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Friendship
Lynch
1783

When Friendship was in the process of restoration by its present owners, it became quite evident how the house developed over the years and that it was probably planned accordingly from the beginning. In 1783 the western half of the house was constructed and consisted of a one bay kitchen section two stories tall and a one bay living room section also two stories, but taller. Both had chimneys in their west gables. The south facade was laid in Flemish bond with water table and no belt course. Inside, both rooms had exposed beaded ceiling joists and enclosed stairs. The kitchen stair was in the southwest corner and the living room stair was in the southeast corner.

According to tradition, the house was built by George Lamb, but on the 1783 Tax Assessment Daniel Lamb was listed as having an unfinished house located on part of Warner's Addition. The fact that the house belonged to Daniel is corroborated in a history of the Lamb family by James G. Lamb.[1]

A brick dated 1783 was found during the restoration and subsequently incorporated into the cheek of the reconstructed kitchen fireplace. A second brick dated 1792, still located in the east gable, indicates when the two eastern most bays were constructed. This addition is the same form as the taller part of the 1783 structure and it would appear that an effort was made to match the earlier section stylistically, as the south facade is also laid in Flemish bond and the joists are also exposed and beaded. Its

plan includes a stair hall separated from the east parlor by a beaded board partition. The new addition created a plan that was to become the most popular for Kent County farmhouses.

Whether the living room stair was removed in 1792 has not been determined, but it was certainly gone when the house received its first major embellishments in the late 1830's or 1840's. At this period all of the windows and doors were retrimmed, the ceilings and board walls were plastered and three dormers were installed on each side of the moderately pitched 'A' roof. At that time a porch was also added to the north entry.

Family tradition also states that Friendship was owned by Sarah Lamb Bowers Parrott and later by James Lamb Bowers. If so, that would have been prior to 1860 when Josiah Massey appears to be owner.[2] William Hepborn acquired the farm thereafter and owned it for several years. In the 1877 Atlas, J. T. Willis' name appears on the farm, but in 1884 Robert Rouse purchased the farm from Willis. A plat of Robert Rouse's land appears in a chancery case after his death.[3]

In the late 1950's, the house was remodeled by removal of the old kitchen fireplace and installation of a modern kitchen. An enclosed porch was built on the south side of the kitchen and a bath was installed on the second story. The dormers were also removed at this time.

In the 1980's the house was totally gutted and restored to its conjectural appearance of the 1790's. The fireplace was reconstructed in the kitchen section, plaster was removed from the ceiling joists and board partitions and windows were replaced. A new kitchen wing was added south

of the old kitchen and a porch was added across part of the south facade.

The details of Friendship and Salutation Farm are very similar. Both houses were built by Quakers.

1. Courtesy of Francis Lamb.
2. Martinet Map 1860.
3. Chancery, Lib. SB 4, fol. 182, 184.

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Quaker Estate, Friendship 18th Century
Lynch
Private

This building is an ancestral home of the Lamb family, also the builders of Lamb's Meadow (K-113), and was known for many years as "Friendship." Originally, Friendship was a tiny two bay building with one bay kitchen. The remaining three bays and stair are an early addition with a Flemish bond facade (the present rear) and watertable.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Friendship

AND/OR COMMON
Quaker Estates 1696

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Rt. 298, West of Lynch

CITY, TOWN
Lynch

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
R. Wroth Stavley

Telephone #: (301) 778-4783

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Lynch

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: WHG 5 / RAS 39
Folio #: 356 / 476

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Kent County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Chestertown

STATE
Maryland 21620

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Quaker Estate is a small five bay brick house with a one bay wing which stands on the east side of Maryland Route 298 south of the small town of Lynch. It stands on a grassy lawn surrounded by fields and woods. There are no remaining outbuildings or barns of historic importance.

The building was originally quite small with a two bay, two story,plus attic main house and lower one bay, two story and attic kitchen wing. Both were the same depth with one room per floor. Main house and wing have continuous brick walls with Flemish bond used on the east facade, the original front of the building, and Liverpool bond used elsewhere. There was a stone basement under the main house and a stone foundation under the wing. An old stone arch under the fireplace and chimney located in the gable between the main house and wing indicate that this is its original position. There is also a wide fireplace and chimney in the kitchen wing gable. The floor plan of the main house cannot be proven without further investigation; no visible signs give the position of the original front door or stair. A ladder stair remains beside the now closed kitchen fireplace. Very possibly the quarters above the kitchen were for servants and closed off from the main house. The supra-attic, lit by two small windows in the gable may have had some original use.

The three northern bays were probably added early in the 19th century and certainly before 1845. The now central bay contained central entrances, front and rear, and a stair. Brick was bonded to match the original with Flemish bond and water table on the front east facade and Liverpool bond elsewhere. Three gable dormers (removed in the 1950's) were built above the window bays in both roof slopes. An old photograph shows 6/6 sash in each window, louvered shutters on main house windows but not on the kitchen wing. There was also a one bay entrance porch on the west door; it had a shallow gable roof and coved ceiling and slender posts. There was a simple frame shed off the kitchen gable that was reached by a door in the gable near the southwest corner.

At present the house retains its 6/6 sash windows except in the kitchen east wall, which has modern casements. Small windows in the north gable provide the only light to the main house attic. Two small windows with 4-litesash are also used in the second floor of the kitchen;

Sash windows light the supra-attic. All chimney caps were removed in the 1950 renovation. Also the box cornice and verge boards which finish the gable roof (now covered with asphalt shingles) were renewed. The house is now painted white.

Inside nothing remains of the earliest period of the house except beaded beams in the kitchen ceiling. The position of the fireplace and ladder stair is also evident. Much interior trim, appearing to date much later , remains in the later three bays. This is narrow and flat with two simple grooves in the head and stiles of the trim and plain rectangular corner blocks. The groove detailing is also

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X 1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT George Lamb

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The history of Quaker Estate begins with Francis Lamb (1689-1774), son of Pearce Lamb, who moved to Kent County (then Cecil Co.) in 1658. In 1756, Francis transfered 150 acres called "Friendship" to his son, George (1734-1815), for five shillings silver. That same year George Lamb married Sarah George at St. Paul's Church, an act that caused a great stir in the Quaker Meeting of which the Lamb family were members. It was on Friendship that George built his home, no doubt the earliest portion of the present structure.

The next owner of Friendship was George's son, Daniel Lamb, (1779 b) who purchased the 100 acres for 1,000 pounds on April 12, 1808. The tract may have been owned by Isaac Lamb, Daniel's brother,from 1812-1816 and again by Daniel after 1816. By the 1840's the house was owned by Mrs. James L. Bowers, a relative of the Lamb family and looked, according to a later owner William Hepborn, very much as it does now. Mr. Hepborn purchased the property in 1863. Later in the 19th century a railroad track cut the original property in half and other lands to the west and southwest sides of the farm were added. In a letter dated 12/17/1923, Mr. Hepborn (then 84) stated that most of the houses of the village of Lynch came from Dan'l Lamb's farm. (Excerpts from a manuscript, "What is known about the direct line of the Lamb family from Pearce Lamb to John Emerson Lamb and his descendants to the present year - - 1926" by James G. Lamb.)

Quaker Estate house is significant because it is connected with one of Kent County's early families. It also represents the kind of house constructed by modest-living Quakers of the 18th and early 19th centuries.

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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

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STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant

ORGANIZATION
Kent County Historical Society

DATE
August, 1977

STREET & NUMBER
Church Alley

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
Chestertown

STATE
Maryland 21620

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seen on the parlor mantle and one small mantle in a second floor bedroom. All wainscoting, chair rail and cornice are modern.

The stair has a closed string with plain rectangular balusters. The newel and intermediates are round with square base and top; the hand rail shaped thus is connected with pegs to the string and vertical pieces. The dog leg stair goes from first to second floor with an enclosed ladder stair leading to the attic.

Mr. William Hepborn of Lynch writes that the house was in its present form in 1846 or 49 when he passed it daily on his way to school.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

1. STATE Maryland
COUNTY Kent
TOWN Lynch VICINITY
STREET NO. Rt 298, .2 mile west of Rt 561 (south side of Rd)
ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE dwelling
PRESENT OWNER James W.S. Meikle
PRESENT USE dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION brick
NO. OF STORIES 2

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY K-230

2. NAME Quaker Estate
DATE OR PERIOD
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC No

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It is three bays long with a lower two story wing of two bays in length. Both sections have an "A" roof - the west gable has several irregularly placed small windows.

It is said that the building was constructed in the 17th century, however from its brickwork, etc., it appears to be 19th century in day (at least the main portion thereof).

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered No Interior Exterior good

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
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9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
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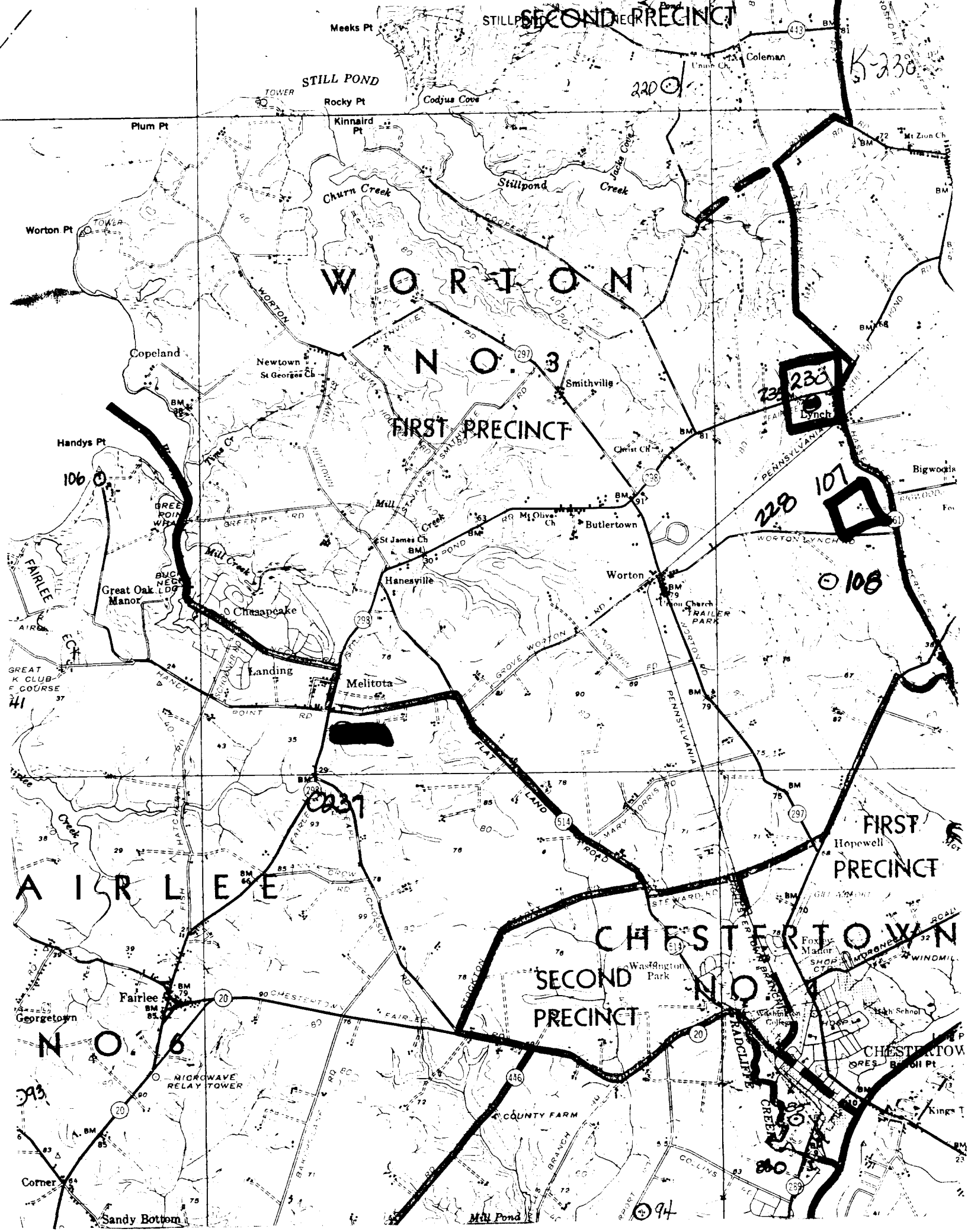
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