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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC H. D. Poindexter Houses

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

*until December, 1977 (see continuation sheet)

STREET & NUMBER

506 West Fifth Street*

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Winston-Salem

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5th

STATE

North Carolina

VICINITY OF

CODE

37

COUNTY

Forsyth

CODE

67

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

*until December, 1977

NAME

Crystal Towers Neighborhood Association, c/o Jon DeVries *

STREET & NUMBER

660 Spring Street, NW

CITY, TOWN

Winston-Salem

STATE

North Carolina

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Forsyth County Hall of Justice

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Winston-Salem

STATE

North Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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* In December the houses will be moved. The large house will be moved to 130 West End Boulevard and title transferred to Dr. Michael D. Hazen and wife, Penelope. The small house will be moved next door to 124 West End Boulevard and will be owned by Clifton A. Stone.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE, till December,
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ 1977
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	slightly	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house built by Henry Dalton Poindexter in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, between 1892 and 1894 is a good example of the Queen Anne style of architecture popular in the late nineteenth century. The white clapboard house is embellished with verandas, balconies, and ornamental shingles, and the large, medieval-like chimneys are accented by shaped brick insets or medallions.

The main entrance of the house presently faces Fifth Street, and the double front door is surmounted by a leaded glass transom. The doors are composed of large, beveled glass window panes over wooden panels. The front porch, which reaches from the Fifth Street side of the house around to the Spruce Street end, is embellished with wooden grid-like ornamentation near the roof line, fans and spindles adjacent to the turned support posts, and square-in-section balusters at the bottom between which alternate wooden spheres. A tower, at a 45° angle to the house, occurs at the northeast corner toward Spruce Street. It features a pointed pyramidal roof. Windows throughout the house are large and generally have a one pane lower sash with a divided upper sash. Green blinds ornament all windows except those in the gables.

The interior plan of the house expresses the freedom characteristic of Queen Anne architecture. The central L-shaped stair halls, both upstairs and down, are very large and around them are arranged the other rooms. Each room except the kitchen boasts a fireplace with an interesting mantel. Many of the fireplaces have mantel shelves supported by columns, above which sits a wide mirror and another shelf. Room shapes are generally rectangular except for those rooms at the northeast corner of the house where there is a projecting bay topped.

Woodwork throughout the house consists of wainscoting, tall baseboards and slender ceiling cornices. The main staircase rises from a heavy newel post, returns on itself after a large rectangular landing, and has balusters which are Gothic in style. The wooden wainscot used in the house is composed of narrow vertical strips. Doors are five-paneled and the door frames are accented by miter blocks in the corner.

The cottage which H. D. Poindexter and his wife occupied before they built the large Queen Anne home still stands behind the larger home. According to local tradition, the small, Victorian cottage was built around 1874, the year of Poindexter's marriage to Augusta Zenobia Miller.¹ The original three rooms are plain in woodwork. The front porch which presently faces Spruce Street is embellished with a fan-like design adjacent to the turned support posts. Two rooms were added to the cottage prior to the 1890s, and the woodwork in these rooms is also very plain.²

The two houses occupied by H. D. Poindexter and his family will be moved from their present location at Fifth and Spruce Streets due to the expansion plans of Integon Corporation. The houses will be moved to two adjacent lots in the Crystal Towers neighborhood of Winston-Salem, a neighborhood contemporary with the Poindexter houses.

¹Arlene Edwards, "House on Fifth Street Watches Changing Face of the City," Winston-Salem Journal, February 17, 1963.

²Ibid.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1874, 1892-1894

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The two frame houses owned by Henry Dalton Poindexter, merchant, are typical examples of late nineteenth century domestic architecture; one is a modest cottage with simple detail, the other a more ambitious dwelling with the irregular massing, dramatic tower, and sweeping, decorative porch typical of the Queen Anne style. Domestic architecture of this period is an endangered species in downtown Winston-Salem; these two stand in the shadow of towering office buildings. They are to be moved a few blocks and preserved, instead of being razed, when a parking lot is developed on their site.

The house built for Henry Dalton Poindexter is one of the finest examples of Queen Anne architecture remaining in Winston-Salem. Dwarfed by towering office buildings, the house and its accompanying cottage will soon lose their site to Integon Corporation's planned expansion and will be moved to two adjacent lots in the nineteenth century Crystal Towers neighborhood of Winston-Salem.

Henry Dalton Poindexter, born at Flint Hill, Yadkin County, on November 25, 1849, became one of Winston's earliest and most successful merchants.¹ Poindexter's family moved to East Bend, North Carolina, when Henry Dalton was young; his father conducted a general store in East Bend.² In 1871 H. D. Poindexter left East Bend and came to Winston-Salem, and on May 7, 1874 he married Augusta Zenobia Miller, also of Yadkin County.³ He worked as a clerk for the store owned by Hodgins⁴ and Sullivan until 1881 when he left to open his own general merchandise establishment.⁴ After three years at a "cash corner" location (4th and Chestnut⁵ Streets), H. D. Poindexter erected a two-story brick building at 411 North Trade Street. The Poindexter trademark, painted on the side of the building, was an elk carrying a banner in its mouth. The banner read: "We Lead, Others Follow."⁶ According to Mr. Poindexter's daughters, their father chose the trademark because of an experience he had in Baltimore, Maryland. Having traveled to Baltimore to buy goods for his store, H. D. Poindexter used the figure of an elk on the top of a nearby building to find the way back to his hotel.

In 1874, the year of his marriage to Augusta Miller, H. D. Poindexter moved into a cottage on Spruce Street. It is unclear whether Poindexter himself built the cottage, but he obtained the property from E. A. de Schweinitz, a Moravian brother.⁸ The original cottage was small, only three rooms, and local tradition maintains that Mr. Gaston Miller, a local builder, helped expand the cottage to five rooms. Miller lived in a two room dwelling on the corner of Spruce and Fifth Streets (the future site of H. D. Poindexter's large home) until he built a larger home for himself on Fourth Street. When Miller moved to Fourth Street, legend maintains that he offered the two rooms to Poindexter if he would move them to his own lot. According to Ruth Poindexter, her father "went to the top and sawed the house in two." He then rolled the sections on logs to their new

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site adjoining his⁹ cottage. Eight of the nine Poindexter children were born in the five room cottage.

Between 1892 and 1894, H. D. Poindexter's family moved to a large new house on the corner of Fifth and Spruce where Gaston Miller's dwelling had stood.¹⁰ The lot had belonged to T. L. Vaughn, and according to Ruth Poindexter, Mr. Vaughn had offered to "swap" her father the lot on Fifth and Spruce in return for Poindexter's garden plot.¹¹ The builder of H. D. Poindexter's house is unknown.

Poindexter's store at 411 North Trade flourished for 29 years under his supervision. In 1910 he retired for a short time, then returned to work for a brief period, and finally retired permanently.¹² Poindexter was very fond of horses and dogs, and his stable still stands behind his Fifth Street house. He died on November 23, 1922, leaving his wife and his children, Maggie Eula, Catharine Lillion, Eva Miller, Claude Zenobia, Martha, Ruth, Herbert Dalton, and Polly Annie May.¹³ The Poindexter children lived there until it was purchased by Integon, a firm which has donated the houses to the future owners.

FOOTNOTES

¹ Encyclopedia of Biography, p. 183-185.

² Ibid.

³ Poindexter Family Bible, Winston-Salem Museum, Winston-Salem, N.C.

⁴ Encyclopedia of Biography, p. 183-185.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Arlene Edwards, "Poindexter Daughters Remember That 'Papa was a Good Man,'" Winston-Salem Journal, February 17, 1963, p. C 10.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid., Forsyth County Deeds, Book 100, p. 346.

⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ Winston Directory, 1891-1892; Winston Directory, 1894-1895.

¹¹ Arlene Edwards, "House on Fifth Street Watches Changing Face of the City," Winston-Salem Journal, February 17, 1963, p. C 10; Forsyth County Deed Book 106, p. 122.

¹² "Henry Dalton Poindexter," Poindexter Papers, Winston-Salem Museum.

¹³ Poindexter Family Bible, Poindexter Papers, Winston-Salem Museum, wills of Eva M. and Margarete E. Poindexter.

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Addenda

In their original location at 506 West Fifth Street, the H. D. Poindexter Houses were the last surviving remnants of what was once one of Winston-Salem's most prestigious neighborhoods. In recent decades the houses had become completely overpowered by surrounding incompatible commercial and institutional development; the smaller house was actually located only a few feet from the multi-story headquarters of the Integon Corporation. Future commercial expansion made the demolition of these houses inevitable unless they could be moved.

The houses were moved in January, 1978 a distance of about one quarter mile from their original location to a new site comprising the adjoining lots of 130 and 124 West End Boulevard, on the southeast edge of the Crystal Towers neighborhood. They remain side-by-side, occupying lots 205, 93, and 94 shown on the Forsyth County, North Carolina Tax Records, Block No. 142, a total area of approximately three quarters of an acre. The Crystal Towers neighborhood is a late nineteenth and early twentieth century residential area currently undergoing revitalization in cooperation with the city's Community Development program, the HUD neighborhood conservation program, and the Crystal Towers Neighborhood Association, the organization responsible for organizing the move of the Poindexter Houses. In their new location, the houses complement the neighborhood, occupying a gap in the streetscape created some years ago, and in turn are complemented by the company of houses of compatible period, material, scale, and character.

Acreage of nominated property: approximately 3/4 acre

Current owners of property: Michael D. Hazen
Clifton A. Stone
c/o Crystal Towers Neighborhood Association
187 West End Boulevard
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

UTM References: 17/567240/3995180

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Winston City Directories. 1891-1892. 1894-1895.

Winston-Salem Journal. February 17, 1963.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Gwynne S. Taylor, Survey consultant

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Division of Archives and History

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

109 East Jones Street

733-4763

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Raleigh

North Carolina 27611

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

STATEMENT OF THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE November 17, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

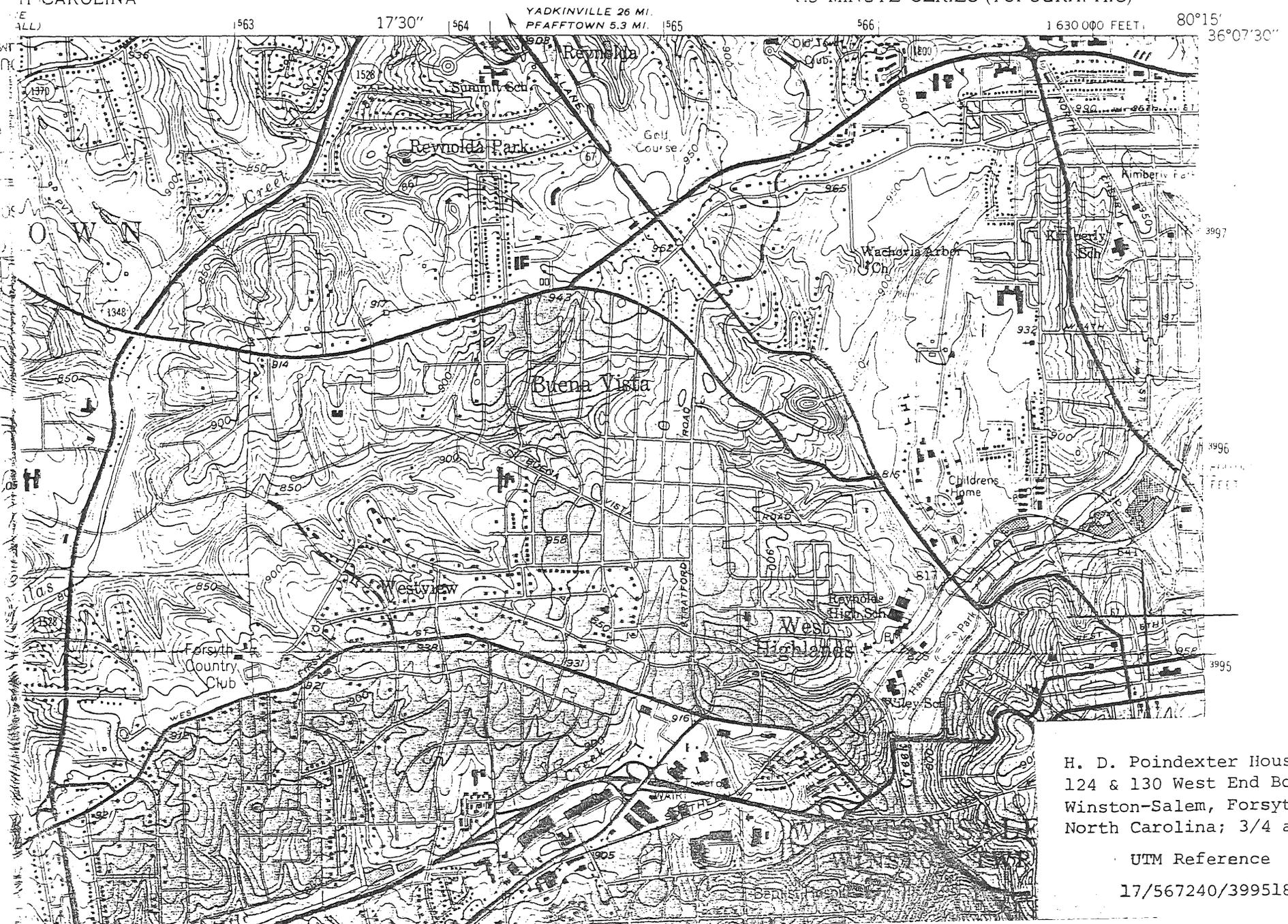
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new location

NORTH CAROLINA
LAND ECONOMIC RESOURCES
NORTH CAROLINA

WINSTON-SALEM WEST QUADRANGLE
NORTH CAROLINA-FORSYTH CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

40-56 11 NW
(WALKER TOWN)



1963

17°30"

1964

YADKINVILLE 26 MI.
PFAFFTOWN 5.3 MI.

1966

1:630 000 FEET

80°15'

36°07'30"

H. D. Poindexter Houses
124 & 130 West End Boulevard
Winston-Salem, Forsyth County
North Carolina; 3/4 acre

UTM Reference
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