New Zealand and Australia
- June issue: United Kingdom and North Ireland
- September issue: Canada
- December issue: United States

If you live in another region and would like to participate, just let me know.

MacAulay Matters is only as good as its contributors—please volunteer to write for it in 2023!



IAIN MACMILLAN MACAULAY

Chief Emeritus Hector MacAulay

Iain MacMillan MacAulay is without a doubt the Father of modern-day Clan MacAulay. He laid the foundation for what we have today.

Iain was born in Dunoon and educated at Dunoon Grammar School. After leaving school in 1938, he joined the medical branch of the RAF and wore the MacAulay kilt when signing on. During the Battle of Britain, he was based at Middle Wallop in Hampshire, before being sent to the Far East in 1941, arriving in Singapore just as the city fell.

While the rest of the squadron were taken prisoners by the Japanese, Iain and a few others escaped, stole a lifeboat, and planned to sail to Australia. They reached Java, where they were captured and taken prisoner. Iain was imprisoned for three years, first in Java and then in Sumatra, where he suffered appalling conditions as well as being severely tortured.

On release in 1945, he weighed just 57 pounds and was so ill with infections that he was expected to lose his sight and not live beyond the age of 50. Glad to say, none of the predictions came true, and he referred to his illness as a 'life-changing experience'. On returning home, he received £300 back pay, which he spent on a kilt and marrying Nina in 1946. The couple were married for 57 years and had two sons and four grandchildren.

With RAF support, Iain completed a physiotherapy degree at Kings College London and later founded the school of physiotherapy at RAF Halton in Buckinghamshire, eventually becoming Principal. Iain also led expeditions into the Scottish mountains to teach young servicemen survival skills, for which he was made an MBE. He retired from the RAF in 1966 with the rank of squadron leader. He then returned to Scotland, farming 4,000 hilly acres in Assynt in west Sutherland and becoming a local councillor and Chairman of the local branch of the Royal British Legion.

Apart from farming in Assynt, Iain was totally passionate about the history, culture, and politics of Scotland, with a particular interest in re-establishing Clan MacAulay, which he worked so hard to achieve.



IAIN MACMILLAN MACAULAY CONT'D

Chief Emeritus Hector MacAulay

I first met Iain in Eden Court Theatre in Inverness, where we were attending the 1997 Scottish National Party conference. We were introduced by Winnie Ewing, who was a member of the European Parliament and whom we both knew. I found Iain to be a charming man and immediately warmed to him. After a few drams, I found myself agreeing to help him achieve his objective to re-establish Clan MacAulay.

Earlier in 1997, the Lord Lyon had appointed Iain interim Commander of Clan MacAulay in recognition of his work to re-establish the clan. In 1998, under Iain's leadership, we were able to gather enough MacAulays to hold our first meeting in the Salutation Hotel Perth. Over 40 clansfolk attended what turned out to be a successful meeting, and the first Scottish committee was duly formed. Confidence was now running high, resulting in us holding the very first Clan MacAulay Gathering in the Drummond Arms Hotel, Crieff, in August 1999. Another success.

As Clan Commander, Iain planned an ad hoc Derbhfine with a view to him being appointed our new hereditary Clan Chief. The decision of the Derbhfine, held in 2001 at Tulloch Castle Hotel, Dingwall, proposed to the Lord Lyon that Iain MacMillan MacAulay be appointed as Chief. The Lord Lyon refused to appoint Iain on the grounds laid out in his response to Iain's petition.

Disappointed by this ruling, and with the full support of the committee, Iain decided on another way forward, and at the 2002 Clan Gathering, a resolution was passed to confirm Iain MacMillan MacAulay as Clan Chief. The resolution also put in place a democratic process whereby the Chief would be elected by the members for a period of five years. History was made, and Iain became our first elected Clan Chief.

With a strong committee, increased membership, annual gatherings planned, and the production of the first Clan newsletter, Iain realised he had achieved his dream of re-establishing Clan MacAulay. Sadly, Iain died just a few days after the 2003 Clan Gathering.

He was a charming and inspirational individual who achieved his objective through his leadership, vision, enthusiasm, and commitment. In the process, he left us with a very rich legacy.

FOR MORE
INFORMATION ON
A DERBHFINE,
[CLICK HERE.](#)



MARY LUDWIG HAYES MCCAULEY

Rachel L. MacAulay, Editor

A few months back, I discovered that Molly Pitcher's real name was Mary Ludwig Hayes McCauley. For those unfamiliar with her name or pseudonym, Molly Pitcher was a local hero here in Central New Jersey, famous for her participation in the Battle of Monmouth during the Revolutionary War.

Legend has it that Molly, the wife of an American soldier named William Hays, camped along with her husband's artillery company from Pennsylvania. According to the [National Archives](#), "Mary was described by the men in her company as a twenty-two-year-old illiterate pregnant woman who smoked and chewed tobacco and swore as well as any of the male soldiers." She earned her nickname for her role in bringing water to cool down the cannons and help hydrate both injured and battle-fatigued men on the field. When her husband was wounded during the Battle of Monmouth on June 28, 1778, she heroically took over loading the cannon in his stead.

Her husband died from his war wounds in 1786, and Mary married John McCauley in 1793. More than 40 years after her participation in the battle, the state legislature of Pennsylvania decided to award her with an annual \$40 pension for her contribution during the battle. She died in 1833 and is buried with the name "Molly McCauley" in Carlisle Old Graveyard in Pennsylvania. There is a cannon and a statue of Molly Pitcher above her gravestone.



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NEIL MCCAULEY – THE ANCESTRY OF A THIEF MADE INFAMOUS!

Lucas McCaw, Heritage Secretary

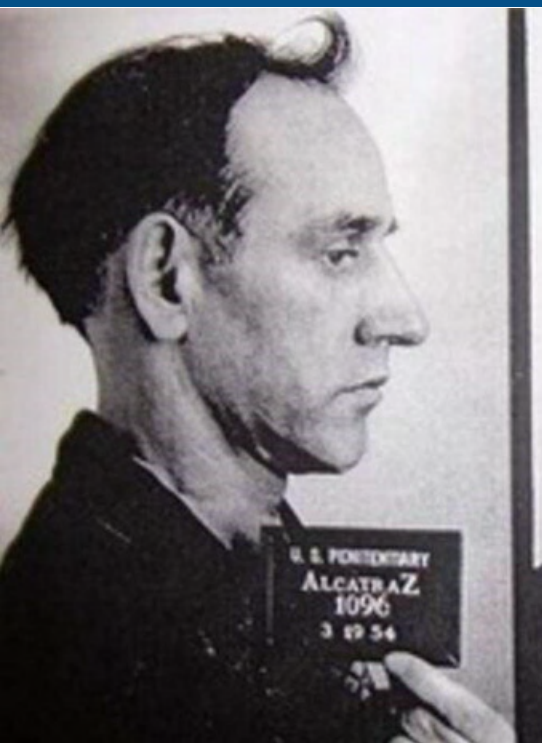
No doubt many of you have enjoyed the Michael Mann film “Heat” from 1995, often considered one of the best-written crime movies to come out of Hollywood. With a long list of talented actors (Al Pacino, Robert DeNiro, Val Kilmer, and Natalie Portman, among others), the film made for a rich, character-driven piece of entertainment. What most fans of the show don’t know, however, is the true story this film was based on, that of career criminal Neil McCauley portrayed by DeNiro. He indeed died of gunshot wounds in a showdown with police, but instead of 1990s Los Angeles, the REAL events took place in 1960s Chicago...

Neil Ade McCauley was born on February 2, 1914, in Des Moines, Iowa, while his family lived there for a short time. He was the son of Michael Joseph McCauley, a machinist, and Nellie May Stevens. The couple had married in 1910 in Illinois and, by 1914, had moved to neighboring Iowa. The family never stayed put for too long, very likely due to work. The 1915 Iowa census shows the family in Franklin County, Iowa, but by 1920 they were living east in Beloit, Wisconsin. Michael was now employed as a steam fitter to support his growing family (with Neil, the middle child, an older daughter Evelyn born in 1912, and a younger son Ralph born in 1915; his firstborn son Michael J. died in infancy). Michael and Nellie would have two more children: Terence in 1922 and Lawrence in 1926, before moving shortly after that to Chicago. Sadly, tragedy struck on September 18, 1928, when Neil’s father died at the age of 40. With five children aged 2–15, and the Great Depression on the horizon, life was about to get much more difficult for the family.

While it’s not completely clear the events the family went through in the ensuing decade, survival skills obviously took hold, and they managed to continue on in Chicago. With the outbreak of World War II, the McCauley boys can all be seen in military registration records, including Neil. “Home base” for the family was a little place on South Damen Avenue. However, Neil must have been looking at some more extreme options for making a living that put him down the path that would lead to his death. In the 1950 census, Neil can be found serving time in the Illinois State Penitentiary. As soon as Neil got out of jail, he’d return to his old ways and get into more trouble. In early 1954, he was convicted on two charges of bank robbery and, this time, sent to Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary, where he would spend the next eight years of his life (including four years in solitary confinement).

Upon his release in March 1962, he got a new crew together for his next heist. By this time, the local Chicago police were quite aware of Neil’s history and were determined to stop his crime spree. After many months of work, they discovered his plans for a large robbery in town. Succeeding in taking down a large cash drop-off from an armored car, Neil and his three accomplices walked out of the store only to come face-to-face with the police. Guns ablaze, and with the police returning fire, the gang jumped into their getaway car and sped off through back alleys. But the crime fighters were prepared for this and had all exits blocked off!





NEIL MCCAULEY – THE ANCESTRY OF A THIEF MADE INFAMOUS! CONT'D

Lucas McCaw, Heritage Secretary

Just like in the movie, there was no luck for the robbers on that day. As the criminals fled on foot, the police bullets found their marks. Neil and two others were shot and killed, never escaping the trap they had driven into. The remaining robber was arrested a short time later. Neil died on March 25, 1964, at the age of 50, having spent 25 years of his life locked up for his transgressions.

Today there doesn't seem to be much left of the family, which had moved to Washington state in the 1940s. His only sister died in 1990, and the last of his brothers (Ralph) died in 2001. Available records seem to show that only one or two of Neil's siblings ever married or had children of their own. But going back into the past may help shed light on the deeper origins of the family. Most searches on genealogy-based websites give conflicting information or records that contradict each other. But recently, my own detective skills picked up on a pattern of names that emerged by comparing records in both North America and Ireland. It turns out Michael McCauley at least listed his parents correctly on his marriage record in 1910, and they MATCH UP with a Macaulay/McCauley couple in County Antrim, Northern Ireland! Two other McCauleys in Canada and the United States also list the same couple as their parents, fitting the family structure that became clearer with more digging.

Neil's father, Michael Joseph McCauley, was born January 25, 1888, in the small Irish townland of Doagh, in County Antrim (now part of Northern Ireland). His father was Michael J. Macaulay/McCauley, an Excise Officer in the British Inland Revenue Service, while his mother was Sarah Ann Kidley (born in 1863 in the area, daughter of James Kidley and Mary Ann Muldoon). It's probable that Michael was born in 1851 in Templeport, County Cavan, Ireland, son of Peter Macaulay and Mary Majauran.

Michael Sr. and Sarah married in the Catholic Church in nearby Ballyclare on October 25, 1879, and quickly grew their family. In addition to two daughters, Michael and Sarah look to have had two more sons, one of whom (Edward) died in infancy and the other (Francis) who immigrated to Ontario, Canada. Francis married and had one daughter before dying in 1930. Sadly, the father Michael ALSO died young, sometime after 1888. In 1894, we see his widow Sarah Kidley marrying a local engineer, Henry Mallon. In the 1901 census for Ireland, we see Henry and Sarah living in Belfast with their children and Sarah's older Macaulay children. Records seem to indicate that Sarah died in 1906, and her children scattered after that. It would certainly explain Michael and his siblings showing up all over North America soon after.

We hope to find out more about this family of McCauleys and see if they just might be related to a branch we are already in contact with. Will it be yours? You never can tell...



ROSA LOUISE MCCAULEY PARKS

Rachel L. MacAulay, Editor

When I visited the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute in Alabama five years ago, I discovered that Rosa Parks' middle name was McCauley—something I'd never learned in school. Instead (and much more importantly), what I had been taught was that on December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white man (though she was legally required to do so). Her quiet act of rebellion helped launch the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. Her arrest for the incident led to a boycott of the Montgomery (Alabama) city bus line for more than a year and also to the rise of Martin Luther King Jr. as the spokesperson for the boycott and then the movement. The momentum of the boycott also led to sit-ins and protests throughout the South, sparking a flame that eventually led to the signing of the Civil Rights Act by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

Rosa herself went on to become a deaconess of the AME Church, worked with Congressman John Conyers in Michigan for 23 years, and founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development. She received too many awards and accolades to list here, but among them were more than 40 honorary doctorate degrees, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and the designation by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people of the 20th century.

I've long wanted to trace her family tree, and doing so revealed that she descends from William Erin McCauley, Esq. (her great-great-great-great-grandfather), who lived in Carrickfergus, Ireland, in the 1700s. His son, Matthew McCauley, left County Antrim for Orange, North Carolina, where he married Martha Ann Johnston in 1783. Their grandson, Captain Charles Maurice Talleyrand McCauley, and his partner Ghiogee, a member of the Poarch Creek Indian tribe, had a son named Anderson. (There was some excitement in the family tree at this point, as it seems that Ghiogee left Charles and took their children with her, but he went back and "took back his son.") Anderson, Rosa's grandfather, married Louisa Collins, the daughter of an enslaved servant, and their son James H. McCauley was born in 1886. He and his wife Leona had two children, Sylvester and Rosa—Rosa Louise McCauley, who went on to become the American icon known to us as Rosa Parks.

(For more about Rosa, [read this article](#) from her second cousin, Jeanette McCauley.)

STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

Shari Brummer, Commissioner, Georgia

For the first time in 13 years, Clan MacAulay was represented at the Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival in Atlanta, Georgia, from October 14–16. The second-largest Highland games event in the United States, this year more than 90 clans were in attendance along with 500+ pipers and over 30,000 attendees.

Clan MacAulay members from as far away as Michigan and Florida came all the way to join us. We were thrilled to meet Darlene Clevenger, Matthew and Lilly Engelke, and Ginger and family in person! Closer by, our Tennessee and North Georgia members also joined us—Jan Perry, her granddaughter Clara Thomason and sister Debra Barnes, and Adam and Kristen Barnes and their children Owen, Harper, and Hazel. The Clan MacAulay tent was the scene of a great family reunion, and we were well-represented in the Parade of the Clans. We also met many new MacAulays who subsequently joined the Association.

It was my first event as Commissioner of Georgia, and I can't wait until next year!



My first tent (with Tech Director Susan guarding the door!)



Tennessee and No. Georgia MacAulays



Michigan and Florida MacAulays



Parade of the Clans

REFLECTIONS

Colin McAulay, Reverend

As children, waiting for Christmas morning to dawn seemed to take forever. Often, the waiting could be compounded by an increasing sense of excitement and expectation. Would Santa bring the present we so looked forward to embracing, or would there be disappointment?

Waiting, we soon discovered, is often a necessary part of the ups and downs of our everyday lives. Doubtless, we have discovered that waiting is rarely fun. It is often painful. We wait for exam results. We wait for the results of hospital tests. We wait in line for a bus which we hope will come eventually. We wait in traffic. The examples are endless.

Waiting, as we know from experience, demands patience. The story is told of the man who prayed, "Lord, grant me patience, and I want it now." I think that request will resonate with many of us! Waiting is a difficult thing for most of us to come to terms with, no matter how old we are.

When we were children opening our presents on Christmas morning, the waiting, by and large, turned out to be worth the pain.

I trust that the waiting for you on Christmas morning may prove to be fruitful.

Happy Christmas.



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THE CHIEF'S CORNER

Joan McAulay

I think each of us likely has a story of an ancestor (or two) that has wound its way through family lore. Unfortunately, my Dad wasn't much for telling stories about his family. Although he was a heck of a storyteller; I'd sit for hours after Sunday dinner listening to Dad and family friend Elmer weave tales.

But I do think about my grandfather Donald Norman MacAulay, who at age 18, in 1908, left the Eastern Townships of Quebec and moved west with his friend Harry MacKenzie to homestead. In 1909 Grandpa and Harry were granted their homesteads. The MacAulay homestead was the NE 28-25-13 W3M (where I was raised) and Harry's was directly west of ours.

I think of the hardships of being away from their families, life during cold Saskatchewan winters (as I write this, it's currently -28C), and the challenge of the summer heat and turning prairie land into arable soil capable of growing crops.

Grandpa married Kathryn MacIver from Vermont (just over the Canada-US border), a teacher, who also happened to be his second cousin (just try doing the genealogy charts on them!). They had five children: Wilfred (my dad), Edna, Madeline, Jacqueline, and Anne.

Farming now isn't easy. I can't imagine how difficult it was in the early years. He had to have had great determination and fortitude. No giant farm machinery then; horses provided the only 'horse power' and the 1930s really were the Dirty Thirties.

That Grandpa was committed to his family is undoubted. His sister Annie came to live with them and teach. Sadly, she died in 1926. Great-grandpa John had come to live with them as well. He died in 1928. After each of their deaths, Grandpa took them home to be buried in the family plot at Gisle Cemetery, near Milan QC. The trip in today's distance is about 3,375 km (2,100 miles), and in the 1920s it would all have been by rail.

Grandpa died in 1942 on his homestead and is buried in Holt Cemetery with the family he built here in Saskatchewan.

So, no books will ever be written about Grandpa or any Wikipedia pages produced, but in my mind, he was a courageous and loving man. I wish I could have known him.



NEW MEMBER WELCOME

A very special welcome to our newest members!

Beth McCauley, Nazareth PA USA
Debbie Wren, Whitehorse YT Canada
Iain Macaulay, New York City NY USA
Jerry McCauley Jr. , Crofton MD USA
Katie McCauley, Bethlehem PA USA
Mike Hughes, Carolina Shores NC USA
Paul Macaulay, Carlsbad CA USA
Winter Davis, Augusta GA USA

Gary & Nancy McCauley, Bowling Green KY USA
Grant Exley & Sara Fuster, Franklin NC USA
Neil & Debra MacAulay, Port Morien NS Canada

KIRKIN OF THE TARTAN CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND



Our very own
Ambassador Ruth Cooper
(2nd from left)

CLAN MACAULAY HERITAGE FUND

Treasurer Verity McAuley

Would making a gift to the Clan Heritage Fund be something that fits with your sense of your family's place in the history and heritage of Scotland, Ireland and its wider diaspora?

The Clan is dedicated to offering support to projects that directly relate to MacAulay heritage and history and maintains a dedicated fund for this purpose. The Zachary MacAulay Memorial and restoration of the Conan Pictish Stone are examples of the projects Clan MacAulay has supported. The fund also supports DNA projects that are dedicated to furthering our knowledge of our MacAulay origins in Antrim and the Western Isles.

Your support could be in the form of a financial donation or perhaps a small legacy gift. Join us in the journey to discover and preserve our MacAulay heritage for today's Clan and our future generations.

To discuss making a gift, please email our Treasurer at clantreasurer@clanmacaulay.org.uk, who looks forward to hearing from you.

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