

WI-239  
Pollitt-Kolb House  
Allen  
Private

c. 1850-1870

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Exterior architectural finishes include narrow corner pilasters and boxed cornices.

Sheathed with plain weatherboard siding, the house is lighted principally by six-over-six sash windows.

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: CHERRY HILL FARM

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-239

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition  
1815-1870
4. Resource Type(s): Single family dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-239

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic "Cherry Hill Farm" Charles B. Lore House

and/or common Pollitt-Kolb House

**2. Location**

street & number 3535 Pollitt Road  not for publication

city, town Allen  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name David W. and Mary Lee Kolb

street & number P. O. Box 103 telephone no.:

city, town Allen state and zip code Maryland 21810

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 56, P. 184  
liber 405

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 50

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The property historically known as Cherry Hill farm is located at 3535 Pollitt Road in the village of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story frame house faces west with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Estimated to date to the second quarter of the nineteenth century (c. 1850), the house is comprised of a two-story main block extended to the south by a story-and-a-half wing and the to rear by a single-story kitchen. The structure is supported by a low brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched roof slopes are covered with asphalt shingles. The nineteenth century structure forms an ell shape, and a mid twentieth century single story flat-roofed addition has been added within the inside corner of the structure.

The main (west) facade is an asymmetrical elevation with a two-story, one-bay, one room plan main block extended to the south by a story-and-a-half, two-bay, one-room plan wing. The two-story section has a later bay window on the first floor and a six-over-six sash window on the second floor. The corners of the two-story section are trimmed with plain pilasters, and the cornices are boxed. A single flue brick chimney rises through the south gable end. The west wall of the story-and-a-half wing is marked by a door and window on the first floor and a small two-over-two sash on the second floor. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

The south side of the story-and-a-half wing is defined by a single six-over-six sash window on each floor, and a small louvered vent marks the upper gable. The edge of the roof is flush and trimmed with a plain bargeboard.

Attached to the back of the two-story main block is a two-story single-bay extension covered by a gable roof turned on a perpendicular axis to the front section. Extending from the east wall of this two-story rear section is a single-story kitchen wing, which has a shed dormer lighting the loft. The mid-twentieth century in-fill covers the south side of the kitchen wing as well as the east wall of the front block.

The interior was not seen.

# 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <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	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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This house deserves listing in *Category B*, signifying that it should be preserved since it is a structure that exhibits good architectural details and maintains an intact state of preservation. The house supports the historic character of the village of Allen.



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Cherry Hill Farm  
3535 Pollitt Road  
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland  
Chain of title

405/50                   Jesse M. Pollitt  
                          Agnes M. Pollitt

to

2/23/1956               David W. Kolb  
                          Mary ~~Kee~~ Kolb  
Property survey for David W. Kolb dated  
February 16, 1956, by Filbert M. Hitch

JWTS 351/28             Juanita M. Jones

to

7/31/1953               Jesse M. Pollitt  
                          Agnes M. Pollitt

1. to Jesse M. Pollitt  
   from Apheus S. Porter dated 11/6/1916  
   JCK 103/32
2. to Jesse M. Porter from  
   Arthur E. MaGill    1/21/1918    JCK 107/559

JCK 103/32             Alpheus S. Porter  
                          Letitia E. Porter

to

11/6/1916              Jesse M. Pollitt

JTT 28/206             Charles B. Lore, City of Wilmington, Delaware  
                          Rebecca A. Lore

to

**DISTRICT BUSINESS REFERENCES.**

**L WEBB**, Dealer in Dry Goods, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Glassware, Ready-made Clothing, Berry Baskets in season, Notions, &c. Merchandise usually kept in a country store.

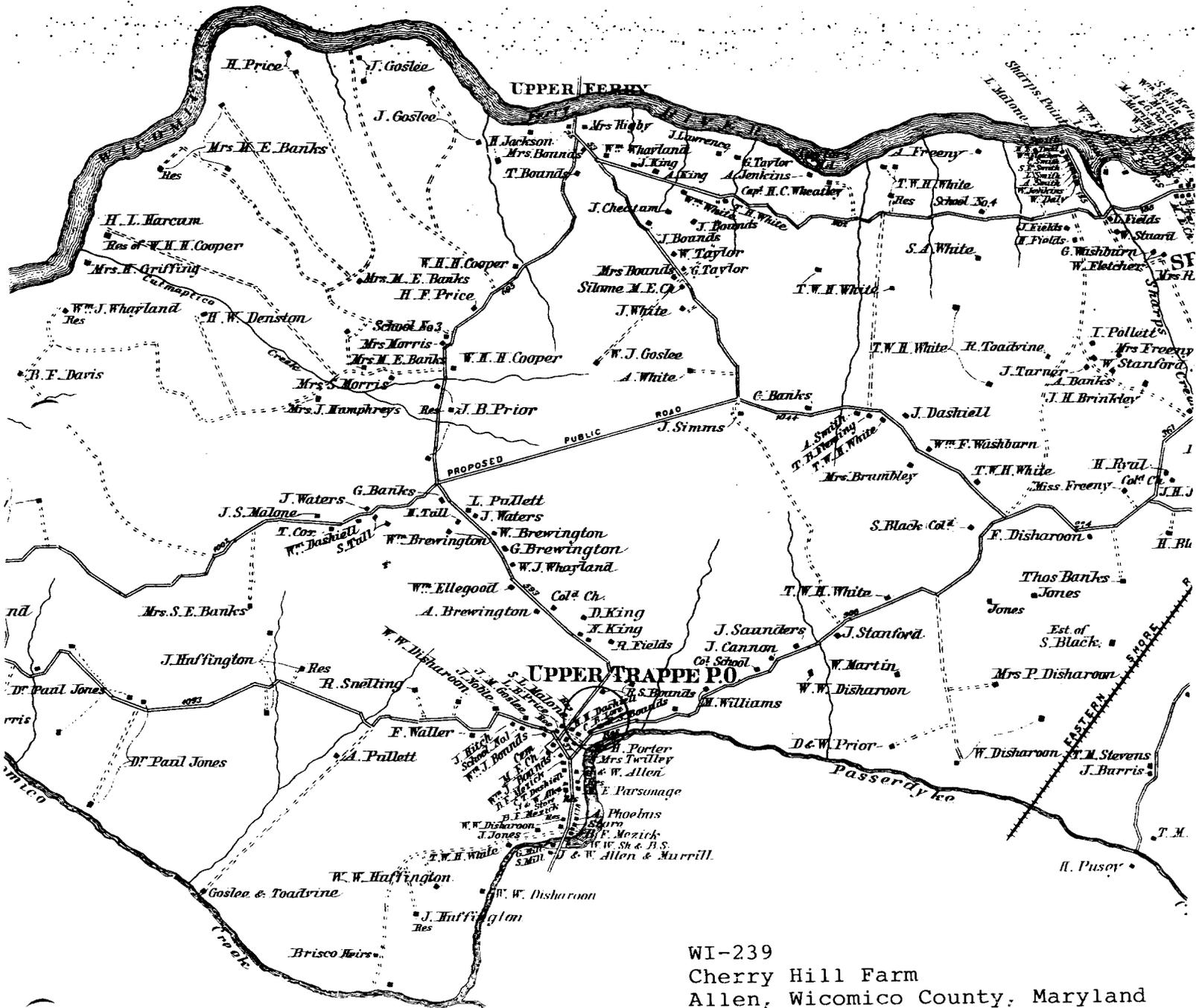
**L** in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, notions, &c. Eden, Md.

**NY AND SONS**, General Dealers of all kinds of Domestic Fruits. Also dealers in all kinds of Mer- to a village store. Fruitland, Md.

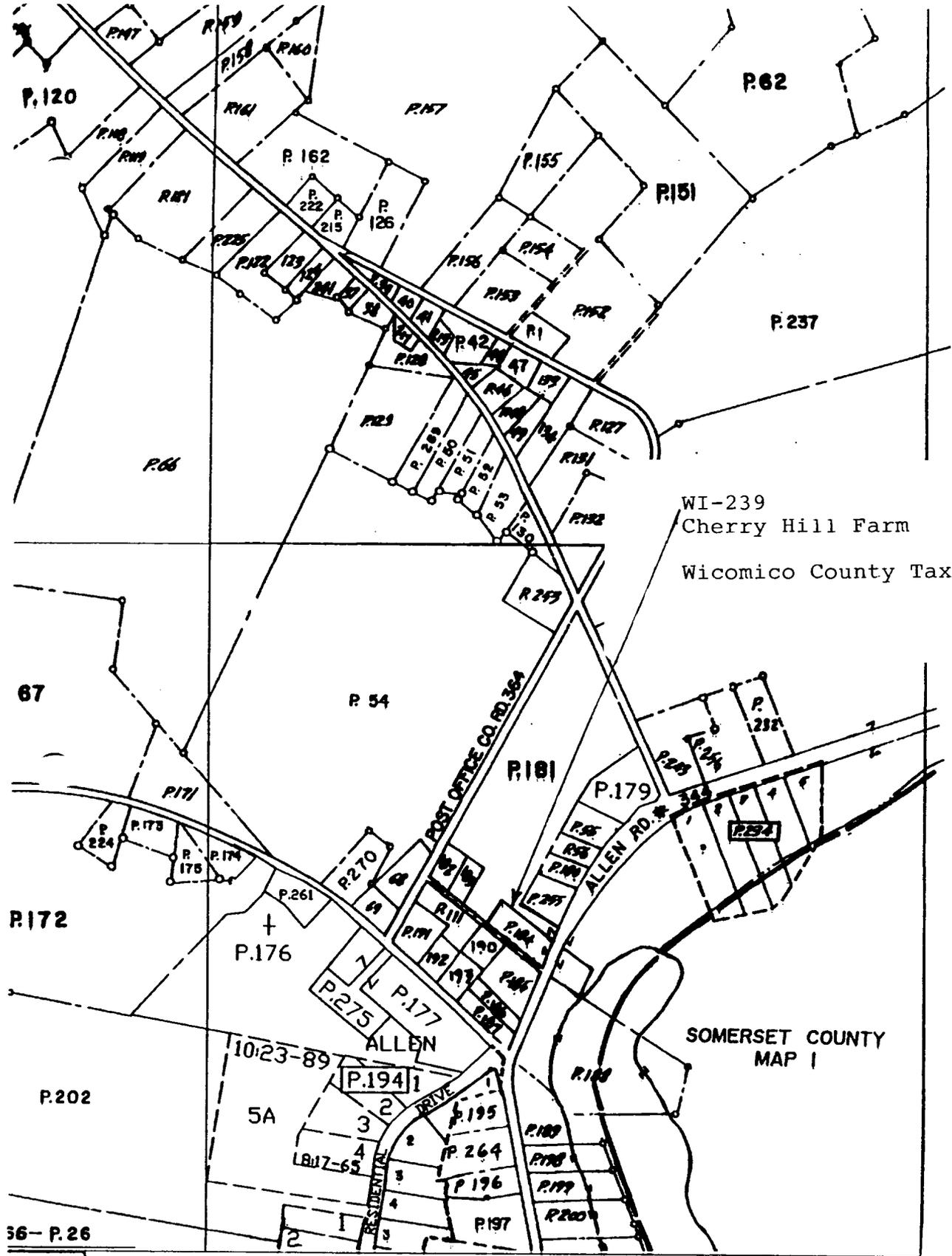
**IN**, Dealers in Dry Goods and Groce- ledicines, Boots, Shoes, Hardware and ints, Oils, Dye-stuffs, Glass, Drugs s, Fancy Goods, Hats and Caps, and ods usually kept in a country store. h or Produce. Upper-Trappe, Md.

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Cherry Hill Farm  
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland  
Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson  
Atlas  
1877



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 Cherry Hill Farm  
 Wicomico County Tax Map 56  
 Parcel 184

SOMERSET COUNTY  
 MAP 1



WICOMICO COUNTY,  
 MARYLAND

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MAP NO.  
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Cherry Hill Farm  
3535 Pollitt Road  
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland  
Eden, Maryland Quadrangle 1983



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ALLEN, University of California, Berkeley

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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