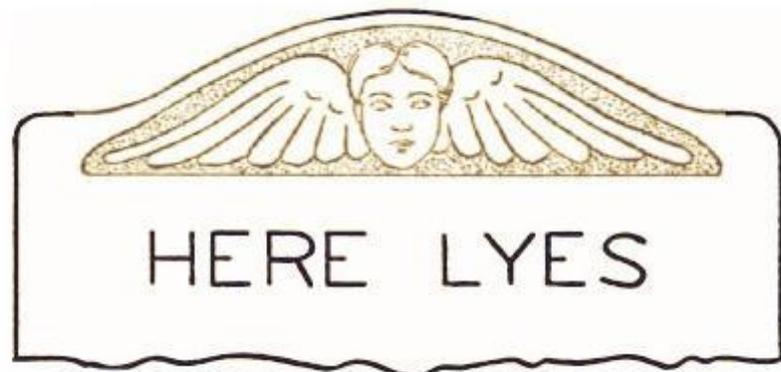




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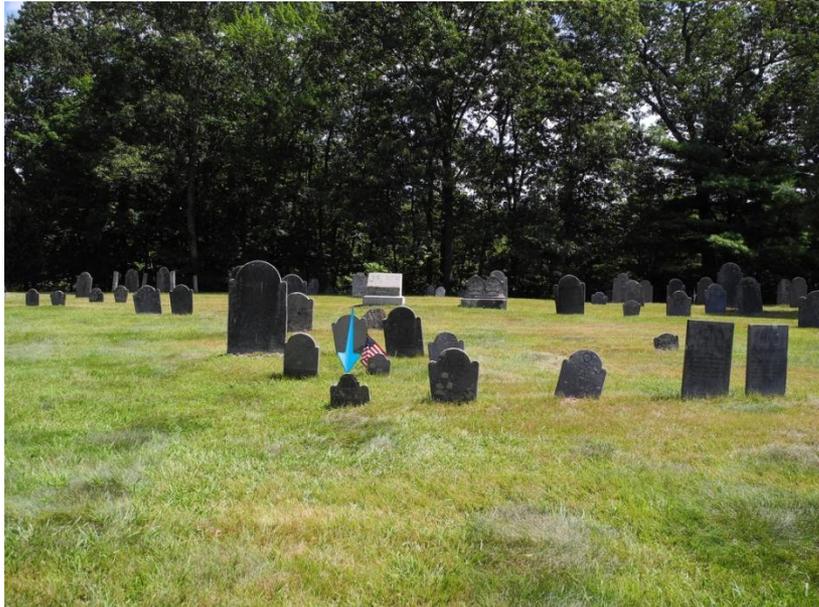
**VISITING THREE
CEMETERIES
PRESENTATION
BY
MIDGE FRAZEL**

Three Cemeteries

- North Cemetery, Wayland
- Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough
- Springhill Cemetery, Marlborough
- **Bonus!** Lower Village Cemetery, Stow, MA

Joseph Rice (d. 1711)

son of Deacon
Edmund Rice



Lower Village Cemetery, Stow, MA



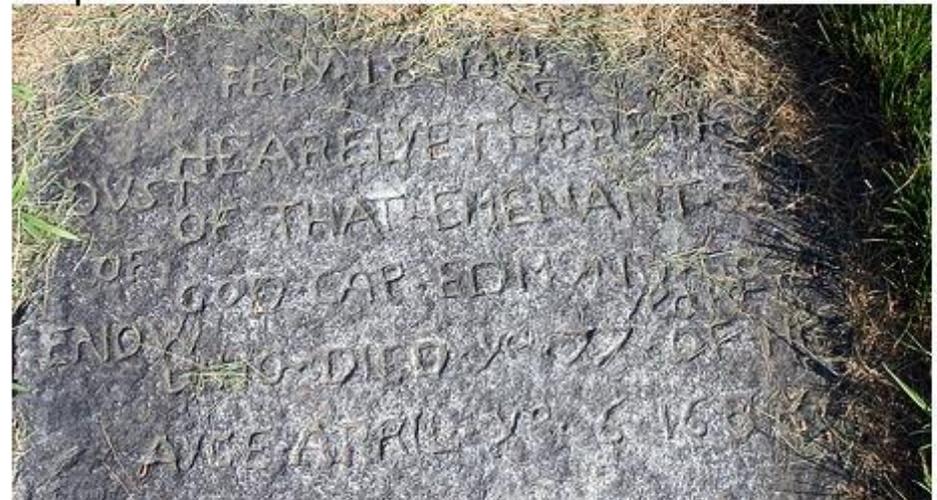
Position of Edmund Rice memorial gravestone to Edmund and wife Ann Goodenow's markers (1688 and 1676)

May 1676



Two notable stones are those that mark the graves of Capt. Edmund Goodnow and wife. They are in a horizontal position, and just east of the old meeting-house site. The inscription is rudely cut, and in the language of other years. It is as follows:—

April 1688



YE- PRETIOUS- DUST-
 HEARE-LYETH- OF- THAT-EMENANT-SARVA NT-
 OF- GOD-CAP-EDMOND-GOODENOW-
 YEARE- WHO-DIED-YE-77- OF-HIS-
 AYGE-APRIL-YE-6-1688.

HERE-LYETH-YE-BODY-OF-ANNE-YE-
 WIFE-OF-CAP-EDMOND-GOODENOW-
 WHO-DYED-YE:9:OF:MARCH 1676:AGED-
 67-YEARS.

North Cemetery, Wayland, MA photos by Midge Frazel

History of Sudbury by A. S. Hudson, 1889 (out of copyright) p. 571, Google Books ebook

First: Do No Harm

Thrice RICE: Ephraim³ Rice (Thomas², Edmund¹)

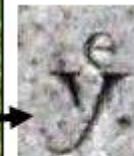


Tympanum Stone Style
(3 lobe)

Death Head

Finial or shoulder on side
border panel
are "Ornamental Carvings"

Transcription panel



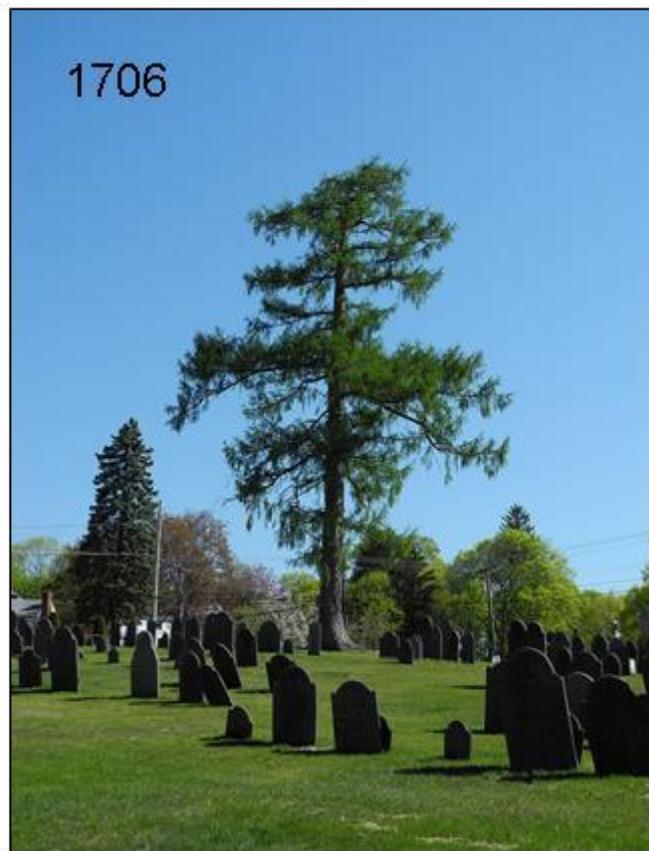
Thorn: "pronounced
as THE not ye"

North Cemetery in Wayland, MA (was Sudbury)

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OLD COMMON BURIAL GROUND.



1706

THE FIRST BURYING GROUND.

Hudson and other authorities are, I think, in error in stating that the oldest burying ground in Marlborough is the one "adjoining the Old Common" (now on Prospect Street, in the rear of the High School building). No date earlier than 1713 has been found in this ground, while the one at Spring Hill contains quite a number of stones with dates before 1700, notably the one to Captain Hutchinson, who was killed by the Indians in 1675. Some of the early records of Marlborough are missing, and the time of the laying out of the Spring Hill ground cannot now be determined, but it is quite early referred to as the "ould ground on burrying hill." If, as is asserted, the first meeting house was built on the Old Common site, it was a departure from the usual custom to locate the burying ground at a distance.

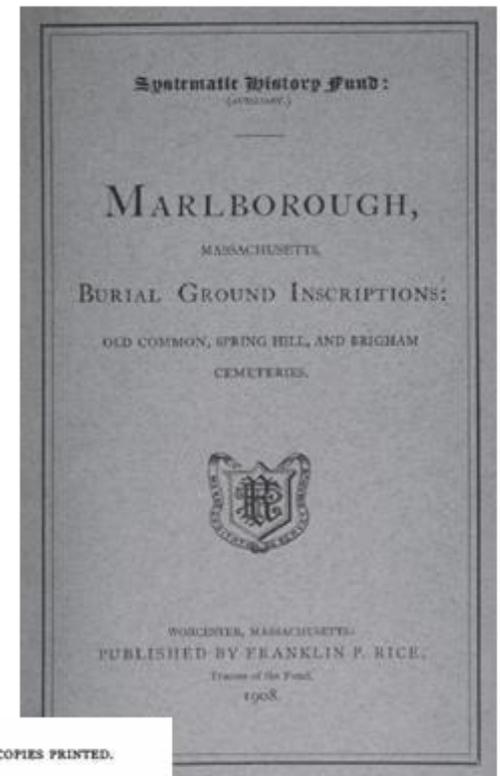
At a meeting of the Proprietors of Marlborough, April 8, 1706, it was ordered that the land exchanged with John Perry, the tailor, two and one-half acres, adjoining the Meeting House Land, "shall be for a Trayning Place and a Burying Place forever." This seems to fix the date of the opening of the Prospect Street ground.



*Marlborough, Massachusetts, burial
ground inscriptions*

Franklin P. Rice, George Maynard

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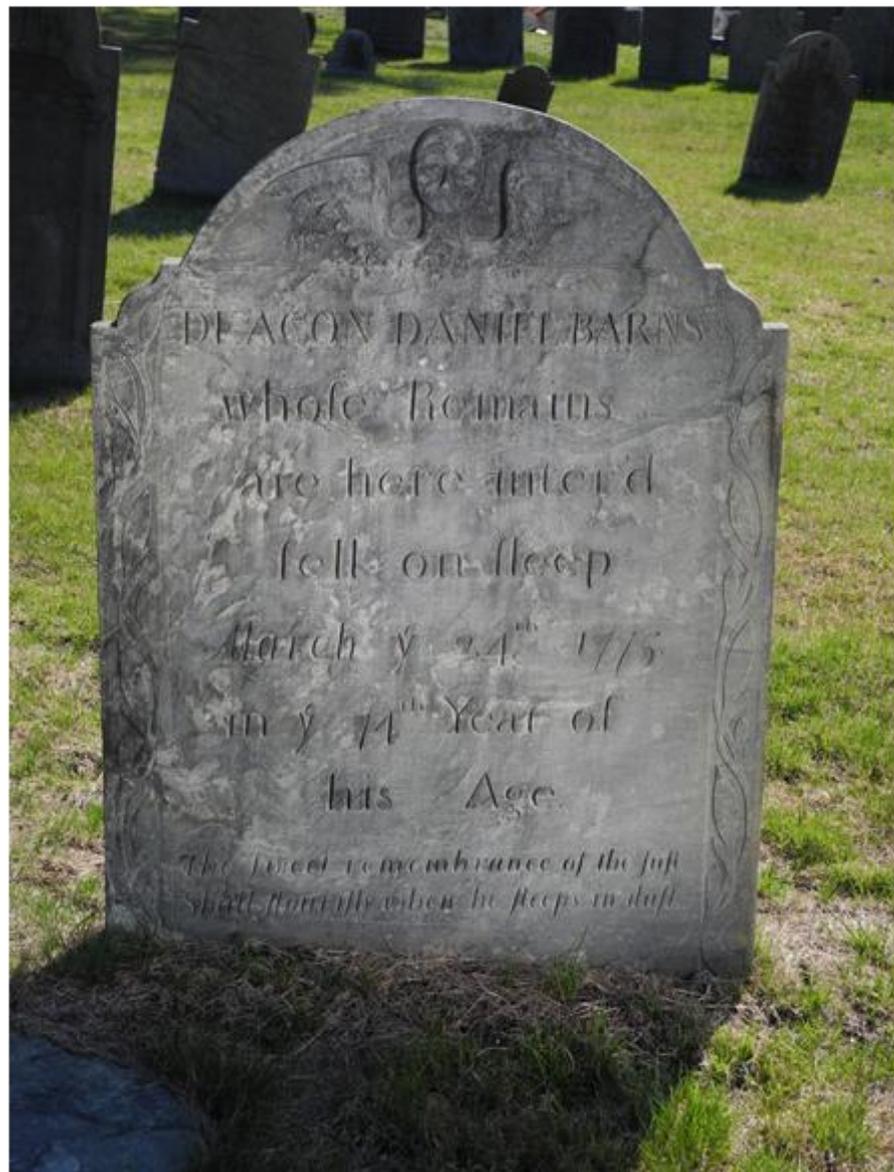
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Spelling, Upper and Lowercase, and Punctuation are Different from Today!

f fleep sleep

Deacon Daniel Barns/whose Remains/
Are here inter'd/fell on sleep/ March the
24th 1775/in the 74th Year of/ his Age

Barns.

[Cherub's Head.]

8. DEACON DANIEL BARNES | whose Remains | are
here inter'd | fell on sleep | March ; 24th 1775 | in ;
74th Year of | his Age.

The sweet remembrance of the Just,
Shall flourish when he sleeps in dust.

Footstone: Deacon | Daniel Barns | 1775

Old Common Cemetery,
Marlborough, Middlesex,
Massachusetts [1706]

Special Terms

- Æ Latin Aetatis suae (of one's age) sometimes Æt
- “At the age of” “Attained the age” “in the year of his age”
- Æ 47 means he is 47 years old (at death)
- Anno 1629 46 (means died in 1629 at age 46)



- RELICT is a widow or widower (indicates they are a surviving spouse)
- CONSORT is a wife whose husband (“companion”) is still living



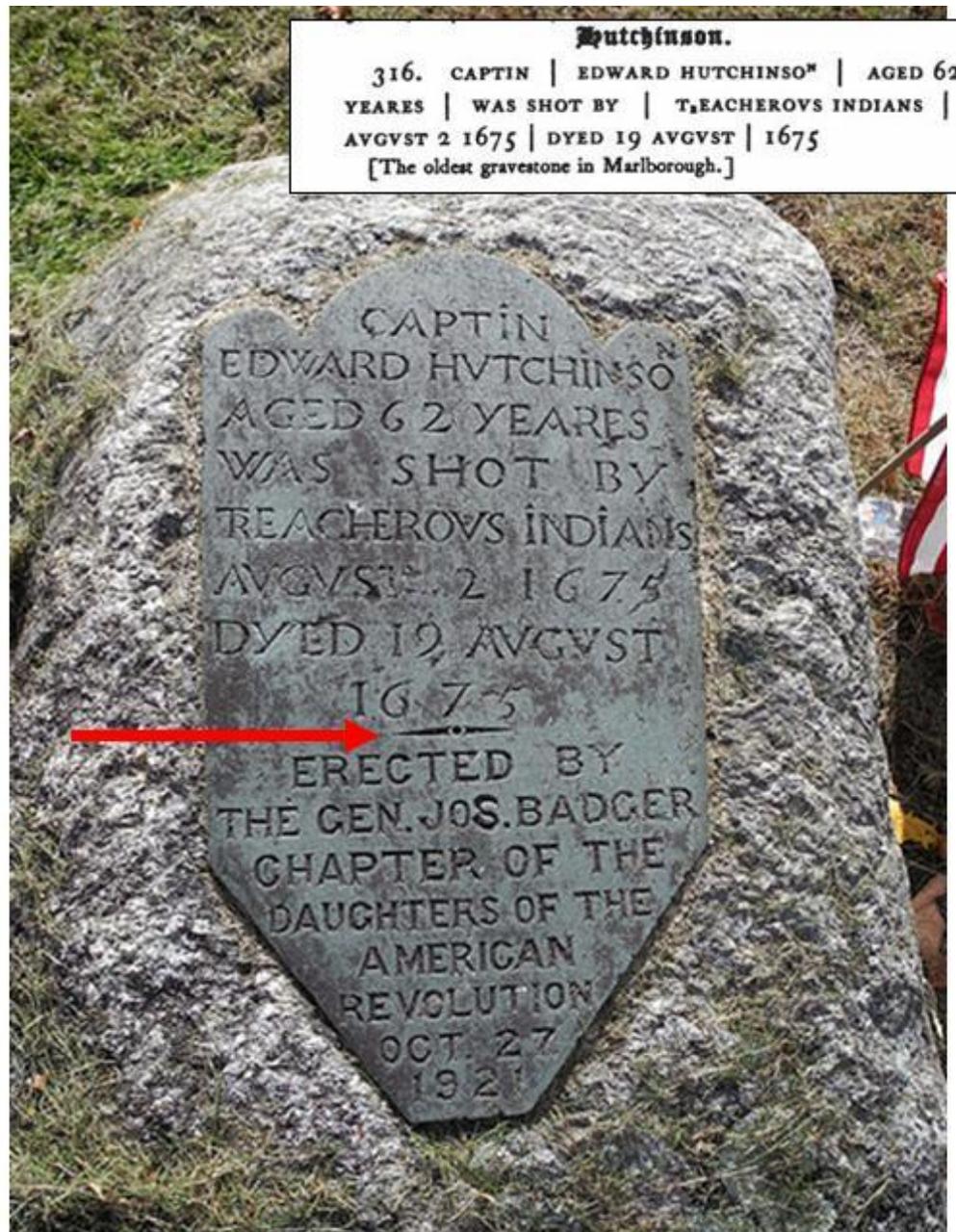
Dating a Cemetery

Springhill Cemetery in Marlborough is listed as 1675 because of this gravestone.



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GRAVESTONE OF CAPT. EDWARD HUTCHINSON
Date 1675
(Spring Hill Ground)



Hutchinson.

316. CAPTIN | EDWARD HUTCHINSON* | AGED 62
YEARES | WAS SHOT BY | TEACHEROVS INDIANS |
AVGVST 2 1675 | DYED 19 AVGVST | 1675
[The oldest gravestone in Marlborough.]

[Benjamin Rice](#) (Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough, MA)

Benjamin³ (Edward², Edmund¹) RICE



[Death's Head.]
194. Here Lies Buried | ☩ Body of M^r. | BENJAMIN
RICE | who departed | this life February | ☩ 23^d A. D.
1748 | age 82 Years | & 2 M
Footstone: M^r | Benjamin | Rice

Marlborough

**b. 22 Dec 1669,
m. 15 Nov 1692,
d. 23 Feb 1748/9,
father of 9 children**

Rice Family (Ward) 6, 23, Rice Supplement 1, 3, Marlborough VR to 1850

**Old Common Cemetery,
Marlborough, Middlesex,
Massachusetts [1706]**

Mary Rice (Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough, MA)

Mary³ (Samuel², Dea. Edmund¹) RICE



[Cherub's Head over Death's Head.]
216. Here lyes Buried | ; Body of M^{rs}. | MARY
RICE; Wife | to M^r Benjamin | Rice; Who Died
Oct^r. | ; 22nd A.D. 1736, in ; | 66th Year of Her Age.
Footstone: M^{rs} Mary | Rice
[Her maiden name was Graves, from Sudbury.]

Daughter of Samuel RICE
and Mary DIX (not
GRAVES)

b. "first week of August"
1669

d. 22 Oct 1736, Marlborough

Old Common Cemetery,
Marlborough, Middlesex,
Massachusetts [1706]

Zoroable Rice (Old Common Cemetery, Marlboro, MA

Zorobable/Zerubabel⁴ Rice, Benjamin³, Dea. Edward², Dea Edmund¹(RICE)



[Death's Head.]
234. In Memory of | M^r. ZOROBABLE RICE | who
died August 27th, | 1775. in ; 74th | Year of his | Age.
How weak the pris'n is where you dwell,
Your flesh a tot'ring wall;
The breaches certainly foretell
The house muſt ſhortly fall.
Footstone: M^r. | Zorobable | Rice 1775.



How weak the prison is where you dwell,
Your flesh a tottering wall.
The breaches certainly foretell,
The house must shortly fall.

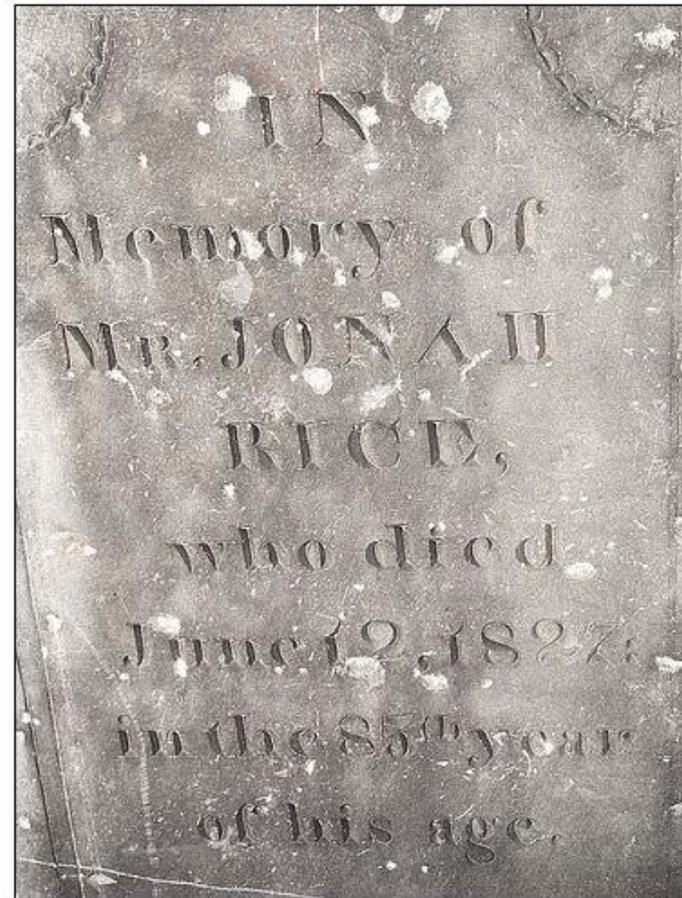
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Jonah Rice (Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough, MA)

Double Stones: **Jonah⁵ (Nathan⁴, Deac. Caleb³, Joseph², Deac. Edmund¹ RICE)**



When was this stone placed here?



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Stephen Rice (Springhill Cemetery, Marlborough, MA)

Stephen⁶ (Benjamin⁵, Dea. Andrew⁴, Joshua³, Samuel², Dea. Edmund¹ RICE)



[*Death's Head.*]
420. In | memory of | STEPHEN RICE | Son of M^r.
| Benjamin Rice & M^{rs}. Susanna | his Wife. who died
April 19th. | 1788. in the 19th year of his age.

The world behind me, offer'd me its charms,
And Christ before me, call'd me to his arms,
I chose the latter, and am now at rest,
Sweetly sleeping on my beloveds breast.

Footstone: Stephen Rice

John, brother to Stephen d. in 1786 at 6 Y



Photographing Gravestones

- Sunlight is Necessary
- Time of Day Matters
- Use of a mirror or Reflecting Circle is Recommended
- Photograph the entrance, the cemetery signage, and all the gravestones nearby
- Check your Photos before leaving the cemetery

Levi Rice (Robin Hill Cemetery, Marlborough, MA)



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