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Lane Methodist Episcopal Church
Church Road
Taylor's Island, MD 21669

1897

Access: Public

The present Lane Methodist Episcopal Church was built in 1897. It is approximately 100 yards from historic old Bethlehem Methodist Episcopal Church on Church Road, Taylor's Island.

The church is twenty feet across the front facade and fifty-six feet in depth. The building is gabled (east-west) and faces west. It is sided with weatherboard and has a composite shingle roof.

Lane M.E. Church is the successor to an older black Methodist congregation. I tried to determine if the congregation was always called Lane (which I doubt), but I was unsuccessful. The church is built on property that once belonged to Bethlehem Methodist Episcopal Church.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Lane ME Church
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Church Rd.
CITY, TOWN Taylor's Island VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT First
STATE Maryland COUNTY Dorchester

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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" 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

NAME Trustees, Lane ME Church Telephone #: 673-7537
C/O Rev. Wallace L. Greene, Sr.
STREET & NUMBER Rte. 1, Box 14
CITY, TOWN Preston VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Md, 21655

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: FJH 3
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Folio #: 20
Dorchester CO. Court House
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Cambridge STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE N/A
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE 1897

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present Lane ME Church was built in 1897. It is approx. 100yds. from historic old Bethlehem ME Church on Church Road, Taylor's Island . The church is 20' from the east side of the road and faces west. It is 36' across the front facade and 56' in depth. The building is gabled (east-west) and rests on brick piers. It is made of weatherboard and has a composite shingle roof. The entrance (west) is reached by three cement steps that lead to double wooden doors (4 panel) painted red. There are two clear-glass lights atop the entrance. There are two one-over-one (clear glass) windows 4 1/2' in the front facade (one on each side of the door). The entrance was built at a later period than the church and it gives the building an unbalanced appearance. There is a very brief tower that joins the west gable with a cross atop. This tower has a diamond shaped 4paned (clear-glass) window in the front (west). There are 3 clear glass 1-over-1 (5 1/2') on the south side of the building and three more on the north side. At the rear of the building (east) there is an entrance 3steps up to a single wooden 4panel door. There are 2 elongated rectangular 1-over-1 clear glass windows 4 1/2' in the east end. There is another building on the southside that is currently being used as a hall.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<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 1897

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lane ME Church is the successor to an older black congregation on Taylor's Island. There are few blacks remaining on the Island and they are engaged in the maritime industry. I tried to determine if the congregation had always been known as Lane ME (which I doubt) but I was unsuccessful. The church is located very close to historic old Bethlehem ME Church an property that once belonged to the older white congregation. It was once a mission of Bethlehem Church.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James W. Clark, Historick Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION Maryland Commission on Afro-American
History & Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean Street

TELEPHONE

269-2393

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Lane Methodist Episcopal Church
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Hooper Neck Road, 1.2 miles north of the post office
CITY OR TOWN: Taylor's Island
STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Dorchester

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One): Building, Structure, Object
OWNERSHIP: Private
STATUS: Occupied
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: Restricted
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate): Religious

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Lane's United Methodist Church
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: Taylor's Island STATE: Maryland 21668

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Dorchester County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER: High Street
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Maryland 21613

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 182/733

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
DATE OF SURVEY:
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is the Methodist Episcopal church for the black community of the Island. It is three bays long and two bays wide, constructed on brick piers. According to the plaque on the side of the door, it was constructed in 1897. It is a typical meeting house building. The windows have 6/6 sash. On the west gable of the building is a tower entrance. Flanking the door, with transom, are two windows with 1/1 sash. The tower itself goes up to the eave height of the main part of the structure, where there is a hood and then the tower gets smaller, also square and continues approximately up to the ridge. In this section on two sides are louvers and in front is a four pane sash set on the diagonal. This area is then covered by an octagonal spire on a hip roof, giving the empression of a witches cap. Its finial is a simple round spire. On each side of the building is a brick chimney for stoves inside. It lacks any stylish classification.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1897

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lane M.E. Church is a significant structure in the Black community of Taylor's Island and is representative of their efforts to establish religious identity.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Map 58, p.103

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: 4/7/75

STREET AND NUMBER:
Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland ZIP: 21401

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature

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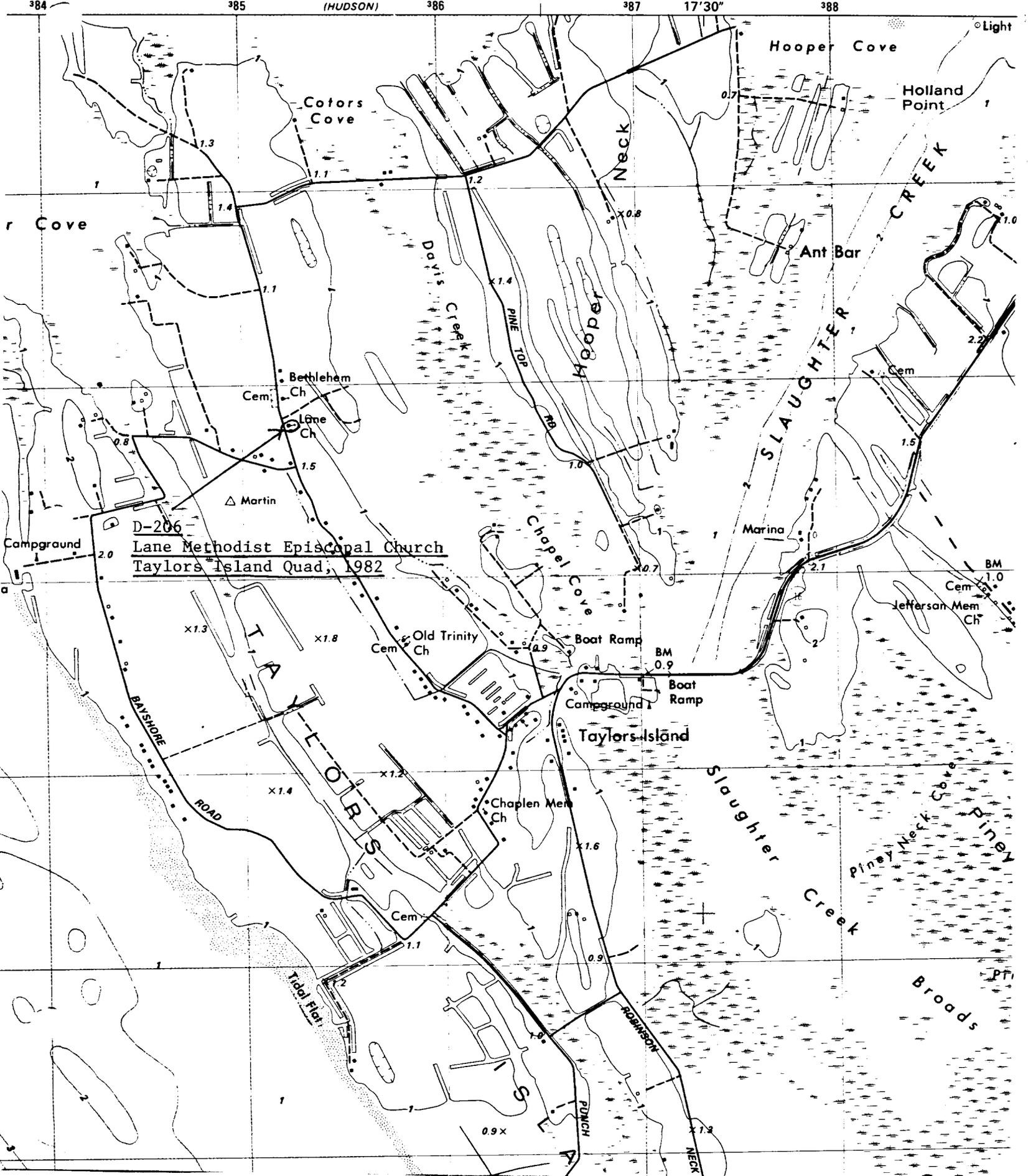
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 Lane Methodist Episcopal Church
 Taylors Island Quad, 1982

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Lowe M.E. Church

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M. Bourne Spring 1975



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Taylor's Island, Dorchester County, MD
Michael Hosford

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Northwest elevation

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West elevation
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