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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

MANSFIELD

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

T330 and T331

-- NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Montgomery Township

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

9

-- VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Franklin

CODE

055

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY		OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<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 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 type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
				<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
				<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bursk

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Mercersburg Academy

CITY, TOWN

Mercersburg

STATE

Pennsylvania 17236

-- VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Franklin County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Memorial Square

CITY, TOWN

Chambersburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

6/15/78

-- FEDERAL  STATE -- COUNTY -- LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Mansfield", as the property upon which this house stands was known during the late 18th century is located at the intersection of Township Route T-330 and T-331 about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles southeast of Mercersburg in Montgomery Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. The house stands on a bluff above the Licking Creek and faces east. It is a two story, three bay stone dwelling with a one story, four bay wing extending to the rear or west. The wing, although it may not have been built at the same time as the front section does appear to be contemporary with it. A vertical seam in the masonry offset into the south wall of the main section suggests that the wing is older. The walls are constructed of roughly coursed local limestone with flat arches of dressed upright stones above many of the openings in the front section. In the central area of the north end wall which faces the road is an elongated diamond shaped stone. The attic level window shows evidence of a reduction in size, its width having been shortened by several inches on either side.

A one story shed roofed porch extends along the entire front elevation. Above it is a drip course or ledge in the stone under which the porch roof begins. The area beneath the porch roof is sheathed with old plaster and a chair rail extends across the exterior front of the house just beneath the first story window sills.

Windows and doors are aligned with each other in the walls. They have wide frames, their corner joints secured with wooden pegs. The frames are trimmed with ovolo molding. Many windows retain early sashes. Those at the first story have twelve over twelve panes while windows at the upper level have eight over twelve sashes except where the lower sashes were replaced. All sashes in the front elevation windows have been replaced, now having two over two panes.

The attic window in the north end wall which was reduced in size now has nine over nine light sashes. No evidence of shutters was seen. In the windows of the wing, six over nine light sashes are present.

The main entrance is located in the north end bay of the front elevation. It has a massive mitered frame characteristic of the late 18th century and includes a transom. The door is hung on long wrought strap hinges. It has six raised panels with curved sections recessed at the corner of each panel. The interior surface of the door is of vertical tongue and grooved boards. Other entrances are located on the west wall of the front section and on the north and south elevations of the wing. The two doors in the first and third bays from the east end of the north wall of the wing each have six raised panels held within massive frames. In the west end bay at the south side of the wing, a door is located beneath a wide wooden lintel. Disturbances in the original masonry around it suggest that this door has been altered, reworked or relocated.

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The roof of the house is surfaced with corrugated sheet metal and terminates with tapered barge boards set directly against the end walls. The eaves at the front elevation are finished with a decorated frieze with early 19th century style trim. A brick chimney is located inside the south end wall and is finished at the top with a series of corbels.

Another chimney is located inside the west end wall of the wing and a small brick flue extends from its interior several feet west of its jointure with the front section.

The interior of the house is divided into two rooms at the main story level of the front section. The front entrance opens into an unusually wide stair hall. The stair is roomy with delicate trim decorating the stair case and the ends of the risers. The newel posts are narrow, round with a slightly convex profile. The hand rail is supported by two balusters per step.

The southeast room has a fireplace in its south wall. Although it was closed off in recent years, exposed areas reveal a brick fireplace which was plastered. The mantel piece is high with a narrow shelf. It has a reeded architrave with gouge work in repeated curved motifs resembling swags. A similar but simpler mantel piece is located in the southeast room at the second story level.

Beside the fireplace is a cupboard with curved shelves. The chair rail and baseboard like most of the woodwork in this room appears to be original.

The southwest room of the front section also retains its original work. It does not have a fireplace.

The wing is divided into two rooms each with its own exterior entrance. The easternmost of these rooms has a small corner stove fireplace with a molded shelf above the triangular opening. Its frieze is trimmed with simple reeding. The chair rail in this room is also decorated with vertical reedings. The exterior door is attached with wrought strap hinges. Its interior surface consists of vertical tongue and groove planks. A pattern of nail heads in the planks below the latch extending nearly across the width of the door form the date 1807. The architrave around the door is trimmed with ovolo molding and has mitered corners.

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The west room of the wing has a large service fireplace. The south wall door into this room was described previously from the exterior and changes in its masonry were noted. At the interior, a door frame and architrave encompassing an area much larger than the present doorway suggests that the original opening might have been a much larger entrance.

The stair leading to the attic is open and finished to its uppermost level. The large windows in the attic suggest that possibly there was an intent to finish that area when the house was built. The attic displays rafters with pegged joints.

The house is being restored at present. It stands on a parcel of ground containing less than 5 acres and appears to be in good condition.

Records indicate that the property once included a saw mill and woolen factory as well as the house.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

circa 1807

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This stone house is significant for its architecture and for its association with a nineteenth century industrial site.

Architecturally, the house is an example of a type of stone construction indigenous to Pennsylvania. Additionally it displays a degree of refinement not often found among rural Pennsylvania houses. Further research is needed to provide the complete structural history of this house, but it would appear to have been built in two sections, both dating from the early 1800's. The one story back wing bears the date 1807 in a pattern of nail heads exposed on the interior surface of one of its doors. A vertical seam in the masonry extending one story in height in the south end wall of the main section suggests that the front part of the house may have been added to the back wing. If the main part of the house is an addition it would appear to have been built shortly after the wing if the 1807 date refers to the construction of the one story section.

Windows at the exterior of the main section are topped with flat arches of finely dressed stone, a technique which seems to have been used in Franklin County predominately between about 1790 and 1815. Before and after those dates masonry at the window heads was treated differently.

Unusual exterior features of the house include the plastered area finished with a chair rail, which may be original beneath the porch. The multi paned window sashes which remain at several windows and the unusually large windows at the attic which suggest that the builder may have had intentions of turning the attic into living area.

The interior of the house with its unusually wide stair hall gives the appearance of formality. Interior woodwork follows Federal stylistic motifs being generally delicate with much use of reeding. Unlike many surviving houses of this age, this structure retains nearly all of its original interior woodwork.

This building is not listed in the U.S. Direct Tax of 1798. At that time the property was owned by one Christian Gerehart (also spelled Gierhart, Gerhart and Gearhart) who had purchased land then known as "Mansfield" from James Miller on April 1, 1794. James Miller had received the tract by patent. In the 1798 U.S. Direct Tax, Christian Gerehart was assessed

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for one log house, 20' x 18', one story in height with two windows and 21 lights; a 14' x 14' log spring house; a smith shop 14' x 16'; a log bank barn 46' x 20' and a "cabbin still house", 14' x 16'. He was also listed as owning 157 acres of land.

On August 17, 1804, Christian Gerehart sold 50 acres and 107 perches of land to Henry Hogmire, the supposed builder of the house. Presumably, Henry Hogmire also established a saw mill and woolen factory on the property. Records concerning this property become unclear between about 1820, when Henry Hogmire died and 1862 when the farm was purchased by J. William Henkill (44/327). When Henry Hogmire died, his estate included a stone dwelling house, a saw mill and a woolen factory. County Records include an extensive inventory of his personal property, including large amounts of boards and lathing, presumably stock from the saw mill.

James Duffield bought the property around 1820 for \$5250. At some point later it was acquired by John Rhodes who died in 1860 leaving a widow, Nancy who later married J. William Henkill. According to Franklin County Orphans Court Records, at the time of John Rhodes' death, the property containing about 60 acres was improved with a two story stone house, a frame barn and a large brick woolen factory driven by Licking Creek. (I/202).

J. William and Nancy Henkill owned the property until 1868 when it was purchased by Martha C. Adams for \$3030. She retained the property until 1919, selling it as a widow to L.B. Arnold. In 1932, it was purchased by Virginia S. Fendrick she sold it the following year to Marguerite F. and Arthur F. Humphrey, who retained the farm until 1943. At that time it was purchased by S. A. and J. H. Heisey who established this and neighboring farms into an apple orchard, parts of which are still operated by the Heisey Corporation.

Apparently the woolen factory was not particularly successful since there were several references to the property being sold to satisfy creditors, during the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Franklin County Land Recrods. Deeds 44/218, 44/329, 192/296, 241/157, 247/305, 307, 331/354, 380/361, 560/691, 701/64, 737/885, 744/523.

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.12

QUADRANGLE NAME Williamson

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Starting at a point on T331 moving SW for 247.5 feet then SE for 198 feet then NE for 132 feet to T331 and T330 then NW for 66 feet then W for 123.75 feet to starting point.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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Paula Stoner, Architectural Historian

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Preservation Associates

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TELEPHONE

301-432-5466

CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

STATE

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**12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

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STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Ed Weintraub* 2-9-79

TITLE

ED WEINTRAUB, Director  
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

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CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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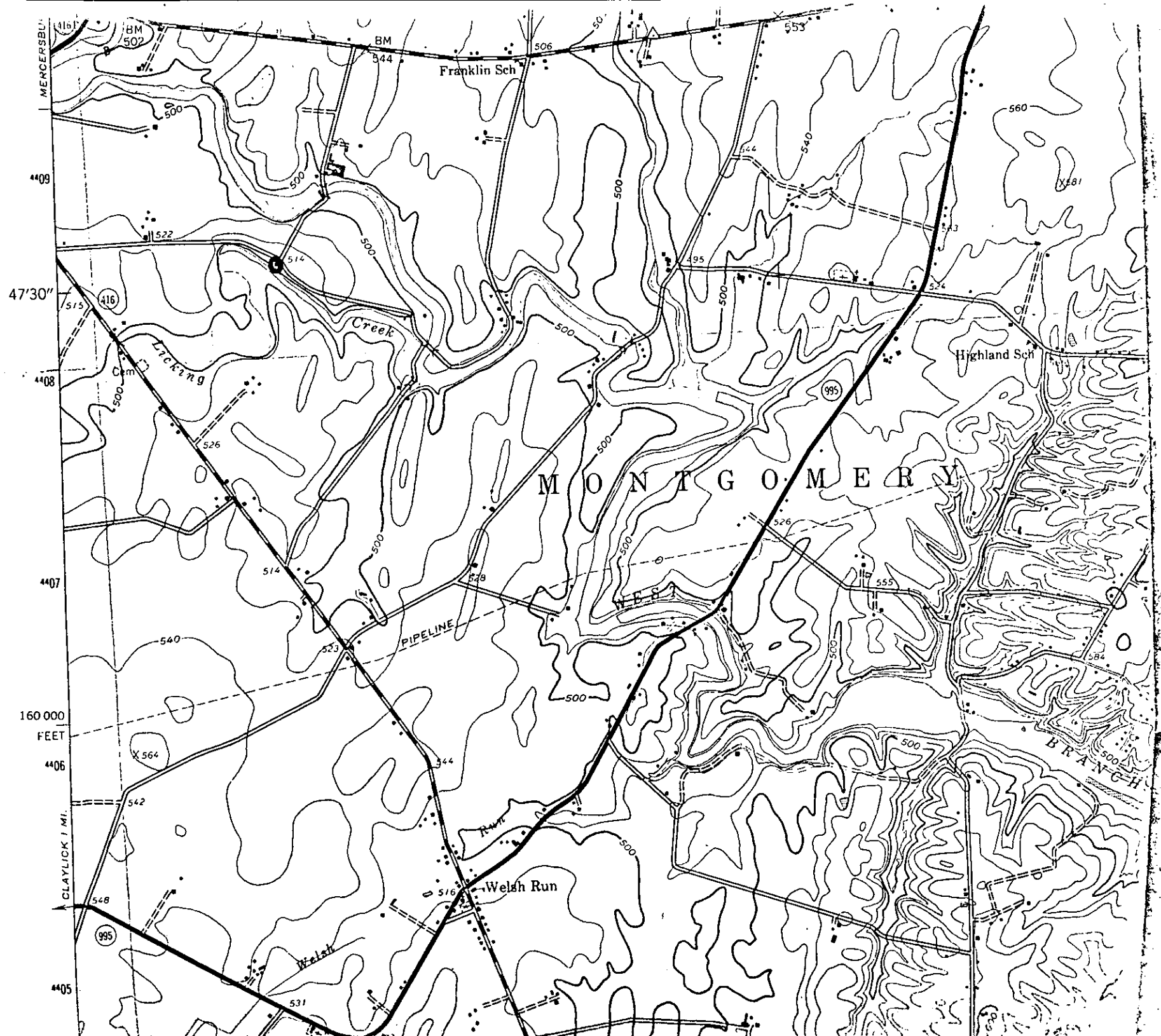
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