INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Laura A. DeWitt Farm Survey Number: G-IV-A-203

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ___ No ___ Yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessdary and attach map)

The Laura A. DeWitt Farm, with its main dwelling built *circa* 1910, documents the agricultural landscape surrounding the county seat of Oakland in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Agriculture was the predominant economic activity outside of Oakland in the late nineteenth century, as farmland comprised about 50 percent of the county's land mass in 1880, and more than 60 percent by 1910. Farms of this period typically raised potatoes, orchard products, oats, corn, buckwheat, wheat, rye, and barley as well as cattle, sheep, swine, and horses.

Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland area's past or with events that have contributed significantly to broad patterns of the area's historical development. The architecture does not represent a particularly distinctive type, period, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master, possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. This resource has not yet yielded and is not likely to yield significant information important in history or prehistory.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report (KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Gabrielle M. Lanier/KCI Technologies, Inc.

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services — Date 7/17/98

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

Reviewer, NR program — Date

Laura A. Dewitt Farm
G-IV-A-203
267 Windover Lane
Oakland Vicinity
Circa 1900
Private

This farm complex includes and early twentieth- century farmhouse, three sheds, a tractor shed, a spring house, and a garage. The farmhouse is a two-story, three-by-three bay, gable-roofed L-plan frame dwelling with an interior brick chimney, a full-width, fully enclosed, hip roofed front porch, a two-story flat-roofed addition, and a one-story shed-roofed rear entry. The house is built on a metal-skirted foundation, clad in aluminum sash finished with aluminum surrounds, and one door opening is fitted with a wooden half-glass door and finished with aluminum surrounds. The house faces east and stands on a hilly site about three-quarters of a mile southeast of Oakland

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Laura A. Dewitt Farm

2. Location

street & number 267 Windover Lane ___ not for publication

city, town Oakland _X_ vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Laura A. Dewitt

street & number 267 Windover Lane telephone (301) 334-1359

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 78-13-84

city, town Oakland liber and folio N/A

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

___ Contributing Resource in National Register District
___ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
___ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
___ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
___ Recorded by HABS/HAER
___ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
___ Other:

6. Classification

Category
___ district
_X_ building(s)
___ structure
___ site
___ object

Ownership
___ public
_X_ private
___ both

Current Function
_X_ agriculture
___ commerce/trade
___ defense
_X_ domestic
___ education
___ funerary
___ government
___ health care
___ industry
___ landscape
___ recreation/ culture
___ religion
___ social
___ transportation
___ work in progress
___ unknown
___ vacant/not in use
___ other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
7	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
7	0	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

____ excellent ____ deteriorated
_X_ good ____ ruins
____ fair ____ altered

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

This farm complex includes an early twentieth-century farmhouse and several additional agricultural and domestic outbuildings. The farmhouse is a two-story, three-by-three-bay, gable-roofed L-plan frame dwelling with a full-width, fully enclosed, hip roofed front porch, a two-story flat-roofed addition, and a one-story shed-roofed rear entry. The house faces east and stands on a hilly site that slopes upward in the rear and downward in front. It is located about three-quarters of a mile southeast of Oakland.

The foundation is concealed behind a pressed metal simulated rockfaced concrete block skirt. The walls are sheathed in yellow aluminum siding with white trim, and the building is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof with a boxed aluminum cornice and an aluminum eave. A cement-covered interior brick chimney with a corbeled lip rises from the center of the main block near the ridge.

Windows are mostly single one-over-one, double-hung aluminum sash finished with aluminum surrounds. One large fixed lozenge-shaped window lights the top of each gable near the roof peak. The front entrance is centered on the enclosed f front porch, but was not visible when the house was surveyed. The rear entrance is fitted with a wooden half-glass door. Both door openings are finished with aluminum surrounds.

The enclosed front porch rests on a concrete block foundation. The lower portions of the porch walls are clad in yellow aluminum siding to match the rest of the house, while the upper portions are sheathed in reddish incised plywood. The porch is topped with an asphalt-shingled hipped roof with an aluminum eave. A set of open wooden ladder steps flanked by open wooden handrails leads from the front yard up to the level of the porch deck. Both of the rear additions are clad and roofed in the same materials as the main block.

A number of outbuildings stand on the property. A one-story gable-roofed plywood-clad frame shed resting on concrete block piers and topped with a rolled asphalt roof stands just east of the house. A gable-roofed one-story springhouse with a shed-roofed extension stands to the south, at the western end of a shallow gully. This building is clad in wavy-edged asbestos siding and topped with an asphalt-shingled roof. The interior is accessed and lit by two paneled wooden doors and several eight-light wooden casement windows; all door and window openings are finished with wooden surrounds. A shed-roofed one-story garage also stands to the east. This building is clad in corrugated metal over a layer of asphalt shingles and topped with a corrugated metal roof. A pair of sliding wooden garage doors leads to the interior. An open-sided shed-roofed tractor shed sheathed in corrugated metal and finished with exposed rafter feet stands to the southwest. A one-story gable-fronted garage-sized shed clad in plywood and topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof is located further to the east. A set of large gable doors provides access to the interior. At the lower section of the driveway stands a one-half-story shed-roofed shed or animal coop. This is a long, low building that is clad and roofed with corrugated metal. Two rectangular foundations also stand on the southwest corner of the property; one is built of concrete, and the other is constructed of concrete block.

A curving driveway leads from the end of Windover Lane past most of the outbuildings and terminates near the rear of the house. Several large evergreens border part of the driveway. A wire fence runs along the southwestern end of the complex, and two wood rail fences run along the northwest and southeast sides. Although the house is presently occupied and in good ondition, its integrity has been compromised by the extensive application of aluminum siding.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	_X_ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	__ philosophy
__ 1800-1899	__ architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
_X_ 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce	__ ethnic heritage	__ law	__ science
	__ communications	_X_ exploration/ settlement	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning		__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other:

Specific dates Circa 1900 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

_X_ National Register ____ Maryland Register ____ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Doninance
A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Agriculture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling and Agricultural Buildings

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 6.77 acres
Acreage surveyed 6.77 acres
Quadrangle name Oakland, MD - W VA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 84, Map 78, Grid 13

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	Hunt Valley	state and zip code	MD 21030-1888

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032
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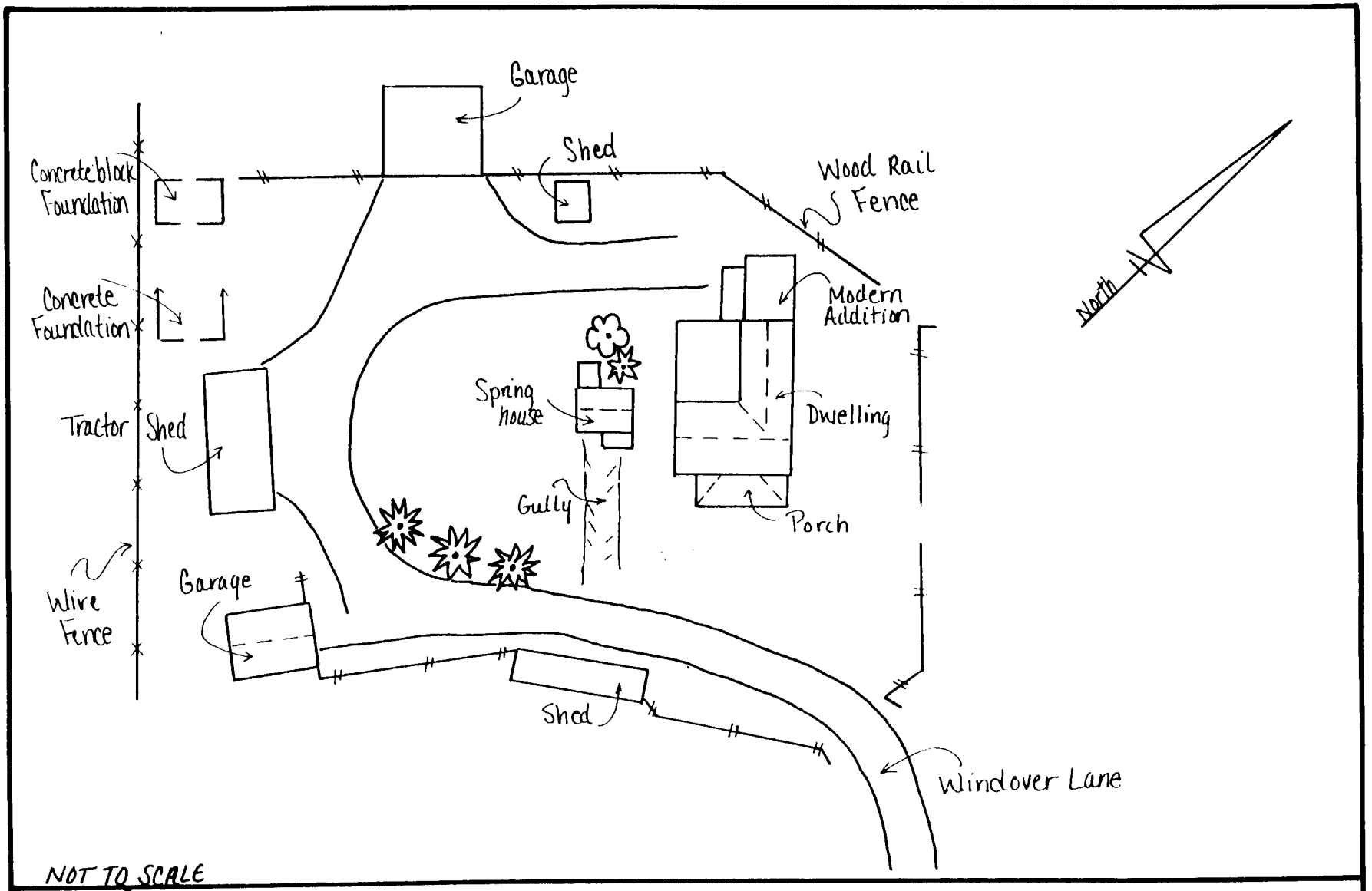

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Resource Sketch Map

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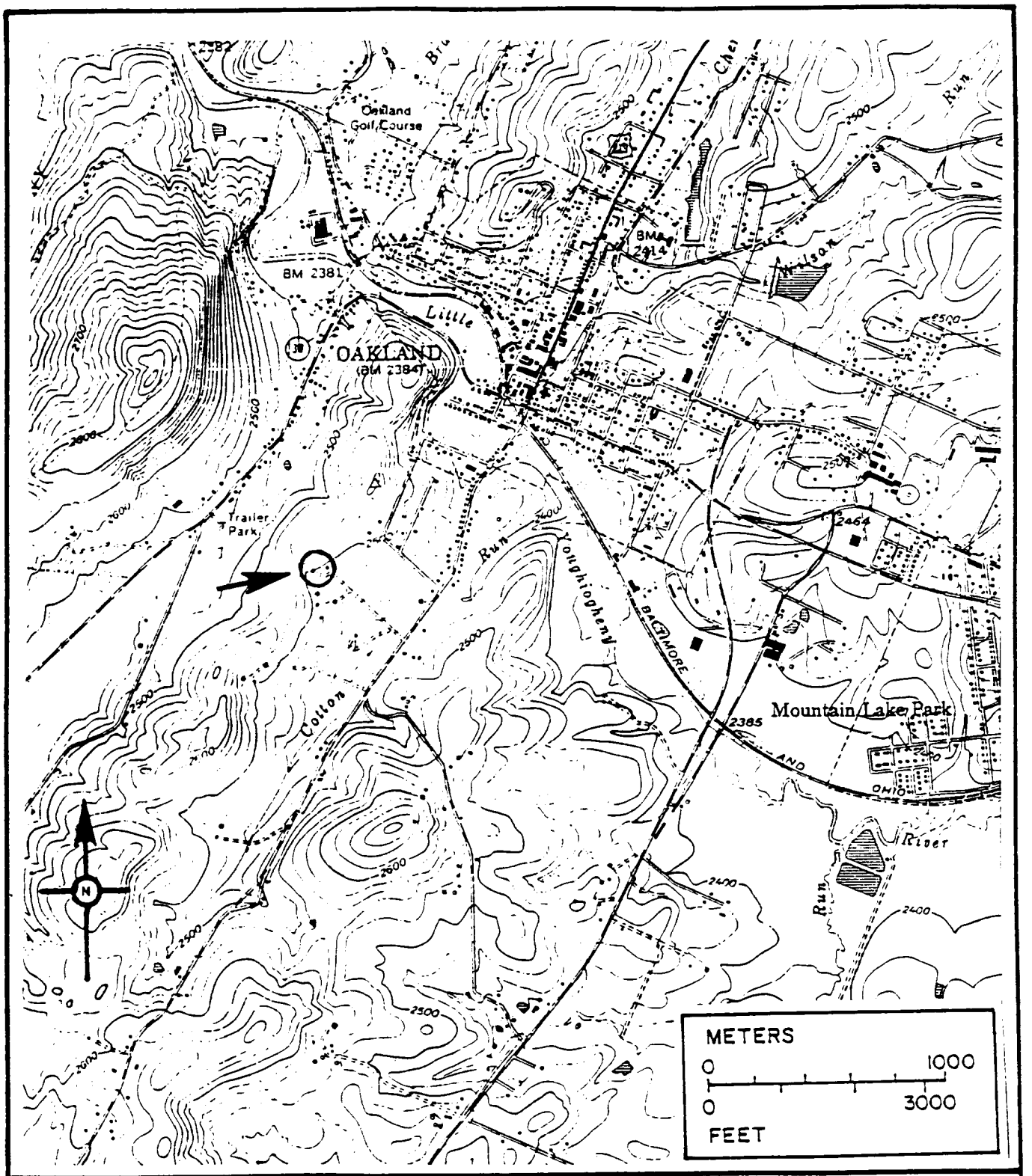
Laura A. Dewitt Farm
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



Location Map

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Laura A. Dewitt Farm
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County
Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)

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GARRETT COUNTY, MD
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NW + SW ELEVATIONS FACING E SHED + SPRINGHOUSE

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E+N ELEVATIONS FACING SW
CHICKEN HOUSE/SHED/TRACTOR SHED
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SW + SE ELEVATIONS FACING N SHED

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