

202 Murphys in Casey County, Kentucky, in the 1940 Census

There are so many errors in the enumeration and transcription of the 1940 Census that the only thing we know for sure is that the enumerator and the transcriber couldn't spell chit. In addition, the transcriber listed everyone in Casey County as having an address of Casey County! We have made many corrections but have left others to gratify critics. A copy of the *Abridged Instructions to Enumerators* in a .PDF format may be found at <http://1940census.archives.gov/downloads/instructions-to-enumerators.pdf>.

The 1940 census collected the following information:

- x. **household number**
- 1. **address**
- 2. home owned or rented
 - a. if owned, value
 - b. if rented, monthly rent
- 3. whether on a farm
- 4. **name**
- 5. **relationship to head of household**
- 6. **sex**
- 7. race
- 8. **age**
- 9. marital status
- 10. school attendance
- 11. educational attainment
- 12. birthplace
- 13. if foreign born, citizenship
- 14. location of residence five years ago and whether on a farm
- 15. employment status
- 16. if at work, whether in private or non-emergency government work, or in public emergency work (WPA, CCC, NYA, etc.)
 - a. if in private or non-emergency government work, hours worked in week
 - b. if seeking work or on public emergency work, duration of unemployment
- 17. occupation, industry and class of worker
- 18. weeks worked last year
- 19. wage and salary income last year

In addition, a sample of individuals were asked additional questions covering age at first marriage, fertility, and other topics.

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Murphy,	Lola Pearl ¹	Martins Creek. . . .	± 1913	F.	Wife.	001
Murphy ,	Horel.	Ky. #70 W.	± 1904	F.	Wife.	008
Murphy ,	R. Ad.	Ky. #70 W.	± 1904	M.	Head.	008
Murphy ,	James.	Ky. #70 W.	± 1907	M.	Brother.	008
Murphy ,	Leona C.	Ky. #70 W.	± 1928	F.	Daughter.	008
Murphy ,	John W. Sr.	Ky. #49.	± 1897	M.	Head.	015
Murphy,	Rosetta.	Ky. #49.	± 1898	F.	Wife.	015
Murphy ,	Christine.	Ky. #49.	± 1921	F.	Daughter.	015
Murphy ,	Eugene.	Ky. #49.	± 1923	M.	Son.	015
Murphy ,	Mopine.	Ky. #49.	± 1924	F.	Daughter.	015
Murphy ,	John W. Jr.	Ky. #49.	± 1930	M.	Son.	015
Murphy ,	Charles.	Ky. #49.	± 1935	M.	Son.	015
Murphy ,	Hobert ²	Dunnville.	± 1898	M.	Head.	019
Murphy ,	Vendetta.	Dunnville.	± 1898	F.	Wife.	019
Murphy ,	Marshael.	Dunnville.	± 1921	M.	Son.	019
Murphy ,	Buel.	Dunnville.	± 1923	M.	Son.	019
Murphy ,	Curtis.	Dunnville.	± 1927	M.	Son.	019
Murphy ,	W.T.	Mason Branch.	± 1895	M.	Head.	021
Murphy ,	Mary.	Mason Branch.	± 1898	F.	Wife.	021
Murphy ,	Ima.	Mason Branch.	± 1922	F.	Daughter.	021
Murphy ,	Herbert.	Mason Branch.	± 1924	M.	Son.	021
Murphy ,	Darlin.	Mason Branch.	± 1926	F.	Daughter.	021
Murphy ,	Joaneta.	Mason Branch.	± 1928	F.	Daughter.	021
Murphy ,	Lois.	Mason Branch.	± 1930	F.	Daughter.	021
Murphy ,	Wanda.	Mason Branch.	± 1933	F.	Daughter.	021

¹ Lola Pearl Alstott was living with her husband, Daniel C. Alstott, and their five children. Someone has edited "Pearl Alstott" to be a/k/a "Lola Pearl Murphy" without explanation (which is not possible at that point on Ancestry.com). The editor may have intended to expand the name to "Lola Pearl Murphy Alstott" to further identify her.

² Also in the household of Hobert Murphy was an eighty year old, widowed, white female named Rebecca Wheeler. She is designated as a lodger with not relationship by blood or marriage.

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Murphy ,	Billy.....	Mason Branch.	± 1935	M.	Son.....	021
Murphy ,	Carl.	Mason Branch.	± 1937	M.	Son.....	021
Murphy ,	Dara.....	Mason Branch.	± 1902	F.....	Head.....	022
Murphy ,	Christine.....	Mason Branch.	± 1924	F.....	Daughter.	022
Murphy ,	Hasel.....	Mason Branch.	± 1925	M.	Son.....	022
Murphy,	M.G. Jr..	Mason Branch.	± 1932	M.	Son.....	022
Murphy ,	Emmagene....	Mason Branch.	± 1936	F.....	Daughter.	022
Murphy ,	Dorris.	Mason Branch.	± 1938	F.....	Daughter.	022
Murphy ,	Sallie ³	Brush Creek Road...	± 1927	F.....	Lodger.	024
Murphy ,	Clara Ann ⁴	Brush Creek Road...	± 1936	F.....	Lodger.	024
Murphy ,	Sam.....	Atterson Road.	± 1887	M.	Head.....	026
Murphy ,	Mildred.....	Atterson Road.	± 1888	F.....	Wife.	026
Murphy ,	Mae.....	Atterson Road.	± 1927	F.....	Daughter.	026
Murphy ,	Lucille.	Atterson Road.	± 1929	F.....	Daughter.	026
Murphy ,	Ray.	Dunnville.	± 1908	M.	Head.....	030
Murphy ,	Millie.....	Dunnville.	± 1919	F.....	Wife.	030
Murphy ,	Jewel May.....	Dunnville.	± 1936	F.....	Daughter.	030
Murphy ,	Margaret Fae.	Dunnville.	± 1938	F.....	Daughter.	030
Murphy ,	Herman F.....	Gum Lick.	± 1900	M.	Head.....	034
Murphy ,	Elsie.....	Gum Lick.	± 1902	F.....	Wife.	034
Murphy ,	Lorene.....	Gum Lick.	± 1925	F.....	Daughter.	034
Murphy ,	Delorus.....	Gum Lick.	± 1929	F.....	Daughter.	034

³ Sallie Murphy, a thirteen year old, single, white female was living in the household of Thomas C. Mobley and Huldah M. Mobley. Also in the household were lodgers Arthur Ferry and Effie Francis Ferry, husband and wife. Also in the household was Clara Ann Murphy, a four year old, single, white female designated as a lodger.

⁴ Clara Ann Murphy, a four year old, single, white female designated as a lodger, was living in the household of Thomas C. Mobley and Huldah M. Mobley. Also in the household were lodgers Arthur Ferry and Effie Francis Ferry, husband and wife. Also in the household was Sallie Murphy, a thirteen year old, single, white female designated as a lodger.

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Murphy ,	Shearl.	Gum Lick.	± 1934	M.	Son.....	034
Murphy ,	John Bearl.....	Gum Lick.	± 1934	M.	Son.....	034
Murphy ,	Marion ⁵	Gum Lick.	± 1936	M.	Son.....	034
Murphy ,	Howard.....	Gum Lick.	± 1938	M.	Son.....	034
Murphy ,	Myrtle V.....	Gum Lick.	± 1940	F.....	Daughter.	034
Murphy ,	George W..	Ky. #35 S..	± 1890	M.	Head.....	035
Murphy ,	Lucy.....	Ky. #35 S..	± 1895	F.....	Wife.	035
Murphy,	Myrth ⁶	Ky. #35 S..	± 1915	F.....	Daughter.	035
Murphy ,	Sherman.....	Ky. #35 S..	± 1921	M.	Son.....	035
Murphy ,	Fred.....	Ky. #35 S..	± 1922	M.	Son.....	035
Murphy ,	Edwin.	Ky. #35 S..	± 1923	M.	Son.....	035
Murphy,	Irine ⁷	Ky. #35 S..	± 1925	F.....	Daughter.	035
Murphy ,	Claud W.....	Ky. #35 S..	± 1928	M.	Son.....	035
Murphy.	Kenneth.	Ky. #35 S..	± 1931	M.	Son.....	035
Murphy ,	Helena.....	Ky. #35 S..	± 1933	F.....	Daughter.	035
Murphy ,	Kizzie.....	Clements ville.....	± 1867	F.....	Head.....	036
Murphy ,	John Ralph.	Clements ville.....	± 1923	M. . .	Great-Nephew...	036
Murphy ,	Bessie.	Clements ville.....	± 1926	F.....	Great-Niece. ...	036
Murphy ,	Arthur Loyd. . .	Clements ville.....	± 1930	M. . .	Great-Nephew...	036
Murphy ,	Willis.	Casey Creek.	± 1878	M.	Head.....	042
Murphy ,	Emma.	Casey Creek.	± 1885	F.....	Wife.	042
Murphy ,	Stanley.	Casey Creek.	± 1905	M.	Son.....	042
Murphy ,	Katherine.	Casey Creek.	± 1919	F.....	Daughter.	042

⁵ Marion Murphy reported having been born in Ohio.

⁶ This person is actually enumerated as “Myrth Mason” and as the daughter of George W. Murphy. In addition, in the household is a 6 year old, single, white female named “Fasteen Mason” who is designated as George W. Murphy’s granddaughter. From this we infer that Myrth had been a Murphy but had married a Mason and had the child, Fasteen (not to be confused with Fantine of *Les Miserables*, for whom life had killed the dream she dreamed. Sometimes you get so bored doing this that you just have to do that.)

⁷ Indexed as “Frine Murphy.”

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Murphy , Josephine.	Casey Creek.	± 1922	F.....	Daughter.	042
Murphy , Lela Mae.....	Casey Creek.	± 1926	F.....	Daughter.	042
Murphy , Earl.	Casey Creek.	± 1914	M.	Head.....	043
Murphy , Opal.....	Casey Creek.	± 1920	F.....	Wife.	043
Murphy , James W. ⁸	Ky. #35 S..	± 1908	M.	Head.....	051
Murphy , Lorene Griffin....	Ky. #35 S..	± 1914	F.....	Wife	051
Murphy , William Griffin. ..	Ky. #35 S..	± 1935	M.	Son.....	051
Murphy , Patrick Lee.	Ky. #35 S..	± 1937	M.	Son.....	051
Murphy , Joel ⁹	Ky. #35 S..	± 1867	M.	Head.....	052
Murphy , Wateman ¹⁰	Ky. #35 S..	± 1919	M.	Employee.	052
Murphy , Samuel D. (Sr.) ¹¹ ..	Ky. #35 S..	± 1879	M.	Head.....	053
Murphy , Lula.	Ky. #35 S..	± 1889	F.....	Wife.	053
Murphy , J.J..	Chicken Gizzard... ..	± 1876	M.	Head.....	085
Murphy , Mecie C..	Chicken Gizzard... ..	± 1877	F.....	Wife.	085
Murphy , Ada M..	Chicken Gizzard... ..	± 1912	F.....	Daughter.	085
Murphy , Evelyn ¹²	Chicken Gizzard... ..	± 1920	F.....	Daughter.	085

⁸ Also in the James Welby Murphy and Lorene Griffin Murphy household, in addition to their two young sons, was Berrie Halley (alas, not Halle Berry), a twenty-four year old, single, white female designated as a housekeeper of no relation.

⁹ Probably due to different enumeration districts, the households of Joel Murphy and James W. Murphy (uncle and nephew, respectively) both bore number "51." The household of Joel has been renumbered "52" to maintain distinction.

¹⁰ Appearing in the household of Joel Murphy (Joel & Cleo P. & Sallie E.), Wateman is shown as an unrelated, but unpaid family worker. Wateman needs further identification.

¹¹ Samuel Durham Murphy, Jr., was probably off at school at Western Kentucky when the Census was taken.

¹² Enumerated as "Euelyn."

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Murphy ,	Sherwood.....	Liberty.....	± 1917	M.	Head.....	099
Murphy ,	Cloma.	Liberty.....	± 1921	F.....	Wife.	099
Murphy ,	George.	Liberty.....	± 1939	M.	Son.....	099
Murphy ,	Edgar.....	Ky. #243.....	± 1896	M.	Head.....	102
Murphy ,	Anna.	Ky. #243.....	± 1898	F.....	Wife.	102
Murphy ,	Louise.	Ky. #243.....	± 1918	F.....	Daughter.	102
Murphy ,	Harold.....	Ky. #243.....	± 1921	M.	Son.....	102
Murphy ,	Catherine ¹³	Ky. #243.....	± 1929	F.....	Daughter.	102
Murphy ,	Ola ¹⁴	Jenkins.	± 1918	F.....	Daughter.	115
Murphy ,	Milford.	Jenkins.	± 1913	M.	Head.....	116
Murphy ,	Mabel Bell.....	Jenkins.	± 1916	F.....	Wife.	116
Murphy ,	Jani V.....	Jenkins.	± 1939	F.....	Daughter.	116
Murphy ,	Elbert.	Bull Run Road. ...	± 1890	M.	Head.....	127
Murphy ,	Asey.....	Bull Run Road. ...	± 1891	F.....	Wife.	127
Murphy ,	Aluin.	Bull Run Road. ...	± 1920	M.	Son.....	127
Murphy ,	Carl.	Bull Run Road. ...	± 1921	M.	Son.....	127
Murphy ,	John.....	Bull Run Road. ...	± 1927	M.	Son.....	127
Murphy ,	Arthur.....	Bull Run Road. ...	± 1930	M.	Son.....	127
Murphy ,	Bessie.	Bull Run Road. ...	± 1932	F.....	Daughter.	127
Murphy ,	Annie.....	Stapps Lane.	± 1875	F.....	Mother.....	132
Murphy ,	Eddie.....	Stapps Lane.	± 1909	M.	Head.....	132
Murphy ,	Iona.....	Stapps Lane.	± 1927	F.....	Wife.	132
Murphy ,	William ¹⁵	Stapps Lane.	± 1935	M.	Son.....	132

¹³ Married Bennie Burris, Hustonville, Kentucky.

¹⁴ Ola Murphy appears as a 22 (25?) year old, single, white female in the household of Fannie Cravens (either widowed or divorced). Ola is designated as Fannie's daughter. Also in the household are two sons of Fannie and two grandchildren of Fannie, being grandson Farrell Elmore and granddaughter Cecil Mae Elmore.

¹⁵ Enumerated as "Williom."

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Murphy , Lowell. Stapps Lane. ± 1937 M. Son..... 132
Murphy , James. Stapps Lane. ± 1939 M. Son..... 132

Murphy , Walter¹⁶. Dunnville. ± 1902. M. Head..... 136
Murphy , Oma¹⁷. Dunnville. ± 1905 F..... Wife. 136
Murphy , Clement. Dunnville. ± 1910 M. Brother..... 136
Murphy , Mabel. Dunnville. ± 1925 F..... Daughter. 136
Murphy , Curtis..... Dunnville. ± 1930 M. Son..... 136
Murphy , Adran. Dunnville. ± 1933 M. Son..... 136
Murphy , Robert..... Dunnville. ± 1935 M. Son..... 136
Murphy , Charles. Dunnville. ± 1938 M. Son..... 136

Murphy , Arthur. Dry Ridge Road.... ± 1907 M. Head..... 151
Murphy , Vera..... Dry Ridge Road.... ± 1913 F..... Wife. 151
Murphy , Elizabeth..... Dry Ridge Road.... ± 1932 F..... Daughter. 151
Murphy , Harold..... Dry Ridge Road.... ± 1934 M. Son..... 151
Murphy , Joy..... Dry Ridge Road.... ± 1937 F..... Daughter. 151
Murphy , Arthur Jr. Dry Ridge Road.... ± 1939 M. Son..... 151

Murphy , Allie¹⁸..... Woods Creek.... ± 1873 F..... Head..... 166
Murphy , Hattie. Woods Creek.... ± 1890 F..... Daughter. 166
Murphy , Sarah..... Woods Creek.... ± 1893 F..... Daughter. 166
Murphy , John..... Woods Creek.... ± 1896 M. Son..... 166
Murphy , Joe..... Woods Creek.... ± 1902 M. Son. 166
Murphy , Greenie B.¹⁹. Woods Creek.... ± 1905 M. Son..... 166

¹⁶ Thomas Walter Murphy.

¹⁷ Should be Ona "Crickett" F. Campbell Murphy.

¹⁸ Also in this household were Bertha Propes (Prokes?; a thirty-three year old, white, married woman), daughter of Allie Murphy, and Bertha's daughter, Nora Lee Propes (a seven year old, single, white female).

¹⁹ Enumerated as "Granis B."

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Murphy , William L.²⁰. . Butchertown Road. . ± 1919 M. Brother..... 168

Murphy , Cecil²¹. Boyle County?. ± 1924 F..... Sister-in-law.... 176

Murphy , W.W..... Big South R.F.. . . ± 1891 M. Head..... 184

Murphy , Pina..... Big South R.F.. . . ± 1893 F..... Wife. 184

Murphy , Geneva. Big South R.F.. . . ± 1923 F..... Daughter. 184

Murphy , Maurine²². Big South R.F.. . . ± 1925 F..... Lodger. 184

Murphy, Russell²³..... Argyle..... ± 1932 M. Grandson. 185

Murphy , Omer..... Dry Creek. ± 1889 M. Head..... 187

Murphy , I.T..... Tennessee Ridge. . . ± 1909 M. Head..... 260

Murphy , Ada. Tennessee Ridge. . . ± 1913 F..... Wife. 260

Murphy , Killey. Tennessee Ridge. . . ± 1932 M. Son..... 260

Murphy , Linnard. Tennessee Ridge. . . ± 1933 M. Son..... 260

Murphy , Lyndon. Tennessee Ridge. . . ± 1935 M. Son..... 260

Murphy , Locia. Tennessee Ridge. . . ± 1938 F..... Daughter. 260

Murphy , James. Tennessee Ridge. . . ± 1913 M. Head..... 273

Murphy , Mabel. Tennessee Ridge. . . ± 1922 F..... Wife. 273

Murphy , Ruby. Tennessee Ridge. . . ± 1938 F..... Daughter. 273

Murphy , Ethel. Tennessee Ridge. . . ± 1939 F..... Daughter. 273

²⁰ William L. Murphy was living in the Butchertown community with his sister, Etta Williamson (a 34 year old, white widow), and Etta's two daughters and one son.

²¹ Enumerated as "Crcil," Cecil Murphy was a sixteen year old, white, single female living in the home of J.L. Taylor and Katie Taylor, with the minor son and daughter of the Taylors. She is shown as a sister-in-law of J.L. Taylor, from which we infer that she was a sister to Katie. This may actually be a page misappropriated from Boyle County.

²² Maurine Murphy

²³ Russell Murphy, an eight year old, white, single male was living in the household of his grandparents, Willie Wall and Ida Wall.

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Murphy , Alton..... Snake Ridge. ± 1911 M. Head..... 284
 Murphy , Effie..... Snake Ridge. ± 1916 F..... Wife. 284
 Murphy , Curtis..... Snake Ridge. ± 1933 M. Son..... 284
 Murphy , Alton Jr..... Snake Ridge. ± 1934 M. Son..... 284
 Murphy , T.J..... Snake Ridge. ± 1936 M. Son..... 284
 Murphy , Catherine. Snake Ridge. ± 1938 F..... Daughter. 284

Murphy , Edd. Lower Brush Creek. . ± 1905 M. Head..... 301
 Murphy , Mary. Lower Brush Creek. . ± 1911 F..... Wife. 301
 Murphy , Hollis..... Lower Brush Creek. . ± 1932 M. Son..... 301
 Murphy , Virginia. Lower Brush Creek. . ± 1933 F..... Daughter. 301
 Murphy , Charles. Lower Brush Creek. . ± 1935 M. Son..... 301
 Murphy , Lris..... Lower Brush Creek. . ± 1936 F..... Daughter. 301
 Murphy , Janice. Lower Brush Creek. . ± 1938 F..... Daughter. 301

Murphy , Bernal. Reynolds Creek.... ± 1905 M. Head..... 303
 Murphy , Ester. Reynolds Creek.... ± 1905 F..... Wife. 303
 Murphy , Patrica..... Reynolds Creek.... ± 1928 F..... Daughter. 303
 Murphy , Alicia..... Reynolds Creek.... ± 1930 F..... Daughter. 303
 Murphy , Gilda. Reynolds Creek.... ± 1932 F..... Daughter. 303

Murphy , Earl. Reynolds Creek.... ± 1915 M. Head..... 306
 Murphy , Weltha. Reynolds Creek.... ± 1920 F..... Wife. 306

Murphy , Minnie..... Reynolds Creek.... ± 1880 F..... Mother..... 308
 Murphy , Hobert..... Reynolds Creek.... ± 1920 M. Head..... 308
 Murphy , Bessie M.. Reynolds Creek.... ± 1920 F..... Wife. 308

Murphy , Harrison. Reynolds Creek.... ± 1890 M. Father..... 310
 Murphy , Elmer..... Reynolds Creek.... ± 1910 M. Head..... 310
 Murphy , Nannie. Reynolds Creek.... ± 1919 F..... Wife. 310
 Murphy , Charles. Reynolds Creek.... ± 1936 M. Son..... 310

Murphy , Elvin..... Liberty. ± 1910 M. Head..... 311
 Murphy , Gretha..... Liberty. ± 1915 F..... Wife. 311
 Murphy , Violet..... Liberty. ± 1933 F..... Daughter. 311
 Murphy , Anna Ruth..... Liberty. ± 1935 F..... Daughter. 311
 Murphy , Estill..... Liberty. ± 1938 M. Son..... 311

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 Murphy , Irene. Liberty. ± 1924 F..... Daughter. 315
 Murphy , Kenneth. Liberty. ± 1932 M. Son..... 315
 Murphy , Guylene..... Liberty. ± 1935 F..... Daughter. 315
 Murphy , Hazel..... Liberty. ± 1938 F..... Daughter. 315

Murphy , Logan²⁴ Liberty. ± 1913 M. Head..... 316
 Murphy , Iris²⁵ Liberty. ± 1915 F..... Wife. 316
 Murphy , Glen..... Liberty. ± 1934 M. Son..... 316
 Murphy , Vernon. Liberty. ± 1936 M. Son..... 316
 Murphy , Donald. Liberty. ± 1938 M. Son..... 316

Murphy , Thomas..... Liberty. ± 1903 M. Head..... 325
 Murphy , Gertie. Liberty. ± 1905 F..... Wife. 325
 Murphy , Otis. Liberty. ± 1927 M. Son..... 325
 Murphy , Sylvia..... Liberty. ± 1929 F..... Daughter. 325
 Murphy , Osborne. Liberty. ± 1932 M. Son..... 325
 Murphy , Earnest. Liberty. ± 1935 M. Son..... 325

Murphy , Robert Lee²⁶ Ky. #70 W..... ± 1870 M. Head..... 339
 Murphy , Riley Ann..... Ky. #70 W..... ± 1873 F..... Wife. 339

Murphy , Robert Preston²⁷ . Ky. #70 W..... ± 1901 M. Head..... 345

²⁴ Also in the household of Logan Murphy and Iris Murphy was a eight year old, single, white boy named "Kenneth Lee" who is designated as a nephew of Logon.

²⁵ Enumerated as "Ilis," this appears to be "Iris."

²⁶ Robert Lee Murphy and Riley Ann Sanders Murphy were the parents of James W. Murphy (HH #051 above) and Robert Preston Murphy (HH #345) below. I have my great-uncle listed as "Robert Preston" while many sources list him as "Preston R."

²⁷ On August 4, 1941, Robert Preston Murphy was killed in an automobile accident, probably as a result of his own drinking. He and Lela had no children. An icy old bitch, "Aunt Lela" was a teacher (one of only three who whipped this editor; in eighth grade for being incapable of memorizing a poem), and went on to marry William Riggins Russell (1896-1958) before her own death on November 20, 1960.

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Murphy , Lela E. Branson... Ky. #70 W..... ± 1905 F..... Wife. 345

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