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## **Agatha Huepenbecker Burnet**

**November 23, 1930 - August 23, 2012**

Agatha Huepenbecker Burnet joined the faculty in Textiles & Clothing (now Apparel, Merchandising, and Design) at Iowa State University in 1956 where she served until retiring in 1993 as Emeritus Professor. Prior to joining the faculty, she earned a B.S. in Textiles and Clothing (T&C) from Indiana University in 1952, a M.S. in T&C from Iowa State University in 1952, and the Ph.D. in Home Economics Education from Ohio State University in 1969. From 1973 through 1993 she was Head of the Department. Agatha's professional career was marked by outstanding service, most often in a position of leadership, and by many distinguished awards and recognitions. She was national president of the American Home Economics Association, regional vice president of the academic honorary, Phi Kappa Phi, on the governing boards of the Iowa State University Foundation and the Alumni Association, and president of the Mary Greeley Medical Center Foundation Board. Her many awards included the Distinguished Service Award of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Distinguished Alumnus Award from Ohio State University, The Iowa State University Faculty Citation, Alumni Medal and Order of the Knoll Faculty and Staff Award, the Ames Chamber of Commerce Professionalism and Leadership Award, the Tribune Unsung Hero Award and the Iowa Home Economics Association Hall of Fame. She was an Associate of the Smithsonian Institute and an international authority on the historic aspects on textiles and clothing. Even in retirement, Agatha continued to be an ardent supporter of the Apparel, Merchandising, and Design Program and the Textiles and Clothing Museum. Agatha is survived by her husband, George, whom she married in 1995.



**Gladys Eileen Ebert**

Dr. Gladys Ebert retired as an associate professor of Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Studies at Iowa State University in 2001 died on July 9, 2012 the University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia, Missouri at 91 years of age. An Iowa native, Gladys was named Emeritus Associate Professor of Apparel, Educational Studies and Hospitality Management; Emeritus Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction at Iowa State. She received her B.A. '42 from Northern Iowa and her M.S. '67 and Ph.D. '78, at Iowa State.

She enjoyed her position at Iowa State where she would teach and advise college students. Gladys was always thinking of others and initiated a program at Iowa State so that single parents from Native American backgrounds could obtain child care and funding, enabling them to go to college. Her program was very successful and it helped many families.

Gladys was married in 1950 to George Henry Ebert, who was also an important presence on the Iowa State campus. Gladys enjoyed being with her family. They had three children; George, Ann, and Barbara. Gladys would take every opportunity she had to spend time with her children and seven grandchildren. She was an avid reader, a seamstress, and a wonderful chef.

She is survived by her siblings, Thelma Mohr of Ames, Iowa and Barbara Martin, of Tampa, Florida; her children George Ebert of Burlington, Vermont, and Barbara Ebert (Hough) of Lohman, Missouri; her grandchildren Daniel Blomgren of San Francisco, California, Katherine Ebert, Emily Ebert, and Sarah Ebert of Burlington Vermont, and Rebekah and Rachel Hough of Lohman, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eilert and Juliet Meyer; her husband George Henry Ebert; her sister Helen Louise Anders; her daughter Ann Blomgren; and her grandson David Blomgren. Her son, George Meyer Ebert became ill and passed away shortly after her death.



"He was born with the gift of laughter and a sense that the world was mad." (Rafael Sabatini)

Patrick "Doc" Gouran was born in Peoria, IL 7-15-1940 to Helen Rogers Gouran and Roland Gouran. He was the third of four boys raised in a lively household along the Illinois River. Pat grew up like most children of the 40's and 50's spending Sat. afternoons watching movies on the big, and likely only screen in town which left him and his brothers with the ability to accurately quote every line in every old western ever made. Gouran "movie speak" lasted decades and littered their adult phone conversations and later their email correspondence. Pat's warm effusive personality and early interest in movies led him to his life's work in live theater and film. He graduated from Illinois State University and later earned a PhD in theater from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Patrick taught theatre for 35 years at Iowa State University. Any student who elected to take Theatre 106 encountered a man born to share life's truths in a colorful, down to earth, oftentimes funny and yes, now and then, because now and then is more effective than most of the time, profane way. He loved to teach and his students knew that. He loved to act and his audiences knew that. He loved to direct and his actors knew that.

A natural off-shoot for performance led him to photography. He loved to shoot weddings and be a part of, what else, more drama. Pat shot hundreds of weddings as well as publicity and production photos and head shots for many theatre companies in the central Iowa area. He greatly respected our U.S. military veterans and shot photos of Iowa veterans for the book "Heroes Among Us".

He loved his Irish heritage, The Kingston Trio, bluegrass music, pheasant hunting, the Rocky Mountains and Iowa State basketball. He traveled throughout the US and parts of Europe. But he could never travel far enough that he didn't hear, in some part of the world, "Hey Doc! Remember me? I was in your 106 class."

Missing him greatly are his wife, Kay Rhoads, Ankeny, brother Dennis, State College, PA, sons Tim, Seattle, Brian (Sabina) Bellingham, WA. His beloved little granddaughters Ella, Mary and Grace of Bellingham, his grandson Ethan, WA. Stepson Troy Jones (Rebecca), stepdaughter Cindy Jones Kraft (Kenneth) step-grandsons Travis Kraft and his little boy Kale, Kevin Kraft, Tony Kraft (Stacy) and little Addison. A tiny silver schnauzer Pepper mourns him at home. Prior to his passing hundreds of emails and social media messages were received that told stories of how he touched so many lives. To them Pat would say, "Do it" or, depending on one's temperament, "Let's be careful out there!"

No funeral services are planned. As Patrick preferred, a celebration of his life will be scheduled. Memorials may be sent to the Animal Rescue League.



**Barbara Marie Mack**

Barbara Marie Mack, a passionate student of life who spread her zest for learning to her own students, family and friends, died unexpectedly at her home on Thursday. She was 59.

Barbara's two professional passions were the law and journalism, which she wove into a remarkable career that spanned four decades. A 26-year veteran of the Iowa State University faculty, Barbara was an associate professor and assistant director of Iowa State's Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication and a noted First Amendment lawyer. This was to be her last semester before retiring from teaching.

Barbara was born on October 26, 1952, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Eddie and Helen Mack. She wore her east-side roots as a badge of honor and graduated high school from the girls-only St. Joseph's Academy of Des Moines. She put herself through college in just three years, receiving a B.A. in journalism from Iowa State in 1974.

But by graduation time, Barbara was already at home in a newsroom. She started as a copy courier at age 16 with the Des Moines Register and Tribune Co., then rose to [reporter](#) after graduation, blazing the trail for Register women covering courts and crime news. From those earliest career days, she was passionate about First Amendment issues. She even helped found the Iowa Freedom of Information Council in 1975, a media organization dedicated to promoting openness in government.

Her love of the law drew her to Drake University Law School, where she also met her future husband Jim Giles. The couple later married on Barbara's birthday in, aptly chosen, Santa Barbara, CA. She received her Juris Doctor in 1977, and then joined the Register and Tribune's legal team, supporting First Amendment efforts throughout the state. She eventually rose to General Counsel of the Register and Tribune Company, overseeing the sale of that company to Gannett Co. in 1986.

Barbara then started a new chapter, moving from newsroom to classroom. She returned to Iowa State University as Professor Mack, where she became one of its most beloved faculty members. She gave aspiring journalists their first taste of the profession in introductory courses, and schooled student reporters on the finer points of journalism and the law in legal seminars, always with classroom antics that both entertained and inspired her students. She also provided students in other disciplines an opportunity to learn the basics of journalism and mass communications. Time for her students never stopped at the classroom door. Barbara generously served as career counselor, life coach and substitute "mom" to any student in need. From 1991-1993, Barbara stepped out of the classroom to serve as executive assistant to then-ISU President Martin Jischke. But her passion for teaching soon saw her back at the Greenlee School.

Her teaching achievements brought her many awards over the years including being among the first group of ISU faculty to win the college Master Teacher Award in 2000. She also received the college's Outstanding Introductory Teaching Award in 1995, and in 2011, won the ISU Alumni Association top award for Superior Service. She was also named the Louise Noun Visionary Woman by the Young Women's Resource Center in 2011. The center was a favorite cause of Barbara's, who could identify with its young women working to chart their own successful life paths. Her community service included several board memberships. She was a long-time advisor to the Iowa State Daily and most recently chaired the Editorial Integrity Committee for Iowa Public Television.

Barbara was known for her hearty laugh and her unique brand of humor. She employed it often to soften criticism, drive home a point, or just entertain. Her friends, and there were many, knew Barbara as someone who would spring to help if they were in need. Barbara adored animals, especially her horse Mikki and cats WhyNot and Mizewell. She also was an accomplished gourmet cook who hosted memorable multi-course dinners for friends. She was a lover of good food, which served her well during her years as the Register's Grumpy Gourmet restaurant critic. She also prized making things grow in her gardens. With her husband Jim, she shared passions for travel, especially to Paris, along with history and the arts.

Barbara was preceded in death by her father; mother; and her brother, Richard. She is survived by her husband; her sister, Anne Mack of Columbia, MO; her niece, Anne Piedade of Bedford,

NY; and her nephew, Mark Kordick of Greenwich, CT, along with countless students, colleagues, neighbors and friends who admired and loved her and through whom her legacy will live on.

Memorial arrangements will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication, Friends of Iowa Public Television or the Animal Rescue of League of Iowa.

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## **David Michael Martin**

David Michael Martin died on Oct. 14, 2012, in Ames. Dave was born on Nov. 24, 1940, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Jack Thomas Martin and Frances Jessie Wootten Martin. He graduated from Mount Lebanon High School in Mount Lebanon, Pa., in 1958. He earned a bachelor's of science degree in Glass Technology at Alfred University (New York State University of Ceramics) in 1962 and a Ph.D. in Ceramic Engineering from Iowa State University in 1967.

Dave married Anne Elizabeth Easton, of Ames, in May 1963. Dave and Anne had two sons, Michael (Hogan) Easton Martin in 1964 (college of engineering faculty member at ISU since 2002), and David Michael Martin Jr. in 1965.

Dave served in the United States Army, Chemical Corps, in Massachusetts and Vietnam in the 1960s. In 1968 he was the science advisor to the Commander of the U.S. Army in Vietnam. Following his military service, he worked on armor that found application on helicopters in Vietnam and in separating drivers from passengers in taxicabs that served New York City for many years. The family settled in Ames in 1971, after living in Chelmsford, Mass., and Pittsburgh, Pa.

Joining the ISU Engineering College in 1971, Dave retired as a full professor in the Materials Science and Engineering department in 2000. Dave was widely known for his incoming engineering student lectures that included exuberant demonstrations of physical properties of



materials. He had three patents during his tenure at ISU. However, his life went well beyond the class room and his research!

Dave was devoted to shared governance and institutional transparency at all levels inside and outside of the university. He was elected to two terms as the fourth President of the ISU Faculty Senate (1991/1992 and 1992/1993). As with everything that drew his attention, he helped improve the professional lives and welfare of the faculty and ensure that the faculty's voice was heard. Most memorably during his presidency and leadership were the creation of the University Professor Award, the first annual conference entitled "Diversity, Faculty Take Action," liberalization of rules related to part-time employment of temporary and adjunct faculty, and the creation of the Center for Teaching Excellence (now Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning).

Dave founded the ISU Gaffers Guild, a club that strives to teach and perpetuate the art of working with hot glass and provide a creative outlet for students, staff, and faculty, as well as the community at large. The club represents how Dave constantly found ways to join communities to create joy. For many years he acted, directed and provided production assistance for Ames local theater, including Children's Theater, ACTORS, and especially Ames Women's Theater.

In short, Dave had a special gift for encouraging others to pursue their dreams and activities they loved.

Dave enjoyed equations, cats, optics, wine, measurement, analysis and terrible jokes. His favorite restaurants were Aunt Maude's, Jeff's Pizza and the Grove Cafe. In later years he enjoyed traveling: walking was difficult, but he could go forever in his RV and often could be seen zipping around town on his handy scooter. Dave lived with smoking-induced emphysema since the late 1980s, and ultimately succumbed to the disease. The family thanks Homeward Hospice, the Israel Family Hospice House and the many friends who supported us on his final journey.

Dave is survived by his two sons, Hogan (Sarah Davis), of Ames and David Jr. (Steve Godfrey), of Des Plaines, Ill.; and one brother, Tom, of Crystal River, Fla. He was preceded in death by his wife, Anne in 2009; and sister, Jacqueline Manko, in 2011.

Dave would have appreciated donations to KHOI Community Radio in Ames.

Michael E. Martin  
Martha Selby  
With assistance from Olivia Madison



**Frederick C. Parrish**

Frederick C. Parrish, Professor Emeritus of Animal Science, died on Monday, August 27, 2012, in Columbia, Missouri at the age of 79. F.C. Parrish was born on July 18, 1938, in Olney, Missouri, the son of Frederick C. and Georgiana Hammonds Parrish. Following his graduation from Buchanan High School in Troy, Missouri F.C. farmed with his family and on June 7, 1953 F.C. was united in marriage with Fern Rose Westerman. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served 18 months in Korea and Hawaii. Soon after his return home from the military, F.C. enrolled in the University of Missouri-Columbia where he received his bachelor's degree in 1959, a master's degree in 1960, and a doctorate in meat science in 1965. Following graduation F. C. was appointed to the faculty of Iowa State University.

Professor Parrish served on the faculty at Iowa State University for 37 years, being promoted to Associate Professor in 1969 and to Professor in 1976. In 1995, he received the honorable title of University Professor. Initially, F.C. was a full-time researcher and established an internationally recognized research program on the changes in the molecular properties of postmortem muscle and their relationship to meat tenderness. Gradually he took on teaching assignments and in 1976 he also began coaching the ISU Meats Judging Team, retiring in 1997 from coaching. His years spent with the Meats Judging Team provided him with the opportunity to meet and interact with many students and their families and he ultimately served as an ambassador for Iowa State University. During his tenure at Iowa State University, F.C. taught over 5000 undergraduate and graduate students in addition to being a major professor to over 30 graduate students.

Before his retirement from Iowa State University in 2001, F.C. was recognized by ISU with the Career Achievement in Teaching Award and the VEISHEA Ag College Professor of the Year. National awards included the Distinguished Research Teaching and Signal Service Awards from the American Meat Science Association and the Distinguished Research and Teaching awards from the American Society of Animal Science.

Surviving F.C. are his beloved wife, Fern Rose Parrish; four children, Deborah June (Gene) Wattenberg of Overland Park, Kansas, Randall Douglas (Debbie Sue) Parrish of Cincinnati, Ohio, Rhonda Lea (Chris) Brosnahan of Lebanon, Ohio and Richard Brent Parrish of Olney; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one brother, Joe Parrish.

## James Russell Prescott



James Russell Prescott, Emeritus Professor of Economics, died September 12, 2012 in Ames at the age of 77. The cause of his death was esophageal cancer.

Jim Prescott was born in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1935. His family moved to Berkeley, California when he was a child. He was graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1957 with a BA in Economics, where he received the Economics Citation Award from the economics department and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

After serving on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Army, he enrolled in the graduate program in Economics at Harvard University where he was awarded the MA degree in 1960 and the Ph.D. degree in 1964.

Jim joined the Economics faculty at ISU in the fall of 1963. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1967 and to Professor in 1971. He retired in 1995.

Prescott was a versatile and very effective teacher. Over the years of his employment at ISU, he taught undergraduate courses in money and banking, micro theory, macro theory, public finance, labor economics, urban-regional economics and economic principles. At the graduate level, he taught courses in regional economics, urban economics, regional economic planning, and state and local finance. At various stages in his career while on leave from ISU, Jim served as a Visiting Professor at Washington University (St. Louis), UCLA, Temple University (Philadelphia) and Utah State University. Over the years, he gave numerous invited lectures and seminars at a number of academic institutions, including

the University of Indiana, Stanford, SUNY-Albany, Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Claremont College, Boston College, the University of Iowa, Oklahoma State and Kansas State.

Prescott served as major professor for ten PhD students and twenty-five MS students at ISU. Several of his PhD students have had very successful careers in academia and/or government service.

Prescott was the author of numerous research publications. His book *Economic Aspects of Public Housing* (New York: Sage Publications, 1974) was the first comprehensive economic analysis of the U.S. public housing program and was widely referenced in the professional literature. Two other books were co-authored with former students: *An Economic Simulation Model for Regional Development Planning* (Ann Arbor, MI: Ann Arbor Science Publishers, 1975) was co-authored with Herbert Fullerton, University of Texas at Arlington, and *Urban Regional Economic Growth and Policy* (Ann Arbor, MI: Ann Arbor Science Publishers, 1975) was co-authored with Chris Lewis, Utah State University.

Prescott was also involved in several international economic development projects. During the summer of 1964, he worked as a consultant to the Peruvian National Planning Institute under the auspices of the ISU-USAID development project in Peru. During the 1977-78 academic year, he worked in Iran as a consultant to the Harvard Institute for International Development under a grant from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to the Government of Iran. During the last half of 1979, he worked in Guatemala as a consultant on an ISU-USAID development project. During the first half of 1981, he worked in Egypt as a consultant to the USAID-Dames Moore project on planning for the development of the Sinai Peninsula. During the last half of 1983, he worked in Zambia as a consultant to the ISU-USAID development project in that county. In 1987, Prescott received the Wilton Park International Service Award on the basis of his professional consulting work in less-developed countries.

Jim Prescott was a gentle man with a puckish sense of humor. He was an accomplished pianist and a life-long bird watcher with a “life list” of over 450 different birds. Although they are not uncommon, he never saw a Least Bittern—which, he said, gave new meaning to the word “least”. After retirement he took up wood carving, frequently of birds, and many of his carvings were exhibited in the Ames area. Throughout his life he reveled in writing limericks. Here is one of his favorites:

A hooker was idle all day  
With a substantial reduction in pay  
To get clients back in  
She served soda and gin  
With a large pot of café au lait.

Jim Prescott married Jermaine Conkin on December 21, 1966. She, their son Scott (Sara) and grandchildren Anthony, Andrew and Alyxandra, survive him.

Because Jim valued creativity, he has established a scholarship fund for economics graduate students who demonstrate creativity in their research.

*Respectfully Submitted by Dudley G. Luckett and Dennis R. Starleaf*



Robert E. Schofield, eminent historian of science and technology, died at his residence in Montgomery Township, New Jersey, on December 30, 2011. He had a distinguished career as a great teacher and mentor to students and colleagues at the University of Kansas, Case-Western Reserve University, and Iowa State University.

Robert, or Bob or “Scho”, to friends and colleagues, was born on June 1, 1923, in Milford, Nebraska. He graduated at the top of his high school class in Denver, Colorado before entering Princeton University on a scholarship to study physics in 1941. In 1944 he joined the 9812 Technical Services Unit of the U.S. Army, Manhattan District engineers, as a research assistant on the atomic bomb project before his honorable discharge in 1946. After working in the field for five years, Bob pursued a Ph.D. in history at Harvard; he finished in 1955 after holding a Fulbright award.

While at the University of Kansas he won several research grants and fellowships, including a prestigious Guggenheim fellowship for 1959-1960. In fall of 1960 Bob joined Case Institute of Technology to build a graduate program in history of science and technology. He was promoted to full professor in 1964 and named Lynn Thorndike Professor of the History of Science in 1972. Bob arrived at Iowa State University in the fall of 1979 as professor and head of the proposed doctoral program, which he started. Bob retired in 1993, at the then mandatory age of seventy. He was a kind, and patient man, a stimulating presence to all around him. In every respect he was a superb mentor to students and colleagues.

Bob’s publishing six books and several articles. His first book, *The Lunar Society of Birmingham. A Social History of Provincial Science and Technology in 18<sup>th</sup> Century England*, appeared in 1963; this book won the Pfizer prize of the History of Science Society. Also, *The Enlightened Joseph Priestley: A Study of His Life and Work from 1773 to 1804*, which won the 2006 Roy G. Neville Prize for Biography.

He was Fulbright Fellow, University College, London, 1963-1964, Fellow, John Simon Memorial Foundation, 1959-1960, and 1967-1968. He won research grants from the National Science Foundation and the American Philosophical Society, Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, School of Historical Studies, 1967-1968 and 1974-1975, Pfizer Prize, History of Science Society, 1964, Director, William Andrews Clark Library, Summer Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, University of California, Los Angeles, 1970, Chairman, Division of History of Physics, American Physical Society, 1985-1986, Editorial Board, *Historical Studies in the Physical Sciences*, 1969-1979, Advisory Editor, Price-Priestley Newsletter (Aberyswyth, Wales) [now *Enlightenment and Dissent*] 1978-1993, Sigma Xi National Lecturer, 1978-1979, 1979-1980, and Mid-American State Universities Association, Honor Lecturer, 1981-1982.



### **Mary Marguerite Scruggs**

Dr. Mary Marguerite Scruggs died May 1, 20012 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Mary received her doctorate in 1959 in Home Economics Education with minors in Child Development and Statistics from Iowa State and served as Head of the Department of Home Economics Education from 1960 to 1966. She later served as assistant dean for research and graduate education. While at Iowa State, she also became the assistant director of the Iowa Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station, associate director of the ISU Home Economics Research Institute, vice-president of the Iowa Home Economics Association, and chaired the scholarship fund committee. Marguerite was appointed by the Governor of Iowa to chair the Governor's Commission on Status of Women from 1963-1968. During her tenure at Iowa State, Scruggs chaired an early 1970s committee that recommended the creation of Committee on the Status of Women that advocated for the creation of steps the university should take to promote the status of women in all areas: as faculty, student admission, and non-academic female employees.

Scruggs served as the national adviser to the Future Homemakers of America from 1952-56. An early leader in Vocational Education (now Career and Technical Education), Scruggs served as secretary of the American Vocational Education Research Association (AVERA) in 1968. She moved to Oklahoma State University in 1973, becoming the associate dean for graduate education and research in the Department of Home Economics.

Dr. Scruggs had many achievements in her lifetime, some of which include helping to establish the Home Economics Research Journal of the American Home Economics Association (also serving on the first policy board of the journal), serving on the AHEA Center for the family advisor's bureau from 1976-1978, providing instrumental awareness of Oklahoma Home Economics by organizing an OHEA public forum in 1977, and consulting the Home Science faculty at the Baroda M.S. University in Baroda, India in 1964-1965. She was also listed in such biographical publications as Who's Who of American Women, Dictionary of International Biography, The World Who's Who of Women, and Leaders in Education.

Over the years, Dr. Scruggs received many awards and distinctions, including an honorary membership in the Oklahoma Association of Future Homemakers of America, special recognition from Iowa Vocational Association, a faculty citation from ISU Alumni Association, awarded the Ellen H. Richards Fellowship from the American Home Economics Association, OHEA Professional Award in 1982, and

American Home Economics Association Leader Award in 1984. Dr. Scruggs was inducted into the Home Economics Alumni Association Hall of Fame at Oklahoma State University in 1991. Furthermore, the OSU College of Human Sciences honors Marguerite's research legacy with the Marguerite Scruggs Award for Early Career Meritorious Research. The award recognizes faculty who demonstrate high levels of quality and quantity in their research projects and publications. She established an endowment that funds this Fellowship which is awarded each year in the College of Human Sciences to masters or doctoral candidates to support their thesis and dissertation research.

She was involved with and held various leadership positions in the American Home Economics Association, Oklahoma Home Economics Association, Southern Regional Administrators of Home Economics, Association of Administrators of Home Economics, American Vocational Education Research Association, American Vocational Association, Oklahoma Vocational Association, International Federation of Home Economics, American Educational Research Association, National Association of Teacher Educators in Home Economics, American Association for Advancement of Science, Delta Kappa Gamma, Phi Delta Kappa, Omicron Nu, Phi Upsilon Omicron, Stillwater Mineral and Gem Club, Church Women United and she also authored a chapter in the Research in College of Home Economics Centennial History.

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