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September 2001 Newsletter

Welcome back from the summer holidays. I inadvertently printed the wrong financial statement in the April issue of the newsletter. Both the correct version and more news from our colleagues can be found in this issue. Other items of interest include the Alf Heggoy Prize announcement and the call for papers for the upcoming Yale meeting. Please send this form as soon as possible to the appropriate program chair if you are interested in presenting a paper.

In other news, Bill Newbigging recently sent me names and addresses from an earlier effort to compile an online directory of FCHS members and I have added these to our webpage (www.frenchcolonial.org). Please e-mail me any corrections or additions. Both the webpage and this edition of the newsletter also contain the text of our mission statement. The webpage contains several new links to sites of interest to our members as well as an on-line version of this newsletter.

Finally, Bill has also taken over from Nancy Morton as Secretary. Many thanks to Nancy for her many years of service. Please direct all future enquiries regarding membership to Bill.

President's Message

The September newsletter is the time for glancing backward and looking ahead. The annual meeting this past May, held on the beautiful campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI, was a memorable gathering. The conference program put together by Jim Pritchard was excellent and the logistical arrangements and social calendar looked after by Keith Widder set standards that others will aim to match in the years to come. Thank you Jim, Keith and all the others, especially MSU Press, who played a role in making the 27th annual meeting such a success.

At the close of the conference at MSU the transition took place in the executive of the FCHS. On behalf of all our members, located on several continents, I want to thank outgoing president, Dale Miquelon, and outgoing treasurer, Nancy Morton, for the many contributions they made. We are still in the black financially, we have a long-term plan for where the society will be meeting for years to come, and there have been several innovations in the way in which we do business. What more would we want from an Executive? None of the changes, it is important to underline, alter the essence of the French Colonial Historical Society. Speaking of which, please check out a mission statement on our web site.

Looking ahead, we are fortunate to have Ken Orosz looking after the web site and the newsletter. Communication among members, whether following research leads or dealing with other matters, should be greatly enhanced thanks to the many features found on the web site. It will always be a work-in-progress, so check it often. The Society is equally fortunate to have Bill Shorrock continuing to head up the Heggoy Book Prize committee and Bill Newbigging as our new treasurer and looking after the fund-raising for the Eccles Prize for graduate student essays. (Once again, please check the web site for more details.)

Robert Duplessis is doing double duty this year and next, as he continues as the editor of our proceedings/papers and has assumed the job of vice-president. After complications in getting out the proceedings in a speedy fashion the last few years, we have made some significant changes that give promise of better days ahead. Robert has more to say about this in another part of this newsletter.

Come next May, I hope to see most of you at our 28th annual meeting, to be held at Yale University in new Haven, CT. Jay Gitlin, who is taking care of business at the logistical and social end for the conference, has picked dates that are traditionally known as "dead week" at Yale. That is because nothing much ever happened during those dates. We'll do our best to liven things up, will we not? Please send in your paper or session proposals to Dale Miquelon or Fred Quinn at your earliest convenience.

Have a great fall and we'll be back with more news and updates in the winter.

FCHS Mission Statement

The French Colonial Historical Society encourages interest in the scholarly study of all French colonizing activity and in the history of all French colonies. It provides its members with various channels of communication: newsletters, annual meetings, a web site [www.french.colonial.org], and the publication of selected papers from its conferences. The Society awards the Heggoy Prize annually for an outstanding book on French colonial history, and it presents the Eccles Prize to the best paper by a graduate student delivered at an FCHS conference and subsequently submitted for publication by the Society. The French Colonial Historical Society is registered as a non-profit corporation in the State of Indiana (no. 197505-436).

Proceedings/Papers

A number of issues about the <u>Proceedings</u> were aired during wide-ranging discussions that took place during the annual meeting in East Lansing this past June. The conversations, among the officers of the Society and Fred Bohm of the Michigan State University Press, had several purposes. One was to speed up publication, which has fallen well behind schedule during the past few years. Another was to find ways to enhance the visibility, reputation, and thus sales of the volumes. It's unfortunate but true, experience has shown, that volumes of proceedings rank low on libraries' lists of priorities and also have a low priority for individual purchasers. Because they are often not refereed, they also enjoy uncertain status among university review committees. As a result, the excellent work that has been published in the Society's <u>Proceedings</u> has not won the readership it deserves.

Several decisions taken in East Lansing seek to change this situation. First, the Proceedings renamed (most likely) Papers from the French Colonial Historical Society, will be published and marketed as a journal rather than as a book. Volumes will continue to appear annually, although several will be published within the coming months in order to eliminate the current backlog. But the Papers will be produced by the journals division of MSU Press (rather than the books division), in paperback format, with a livelier and more enticing cover. All articles will be refereed, making permanent the practice introduced with submissions from the 1999 New Orleans and 2000 Charleston meetings.

The first volume under the new title will include articles from the 1997 (Midland) meeting, edited by Dale Standen. Subsequent volumes will include papers from more than one meeting, assembled thematically. Among the themes are The Making and Unmaking of French Colonial Africa, New World Identities, and Ethnic Interactions, to name just a few. Each volume will contain two or more thematic groups.

Both contributors to the <u>Proceedings/Papers</u> and members of the Society have shown admirable forbearance with the publication delays of the last few years. The forthcoming volumes should go far toward compensating them (us) for their (our) patience.

Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2001

French Colonial Historical Society Michigan State University June 2, 2001

Citation

Peter N. Moogk, La Nouvelle France: The Making of French Canada--A Cultural History (Michigan State University Press).

Peter N. Moogk's book defines the character of French colonists in New France, a character quite different from that portrayed in many other histories. Aboriginal people looked upon the first white newcomers with disdain rather than awe. French relations with Native Peoples were not consistently harmonious. Most immigrants to the colony were not rebels; they were reluctant exiles, speaking various languages and French dialects, and a third or more returned to Europe. Even those who remained in North America were socially conservative and developed their own institutions only when government neglect permitted it. Moogk's analysis provides a new perspective for understanding Quebec nationalism and the cultural values that shaped it.

The Book Prize Committee considers <u>La Nouvelle France</u> to be an ambitious and original analysis by a mature scholar who has devoted a career to studying, teaching, and writing about various aspects of French Canada. The book is gracefully written with verve and good humor. The author draws on a rich body of evidence--literature, statistical studies, and archival documentation from France, Britain, and North America. Peter Moogk's book is sure to be controversial, but controversial in the best sense of the word; it will stimulate discussion, debate, and further scholarly analysis.

The Book Prize Committee also commends Michigan State University Press for a particularly attractive example of scholarly bookmaking.

Books Nominated for the Annual Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2001

French Colonial Historical Society

1. Richard B. Allen, <u>Slaves, Freedmen, and Indentured Laborers in Colonial Mauritius</u> (Cambridge University Press).

In this wide-ranging social and economic history of Mauritius, from its permanent settlement in 1721 to the beginnings of modern political life in the mid-1930s, Richard Allen discusses the role of domestic capital in shaping the island's development as a sugar colony. The book describes the changing relationship between the sugar industry and different elements in Mauritian society--slaves, free persons of color, and East Indian indentured laborers--and shows how these were shaped by demographic change, world markets, and local institutions.

2. Carl A. Brasseaux, <u>France's Forgotten Legion: Service Records of French Military and Administrative Personnel Stationed in the Mississippi Valley and Gulf Coast Region 1699 - 1769</u> (Louisiana State University Press).

This is a CD-ROM publication that contains career biographies of more than 7,000 men and women known to have served the French monarchy in colonial Louisiana. Carl Brasseaux has compiled the biographical information from a variety of archival sources and provides an introduction, both in print and on the CD-ROM, that explores the beginnings of the Louisiana Colony, including the critical matter of relations of the military and general population with Native Americans, during times of war and peace.

3. Lawrence C. Jennings, <u>French Anti-Slavery: The Movement for the Abolition of Slavery in France</u>, 1802 - 1848 (Cambridge University Press).

This book provides a detailed study of French anti-slavery forces during the first half of the 19th century, explaining why France abolished colonial slavery fifteen years later than Britain but fifteen years before emancipation in the United States. It traces the struggle of a cautious, elitist group of humanitarians against a well-organized colonial lobby and a largely indifferent July Monarchy government.

4. Betje Block Klier, <u>Pavie in the Borderlands: The Journey of Théodore Pavie to Louisiana and Texas, 1829-1830</u> (Louisiana State University Press).

The book includes English translations of substantial portions of Théodore Pavie's <u>Souvenirs atlantiques</u> that describe his visit to Louisiana and Texas in 1829 - 1830. Betje Block Klier has also provided an introduction that places this voyage in the context of the whole Pavie family and its contribution to the cultural forces that shaped the trans-Mississippi West between 1765 and 1838.

5. John T. McGrath, <u>The French in Early Florida</u>: In the Eye of the Hurricane (University Press of Florida).

John McGrath offers a reconstruction of the fate of the expeditions that attempted to plant a permanent French presence on North America's eastern seaboard during the 1560's. The story is told from the French perspective. The French colonial effort in Florida was

defeated when Spanish commander Pedro Menendez de Avilés destroyed France's Fort Caroline and its relief fleet during the late summer and fall of 1565.

6. Peter N. Moogk, <u>La Nouvelle France: The Making of French Canada--A Cultural History</u> (Michigan State University Press).

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7. Phillip C. Naylor, France and Algeria: A History of Decolonization and Transformation (University Press of Florida).

Beginning with a review of the colonial period up to 1958, Phillip Naylor examines the various dramas that have characterized bilateral relations since independence: the Evian Accords of March 1962, the substitution of cooperation for colonialism, the nationalization of the hydrocarbons sector in 1971, and the Fitna, Algeria's violent "trial" of itself as a nation during the 1990's. The book adopts an interdisciplinary approach to understanding the evolving relations of power, perception, and identity between the two states.

8. Frederick Quinn, The French Overseas Empire (Praeger Publishers).

Frederick Quinn has compiled a grand synthesis of scholarly and popular literature on the history of the French overseas empire from the sixteenth through the twentieth centuries. He devotes one chapter each to the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries, and concludes with four chapters on the nineteenth and twentieth. The book provides a convenient and well-written guide to the essential subject matter of French colonial history.

9. David Robinson, <u>Paths of Accommodation: Muslim Societies and French Colonial</u>
<u>Authorities in Senegal and Mauritania, 1880 - 1920</u> (Ohio University Press).

In this book, David Robinson explores how the Muslim Sufi orders became linked to the cash crop economy and the French colonial regime. He also examines how France established colonial rule in Senegal and Mauritania and emerged as a "Muslin power"--a European imperial nation with a capacity for ruling Islamic subjects. Facing opposition

from indigenous societies and the larger francophile community, French administrators saw the need to build "paths of accommodation" by developing close relationships with Muslim Sufi leaders. The book provides an understanding of the relationship between knowledge and power and the concepts of civil society and hegemony.

10. Elizabeth Thompson, <u>Colonial Citizens: Republican Rights, Paternal Privilege, and Gender in French Syria and Lebanon</u>, (Columbia University Press).

Elizabeth Thompson studies the relationship of gender to politics and culture in the Middle East in the first half of the twentieth century. Looking through the lens of gender and weaving together the stories of marginalized groups, she recasts the events of the two world wars and the inter-war period. Her conceptual framework provides a tool for understanding the relationship between colonialism and citizenship in the Middle East and perhaps elsewhere by extension.

Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2001-2002

Each year the French Colonial Historical Society presents a book prize in honor of one of its founding members, Alf Andrew Heggoy. Book prize recognition includes an award of U.S. \$350 for the best book published during the previous year dealing with the French colonial experience from the 16th to the 20th century. Books from any academic discipline will be considered but they must approach the consideration of the French colonial experience from an historical perspective. The application deadline for this year is March 1, 2002.

Applicants or their publishers should send three copies of books published in 2001 to the chairperson of the book prize committee: William I. Shorrock, Office of Academic Affairs, Cleveland State University, Cleveland OH, 44115, USA.

The award will be announced at the annual conference of the French Colonial Historical Society in New Haven, Connecticut in May 2002. Continuing members of the Book Prize Committee are Gregory Waselkov (University of South Alabama), and William Shorrock, Chair (Cleveland State University). A third member will be appointed.

French Colonial Historical Society Statement of Assets and Fund Balances Year Ending December 31, 1999 and December 31, 2000

	1999	2000
Assets		
Cash/Chicago Bank	\$14, 040	\$12, 928
Cash/Canadian Bank, \$US	3,944	6,679
Templeton Fund	7,521	7,624
Total Assets	\$25,505	\$27,230
Fund Balances		
Eccles Memorial Fund	\$281	\$702
Heggoy Fund	7,521	8,423
Unrestricted Fund	17,748	18,105
Total Fund Balances	\$25,550	\$27,230

French Colonial Historical Society Statement of Revenues and Expenses Year Ending December 31, 2000

Revenues	US\$	Canadian \$
Conference	\$280	\$2,245
Members dues	2,990	1,620
Miscellaneous	90	
Operating Revenues	3,360	3,865
Expenses		
Bank Fees	13	2
Cost of "Proceedings"		
Newsletter	2,487	123
Office Expenses	337	200
Total Expenses	2,837	325
Net Operating Revenues	523	3,540
Non-operating Income		
Interest	272	20
Dividends from Mutual Fund	444	
Realized and Unrealized Gains	(791)	
Total Non-operating Income	(76)	20
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$448	\$3,560

Colleagues at Work

Josette Brun has completed her dissertation entitled "Le veuvage en Nouvelle-France: genre, dynamique familiale et stratégies de survie dans deux villes coloniales du XVIII° siècle, Québec et Louisbourg."

New member Colin Coates is director of the Centre of Canadian Studies at the University of Edinburgh. His monograph *The Metamorphoses of Landscape and Community in Early Quebec* was published by McGill-Queen's University Press in 2000. The French translation will appear shortly from Septentrion publishers.

James Daughton is currently completing his dissertation entitled "The Civilizing Mission: Missionaries, Colonialists and French Identity, 1885-1914" at the University of California, Berkeley. His research examines conflicts between missionaries and republican colonizers in Indochina, Madagascar and Polynesia.

Doris Garraway is currently working on a manuscript on colonization in the French Caribbean during the 17th and 18th centuries.

David Geggus has edited a volume entitled *The Impact of the Haitian Revolution in the Atlantic World* which will be published Summer 2001 by University of South Carolina Press. This collection includes articles by David Davis, Seymour Drescher, Robin Blackbourn and FCHS members David Geggus and Laurent Dubois.

Phyllis Whitman Hunter's book *Purchasing Identity in the Atlantic World: Massachusetts Merchants 1670-1780* is forthcoming from Cornell University Press in July 2001.

Cornelius Jaenen (emeritus, Ottawa) offered the keynote address at the 22nd American Indian Workshop, which took place in Bordeaux, April 25-28, 2001. The conference theme was "Furs, Faith and the French: Colonial and Post Colonial Encounters." The conference also included a session on French-Native Relations in the New World (17th-19th Centuries) with papers by Joseph Zitomersky, Cornelius Jaenen, Jan Grabowski (Ottawa), Gilles Havard (Paris), Khalil Saadani (Université Caddi Sayyad, Beni Mella, Morocco), and John Francis Matthews (Cisco Junior College, Abilene, Texas).

Olaf Janzen recently presented papers on French settlement in Newfoundland between the evacuation of Plaisance in 1714 and the middle of the 18th century; he also presented "The Eviction of French Fishermen from Newfoundland in 1755: Dress Rehearsal for the Acadian Deportation?" at the 10th Maritime History Conference of The Association for the History of the Northern Seas in Liverpool, England (19-22 August 2001). Full details on the Association can be found at the AHNS web site [www.swgc.mun.ca/ahns]. Finally, he invites those interested in the French experience in Newfoundland to visit his "Reader's Guide to Newfoundland History to 1869" which can be found at www.swgc.mun.ca/nfld history/index.htm.

A.J.B. (John) Johnston's *Control and Order in French Colonial Louisbourg, 1713-1758* has recently been published by the Michigan State University Press. This work is the culmination of John's 23 years of of research and writing on the former colony of Isle Royale (Cape Breton Island).

Nicholas Landry recently co-authored a book with Nicole Lang entitled *Histoire de l'Acadie* published by Edition du Septentrion in 2001.

R. Darrell Medows is working on his dissertation entitled "The Dislocation of French Colonial Society, 1789-1830: Forced Migration and the Exile Experience" at Carnegie Mellon University. He is also the author of "Engineering Exile: Social Networks and the French Atlantic Community, 1789-1809" *French Historical Studies* vol. 23 no. 1 (Winter 2000).

New member Kalala Ngalamulume is working on a manuscript entitled *A Sick "Bride of the Sea:" Epidemics and Blame in Colonial Saint-Louis-du-Senegal, 1850-1920* to be submitted for publication in summer 2002.

New member Gene Ogle is currently working on his dissertation entitled "Policing Saint Domingue: Race, Violence and Honor in an Old Regime Colony."

Sue Peabody's forthcoming article entitled "A Dangerous Zeal: Catholic Missions to Slaves in the French Caribbean, 1635-1800" *French Historical Studies* 25:1 (January 2002) is based on material presented to the society at its 1996 annual meeting. She and Tyler Stovall have also signed a contract with Duke University Press to publish an edited collection entitled *The Color of Liberty: Histories of Race in France*.

Douglas Porch's Wars of Empire was published by Casell in 2000.

Ronald Rompkey is University Research Professor in the Department of English at Memorial University. He has published extensively on 18th century English literature and on northern Newfoundland and Labrador. He is currently conducting a study of French travel literature on Newfoundland.

Khalil Saadani recently presented "The Cost and Perceptions of Gifts: French and Amerindians in Eighteenth-Century French Louisiana" at Furs, Faith and the French. Colonial and Post-Colonial Exchanges Between North American Natives and the Europeans 22nd Native American Workshop, Bordeaux, France, April 25-28, 2001.

Susan Sleeper Smith published "Women, Kin and Catholicism: New Pesperctives on the Fur Trade" in the Spring 2000 volume of *Ethnohistory*.

Michael Vann's latest article "The Colonial Casbah on the Silver Screen: Using *Pépé le Moko* and *The Battle of Algiers* to Teach Colonialism, Race and Globalization in French History" will appear in the April 2002 issue of *Radical History Review*.

Joseph Zitomersky, recently published "Culture, classe ou Etat? Comment interpréter les relations raciales dans la Grande Louisiane française avant et après 1803", in Marcel Dorigny et Marie-Jeanne Rossignol, dir., *La France et les Amériques au temps de Jefferson et de Miranda* (Collection études révolutionnaires, 1), Paris: Société des études robespierristes, 2001, pp. 63-89. He also read papers on Greater French Louisiana at the Milan Group in Early United States History (June 2000), the Société des études robespierrists/CIRNA, and the French Urban History Society.

Notices

The 3rd annual Gilder Lehrman Center International Conference will focus on the topic of "Sisterhood and Slavery: Transatlantic Anti-slavery and Women's Rights." The conference will be held October 25-27 at Yale University. For more information visit the conference website at http://yale.edu.glc

The 3rd International Conference on Women in Africa and the African Diaspora will focus on "Facing the New Millenium: Gender in Africa and the African Diaspora - Retrospection and Prospects." The conference will be held October 8 in Madagascar. For more information visit the conference website at www.iupui.edu~aaws and click on "Action Alert."

The South Eastern Regional Seminar on African Studies will hold its fall conference on October 13-14 at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. For more information on the SERSAS or to see past papers go to www.ecu.edu/african/seras/homepage.htm. For more information about the October conference send an e-mail to SERSAS@hotmail.com

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Research Assistance in France: Katia Scifo is based in Paris and offers her services for historical research. Ms Scifo is bilingual and holds a DEA (EHESS, Paris) in the History of Science (19th-20th Centuries) and a Master's degree in the History of Religion (17th-18th Centuries). She can be contacted at 17/19 Rue de la Solidarité, 75019 Paris. Tel: (01) 42 03 27 23.

La Fondation Napoléon, reconnue d'utilité publique en 1987, crée un "grand prix du livre napoléonien non francophone", qui récompensera un ouvrage non francophone publié chaque année, d'octobre à octobre, et dont le sujet concerne le Premier et Second Empire. Decerné en novembre par un jury de douze personnalités, il est d'un montant de 15 250 euros. Pour concourir, les auteurs (ou les éditeurs) doivent faire parvenir quinze exemplaires de l'ouvrage à la fondation Napoléon (148, Boulevard Haussmann 75008 Paris- tél: 01 53 43 46 00 - fax: 01 53 43 46 01). Je vous invite à visiter le site internet, bilingue français-anglais, de la fondation www.napoléon.org qui est assez clair sur le sujet. Dans toute correspondance avec la fondation Napoléon, je vous remercie de préciser que vous avez été informé par le Service de Coopération et d'Action Culturelle près le Consulat général de France à Toronto.

The National Archives of Canada has several webpages that may be of interest to members. The archive main webpage is located at http://www.archives.ca. The archives also maintains a database on Colonial Archives which can be accessed at http://www.archives.ca/02/0201/020128 e.html. It contains detailed descriptions of tens of thousands of textual files and items concerning primarily the French colonial period in Canada. Some British colonial documents are also available. These are held mainly in the form of originals, transcriptions, photocopies and microfilm copies. For other on-line databases, see ArchiviaNet, the on-line research tool at http://www.archives.ca/02/0201 e.html.

Calls for Papers

The Centre of Canadian Studies at the University of Edinburgh is seeking papers for a forthcoming conference entitled "Majesty in Canada" to be held May 3-4, 2002. The conference is intended to review the influence of monarchs and their representatives in the making of Canadian identity and history. Papers, which may be submitted in English or French, should address the roles of the French or British monarchs, their governors, representatives, the functions of the First Nations chiefs, and European aristocrats. Proposals which focus on literary or artistic depictions are also welcome. Send proposals and a short (one page) CV to Grace Owens, Centre of Canadian Studies, 21 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LD, Scotland by November 30, 2001. Proposals may also be sent in the body of the message only (no attachments) via e-mail to gowens@ed.ac.uk.

The Southeastern Regional Seminar on African Studies is seeking papers for its Fall 2001 conference to be held in Greenville, NC October 12-13, 2001. Although this year's conference theme is African Frontiers, the call for papers is open to any topic or methodology dealing with African Studies. SERAS welcomes the participation of advanced undergraduates and graduate students. Send short (500 word) abstracts via e-mail to SERAS@hotmail.com. For more information about the conference contact Dr Aran MacKinnon at acmakinn@westga.edu or Dr. Nonso Okereafoezeke at nonso@wpoff.wcu.edu.

Addenda

Members may be interested in a new discussion list for scholars of early modern France. The list, which can be found at www.emory.edu/HISTORY/BEIK, has recently begun featuring "outre-mer" topics.

FCHS Conference Information: While specific conference details are still being finalized, New Haven promises to be an ideal location for our 2002 annual meeting. The city was founded as a religious settlement in the 1640s when English Puritans bought the site from the original Quinnipiack inhabitants and pledged to protect them from Mohawk and Pequot incursions. Subsequent efforts to transform New Haven into a major colonial trading center failed as the town became overshadowed by nearby Boston, causing it to become an agricultural capital instead. In time the city gained fame both as the home of the world renowned Yale University and the site of the *Amistad* trial which fueled the abolitionist movement and helped end American involvement in the slave trade.

The conference will include an excursion to Mystic Seaport and a cocktail reception hosted by the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript library, home of one of the largest collections of its kind in the world. Travel information can be obtained from the New Haven convention and visitor's bureau at www.newhavencvb.org. While conference rates are still being negotiated, a block of rooms has been reserved at the OMNI New Haven Hotel at Yale, 155 Temple St, New Haven, CT 06510. The hotel can be reached via telephone at 203-772-6664, 1-800-788-OMNI or at www.omnihotels.com.

Paper Proposal

French Colonial Historical Society Annual Meeting

The French Colonial Historical Society invites proposals for papers to be presented at its meeting at the Howard R. Lamar Center for the Study of Frontiers and Borders, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 16-18 May, 2002.

Proposals that concern questions of frontiers and borders will be received with particular interest, but, as always, the society welcomes papers on any and all aspects of the French Empire and or individual colonies written from any disciplinary perspective. **Deadline: October 31, 2001.**

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