

AL-I-B-026 Swain Farmhouse
Swain Rd.
Bellegrove, Allegany Co. MD
Not Eligible

This two-story frame farmhouse faces Swain road to the east. The gable roofed dwelling includes a front porch and a small one-story addition at the rear. Concrete block chimneys appear at the south and north ends of the house. An exterior cellar entrance opens under the south end. The four bay long facade includes two central doors. Plain flat boards frame the 2/2 sash windows and aluminum siding covers the walls. The house stands on a stone foundation.

A 1 1/2 story frame building northwest of the house may be a summer kitchen. This two bay square structure is also covered with aluminum siding and stands on a concrete covered foundation. Four small barns and sheds of wood frame construction are located west of the house. A member of the Swain family built the Swain Farmhouse in 1912. This house is a very simple example of its type.

Although the site contains a fine collection of outbuildings modern additions and materials have compromised the integrity of the farmhouse. Due to changes in design, materials, and workmanship this house is recommended as not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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Eligibility Recommended <u>3/00</u>	Eligibility Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None	
Comments: _____	
Reviewer, OPS: <u><i>Allyson</i></u>	Date: <u>6/1/00</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u><i>Sturte</i></u>	Date: <u>6/6/00</u>



View of Swain Farmhouse (A1-I-26).

Swain Farmhouse
AL-1-B-026
Swain Road
near Bellegrove
1912

This farmhouse is located on Swain Road, which took its name from the owners of this property. A member of the Swain family, Amanda Swain, still owns this farm and farmhouse. She stated that the house was constructed in 1912. Like its neighboring house, Horn Farmhouse, this building is four bays wide with two front entrances, which is typical for a few houses in this particular eastern section of Allegany County.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Swain Farmhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Swain Road

CITY, TOWN BelleGrove VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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

NAME Amanda B. Swain

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Rt. 1

CITY, TOWN Little Orleans VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21766

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 358
Folio #: 189

STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Swain Farmhouse is located on the western side of Swain Road near BelleGrove.

This building is a two story, four bays wide rectangular frame structure with insulbrick siding. The house rests on stones on the corners with no water table. The gable flank roof is covered with ribbed tin. Eaves consist of a cornice with fascia. Two outside end chimneys are made of cinderblocks.

Two entrances in the center of the southeastern facade have original doors and hardware. Two over two light windows are nailed with wooden slipsills. A rear shed roofed porch on the northwest has been enclosed. A shed roofed porch on the southeast has four chamfered posts and plain railing.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Swain Farmhouse is in one of the farthest eastern areas of Allegany County, It is situated on Swain Road which took its name from the owners of the property.

A member of the Swain family, Amanda Swain, still owns the farm and farmhouse. She stated that the house was constructed in 1912.(1)

The house retains its original appearance and is a reminder of twentieth century farming family living in an isolated section of Allegany County.

(1) Interview with Amanda B. Swain, August 2, 1978

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 73 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BYNAME / TITLE David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator
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ORGANIZATION Allegany County Historic Site Survey DATE April 3, 1979

STREET & NUMBER 3 Pershing Street TELEPHONE 777-5944

CITY OR TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland 21502

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: # 39

DATE: 8/2/28

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

AL-1-B-26

NAME OF PROPERTY: Swain farm

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Swain Rd

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SE 140°

NAME OF OWNER: MAP # 22 Amanda B. Swain parcel 2 L 358 F 189 73 acres

ADDRESS: Rt 1 Little O Md. ph. #

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: shed roof on NW frame w/ cinderblock foundation

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) "T" w/ add.

WALL CONSTRUCTION: don't know
 FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
 BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
 STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
 LOG
 OTHER: Coverings insul brick

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Other's

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone on corners + filled in between w/ concrete

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 2 in SE facade
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Basement Bulkhead 3 Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards 1 Light

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable() shed
4 chamfered posts plain railing cinderblock

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS: USE:
SIGNIFICANCE:
DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1912
CONDITION:
important

FLOOR PLAN:

- () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- () SPIRAL
- () ROUNDED
- () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- () PLASTER
- () paneled: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

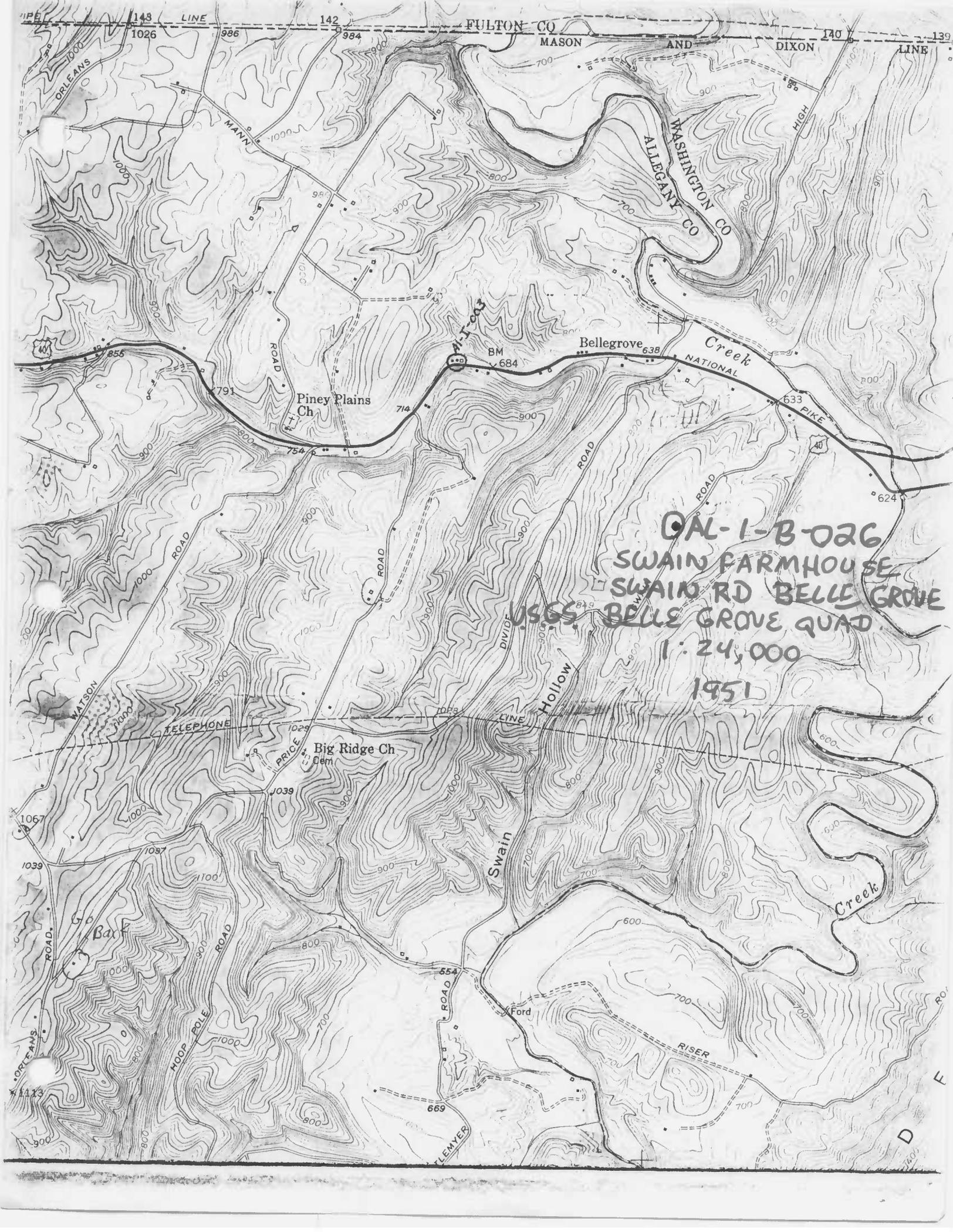
NUMBER _____
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush
 HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:



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SWAIN FARMHOUSE
SWAIN RD BELLE GROVE
USGS BELLE GROVE QUAD
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1951





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Swain farmhouse
Swain Rd.

BELLE Grove

David A. Dorsey

8/2/78

Northeast



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SWAIN Farmhouse

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Southwest