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Sources: "Rabb Families," 1st Edition, by Rev. Horace Rabb; "Biographical Sketches of the Kincaid, McMorries, Watt, Glazier & Rabb Families," by Rev. Horace Rabb; "Some of the Ancestors & Descendents of James & George Ashford Jr. of Fairfield County, South Carolina," by Charles Rabb Ashford Sr. (1956) and information from Fairfield County Museum in Winnsboro, S.C.

Robert Rabb married Nancy Woodward 3/, daughter of Thomas (Regulator) Woodward 2/ and Jemima Collins.

RABB FAMILY

It is not clear what the relationship was between Alexander Rabb, James Rabb, William Rabb and Robert Rabb were, but the fact that individuals with these names lived in and around Little River in today's Fairfield County in the early 1760s, indicates that they were related somehow.

In 1762 a patent for land was granted to a Rabb on Little River and it is believed to have been Alexander Rabb. He was listed as a charter member of the Little River Baptist Church on 26th February 1770.

His wife was named Elizabeth--? Based on Elizabeth's Will they had the following children:

1. Alexander Rabb (Jr.)
2. Charles Rabb married Mary V. Harrison.
3. Elizabeth Rabb married a Mr. Bell.
4. Mary Ann Rabb married a Mr. Crumpton.
5. ROBERT RABB ???
6. Nancy Rabb
7. Sarah Rabb.

WILLIAM RABB 1/

Just exactly what the relationship of this William Rabb was to the above Alexander Rabb is not known. Based on the will of the widow of the above Alexander Rabb (Elizabeth), he was not their son, but may have been a brother to Alexander Rabb.

On the 6th of December 1768, a William Rabb 1/ was granted 100 acres of land in Craven County, South Carolina (today's Fairfield County). This William Rabb 1/ is suspected to have been the father of James Rabb 2/ and the great grandfather of a John Glazer Rabb 4/, who married Nancy Kincaid Watt, daughter of John and Anne (Kincaid) Watt.

Land records also shows that a Alexander Rabb received a grant of 200 acres in 1762 and this grant was adjacent to the 100 acres that was later granted to William Rabb 1/ in 1768.

William Rabb 1/ was known to have been a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. He apparently died in the summer of 1798, prior to July. He left no will, but the administrators appointed for his estate were (sons) John Rabb 2/ and William Rabb 2/, appointed on 23rd of July 1798.

The will of James Rabb 2/, evidently a son of the above William Rabb 1/, was recorded in 1814 and mentioned in that will was "My daughter Mary (Watts); my daughter Rachel Mobly (Mobley); my son William Rabb; my son John Rabb; my daughter Barbara Hutchinson; my daughter Ginny (Rabb); my son James; my son ROBERT; my daughter Barnett; my wife Hannah." It is known that Hannah (Barnett) Rabb was the daughter of William Barnett.

It is known that in Texas there were several children of Reverend James (Barney) Rabb 3/, a son of the above James Rabb 2/ and Hannah Barnett. They were James Barney Rabb 4/ and P. Penn Rabb 4/ of Greenville, Texas and Nat (Nathan?) B. Rabb 4/ and Mrs. A. C. (Rabb) Gandy 4/ of Lone Oak, Texas.

John Rabb 3/, son of James Rabb 2/ and Hannah Barnett was born on 6th May 1781, married Renthea Glazier, daughter of Captain John Glazier in 1808. John Rabb 3/ died on 1st of October 1844.

Renthea Glazer was born on 27th of July 1793 and died on 22nd of February 1858. They both are buried at the Rabb Family Cemetery, located on the west side of Little River, about a mile north of the brick church.

The children of John Rabb 3/ and Renthea Glazier were:

1. Elizabeth Edwards Rabb 4/, born 6 May 1809, married Therman Crumpton, died ??? buried at Monticello, S.C.
2. James B. Rabb 4/, born 17 June 1810, never married, studies Theology, died 29 August 1841.
3. Patience Rabb 4/, born 30th December 1811, married Daniel Dansby, they lived at La Grange, Georgia.
4. JOHN GLAZIER RABB 4/, born 1st October 1813, married Nancy Kincaid Watt on 12th March 1840, he died 26th February 1872. Nancy born 20th November 1821, died 11th April 1900.
5. Harriet Rabb 4/, born 26 April 1815, married James Montgomery, she died ???, Their descendents live around Starkville, Mississippi.
6. William B. Rabb 4/, born 4th February 1817, never

married, studied medicine, died 25 September ??
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In Fairfield County during the 1760s and 70s, there were three Rabbs known of, William Rabb, James Rabb and Robert Rabb, all received land grants in the vicinity of Little River prior to 1774. They are suspected to have been brothers and likely were the sons of William Rabb 1/.

ROBERT RABB 2/

It has not been proved that Robert Rabb 2/ was the son listed above for Alexander Rabb or William Rabb 1/, and at this time it is believed that his father was William Rabb 1/, the Revolutionary Soldier.

DAR records shows that Robert Rabb 2/ was also a Revolutionary Soldier in South Carolina.

The birth for Robert Rabb 2/ has been somewhat questionable and has been listed as anywhere from 1749 to 1758. Since he obtained a land grant in 1774 and he had to have been at least 21 years old to obtain the grant, his birth was at least by 1754. Also his daughter Jemima Rabb 3/ was born ca. 1771 so he would only have been thirteen years old if born in 1758 and seventeen if born in 1754.

This compiler is of the opinion that his birth was ca. 1749.

Robert Rabb 2/ married Nancy Woodward, who was born in 1760 in Fairfax County, Virginia. The marriage took place in South Carolina. Nancy Woodward was a daughter of Thomas (Regulator) Woodward and his first wife Jemima Collins. Note that the Rabbs named a daughter Jemima 3/, probably after Nancy Woodward's 3/ mother, Jemima Collins.

More than one source says Robert Rabb 2/ died in 1817 in Fairfield County but DAR records has a notation that the correct date of death was 8/8/1815 (August 8th 1815). The death date for his wife, Nancy Woodward Rabb, has not been found.

Below is a listing of the children for Robert Rabb 2/ and his wife Nancy Woodward. Please note this is not necessarily the order of their births.

1. Jemima Rabb 3/, born ca. 1771 in Camden District, S.C., today's Fairfield County. She died in 1839 and was married to George Ashford Jr.
2. Sarah Rabb 3/, married Charles Lyles.
3. Martha Rabb 3/, married a Mr. Gorre.
4. Harriet Rabb 3/, married a Mr. Cook.
5. John W. Rabb 3/. (resided in Fairfield County, S.C.).

6. Mary Rabb 3/, born 15 December 1780 in Camden District, S.C. (today's Fairfield County). She married ca. 1800-1802 to James Ashford, brother to her brother in law, George Ashford Jr. Mary Rabb died on 22 April 1847.
7. Thomas Alexander Rabb 3/, born 1792 in Fairfield County, S.C., married Massey Penquite Smith (b.28th April 1792-d. 20th June 1852) on 29th October 1816. Thomas died on 10th April 1840 and is buried in the Rabb Cemetery near Winnsboro, S.C.

RABB-ROBERTSON CONNECTIONS.

Briefly, it appears that William Rabb 1/ had a son Robert Rabb 2/. Whether his son Robert Rabb was the same man that we are speaking of (Robert Rabb 2/) is questionable but for the moment we will project Robert Rabb 2/ that married Nancy Woodward as the second known generation.

Robert Rabb 2/ & wife Nancy Woodward had among their children, Thomas Alexander Rabb 3/, who had a son named Eber Alexander Rabb Sr. 4/, who had a son named Eber Alexander Rabb Jr. 5/ who had a son named William Robertson Rabb 6/.

Meanwhile, residing in Fairfield County, were William Robertson 2/, John Robertson 2/ and Henry Robertson 2/, all sons of John Robertson Sr. 1/ and his second wife, Mary Simpson Woodward, all named were born in Fairfax County, Virginia and who came to South Carolina late 1762 or early 1763.

Mary Simpson Woodward was the mother of Thomas (Regulator) Woodward and the widow of a John Woodward (not Thomas Woodward as is often listed). She and John Robertson Sr. 1/ were married prior to 1748 in Virginia.

William Robertson 2/ (Revolutionary Soldier) was born on 27th February 1748 and married in 1771 to Nancy Hawley (1756-1800) in South Carolina. He died on 18th December 1824.

William Robertson 2/ had a son named Thomas Robertson 3/, born ca. 1790 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married Harriet Ross (b. 22 Nov. 1796-d. 21 Nov. 1832) on 13th of November 1817. Thomas Robertson 3/ died in 1864.

Among his children, Thomas Robertson 3/ had a daughter named Martha Catherine Robertson 4/, born 2nd September 1823 and who died on 29th May 1895.

Martha Robertson 4/ was married to Eber Alexander Rabb Sr. 4/ on the 20th April 1853. Eber A. Rabb Sr. 4/ was the son of Thomas Alexander Rabb 3/ and was born on 8th January 1823, probably in Fairfield County, S.C. Eber A. Rabb Sr. 4/ died

on 12th October 1865 & is buried in the Rabb Family Cemetery, near Winnsboro, S.C.

Now Eber Alexander Rabb Sr. 4/ & Martha Robertson 4/ had among their children a son named Eber Alexander Rabb Jr. 5/ He was born on 25th November 1855 at Pleasant Hill, South Carolina. Eber A. Rabb Jr. 5/ died on the 20th September 1895 and is buried in the Rabb Family Cemetery, near Winnsboro, South Carolina.

Eber A. Rabb Jr. 5/ married Theodora Klinch on the 27th December 1883 by Rev. E. T. Hanna? Theodora Klinch was the daughter of John Henry Klinch Jr. & Heneritta Ann Schreiner and was born on 6th September 1861. Her parents, John Henry Klinch Jr, and wife Henrietta, are buried in the St. John's Episcopal Church at Winnsboro, South Carolina. Theodora Klinch Rabb died on the 10th of January 1936.

Now Eber Alexander Rabb Jr. 5/ and Henrietta Klinch had a son named William Robertson Rabb 6/. He was born on the 28th of February 1892 and died on 17th September 1974. William Robertson Rabb 6/ married on 21st March 1924 to Sadie Mae Smith, born 10th May 1902 or 1903.

William Robertson Rabb 6/ is buried with his parents in the St. John's Episcopal Church at Winnsboro, South Carolina.

Captain Eber Alexander Rabb Jr. 5/ and Theodora Klinch are also known to have had another child:

Theodora Klinch Rabb 6/, born the 6th of January 1885-1886. She married Dr. Leonelle Dudley Well, born 26th May 1824. He died on 18th May 1949 at Charleston, S.C. Their marriage was on the 12th of June 1912. Theodora Klinch Rabb 5/ is buried in St John's Episcopal Church yard at Winnsboro. Her husband's burial was not listed.

Their children are treated here as part of the Rabb family, thus are listed as 7th generation.

- a. Catherine Well 7/, married Mr. Creach.
- b. Mayeru Wells 7/, born 10th May 1917 at Winnsboro, married E.L. Jager.
- c. Theo Ermina Wells 7/, born 11th December 1918 at Winnsboro, married James Hughey Harrison of Holly Hill, S.C. on 19th October 1952.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

The following was taken from Fairfield County Will Book 1 and published in the Magazine entitled " South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research" (SCMAR):

1. SCMAR, VOL I, Page 140-141, under Fairfield County Will

Book 1, page 118-119, James Rabb & Robert Rabb were named as Executors by Thomas Marple IN HIS WILL. The will was proved by James & Robert Rabb on 14th June 1791.

2. SCMAR, VOL I, Page 143, under Fairfield County Will Book 1, pages 127-128, Henry Robertson 2/ made a Will, dated 30th August 1791. Proved 13th September 1791. He names wife as Elizabeth Robertson. His 250 acres where he lives is to be divided into two equal parts, one to be sold to pay debts. The other half to his wife, also mentions his five children... William Robertson 3/, Hannah Robertson 3/, Elizabeth Robertson 3/, Mary Robertson 3/ and James Robertson 3/. Brother John Robertson 2/ to be sole executor. Witnessed by Phillip Raiford.

Henry Woodward 2/ probably died in the first week of September 1791 as a probate was made very shortly after his death. A Phillip Raiford Jr. IV married Rebecca Woodward, a half sister to Henry Robertson and a daughter of Thomas (Regulator) Woodward & Jemima Collins.

3. John Robertson 2/, Wm. Boyd and Rabb were appraisers to the estate of Peter Starnes. No date given but appears to be ca. 27th February 1792.
4. SCMAR, VOL I, Page 144, under Fairfield County Will Book 1, Page 136, Appraisal of Estate of Thomas Marple, In the sale of the estate of Thomas Marple, no date given, Robert Rabb, William Rabb, Alexander Smith, Phillip Raiford, James Rabb, James Owens, William McMorries, Ruth Smart, John Rabb, Hugh Montgomery, Francis Belland Austin Smith were purchasers. Date appears to be between April 10th & June 22nd 1792.
5. SCMAR Magazine, Vol II, Page 146.... "Early Wills of Camden District, Page 99-100, Appraisal of Estate of Drewry Austin, No date given, appraisers were JOHN ROBERTSON 2/, Henry Hunter and ROBERT RABB. Robert Rabb was the husband to Nancy Woodward, daughter of Thomas (Regulator) Woodward and who was a half-sister to John Robertson 2/.
6. Robert Rabb was one of several purchasers to the estate of Elizabeth Chappel, ca. Aug 1783.
7. SCMAR, VOL. IV, NO. 2, PAGE 93, under Early Wills of Camden District S.C., page 303, Robert Rabb was one of the several purchaser of the estate settlement of John Davis, on 26th April 1785.

SCMAR, VOL I, Page 92, under Fairfield County Will Book 1, Page 87-88, Robert Rabb was a purchaser at the sale of estate of Samuel Wilson, dated ca. Oct. 1790.

8. SCMAR, VOL. IV, No. 2, Page 94, under Early Wills of Camden District, page 312, Sundry articles sold by Barnibus Pope....on 7th September 1782, William Rabb was one of the purchasers at the sale of the estate of William Powell, deceased. Also listed was James Nelson.

A James Nelson SR. is said to have married Margaret Woodward 3/, a daughter of Thomas (Regulator) Woodward 2/, dated 7th September 1782. This fact was at first questionable since a deposition made a son named Jesse Nelson states his father James Nelson Sr. married Margaret TURNER (NOT WOODWARD). Later it was found that there was another James W. Nelson with a wife Margaret and different children and they are the one connected to Thomas (Regulator) Woodward.

9. SCMAR, VOL. IV, No. 2, Page 94, under Early Camden District Wills, Inventory made of the estate of William Robertson 2/, total value was 66 POUNDS, 10 Shilling and 8 Pence. Appraisers were: Wm. Brunson, Augsteen (x) Swetman and Thomas Belcher. (SEE IF THERE IS A DATE FOR THIS???)
10. SCMAR MAGAZINE, VOL II, 1974, under EARLY WILLS OF CAMDEN DISTRICT, (Continued from Vol 2, page 150) under the estate of John Stallings....James Andrews Jr., David Andrews, MRS. WOODWARD, John Andrews and James Andrews are all listed as purchasers.

James Andrews Jr. married Priscilla Woodward 3/, dau. of the Regulator.

11. SCMAR, VOL. I, PAGE 145, In Fairfield County Will Book 1, Page 138, In the Appraisalment of the Estate of William Dent, a James Rabb and William Rabb are listed as Appraisers, dated 10th February 1792. These two Rabbs are suspected to be brothers of Robert Rabb.
12. SCMAR, VOL IV, NO. 2, PAGE 93, Under Early Wills of Camden District, Page 303, under sale of estate of John Davis, deceased, Robert Rabb was a purchaser, dated 23 May 1785.
13. SCMAR, VOL I, PAGE 145, In Fairfield County Will Book 1, Page 140, under the Estate of Joseph Dale, the Estate was appraised by Phillip Raiford, James Nelson. James Nelson was one of the purchasers.

A James Nelson Sr and Phillip Raiford both are said to have married daughters of the Thomas (Regulator) Woodward but later information seems to show that James Nelson Sr.'s wife, Margaret Woodward was dead by 1778 as he remarried a widow, Margaret daniel Turner in that year. Several persons have mistken Margaret Turner for

Margaret Woodward, if in fact that was the name of the first wife. There is little doubt that the first wife was a Woodward, daughter of the Regulator, Thomas Woodward.

14. SCMAR, VOL I, PAGE 16, In Fairfield County Will Book 1, Page 32, Under the Will of Thomas Routledg (sic) of Craven County, is stated following QUOTE...:To Matthew Raiford, the son of Phillip Raiford, deceased, that plantation which was left and willed to me by Phillip Raiford, deceased. TO my loving wife, Margaret Routledg my goods and chattels and real and personal estate. My wife Margaret Routledg to be executrix and my true and trusty friend William Raiford executor. Dated 29th October 1761. Will proved 14th April 1777.

Comments: I suspect that the above Phillip Raiford, deceased, was actually Phillip Raiford III. It was his son, Phillip Raiford IV that is said to have married Rebecca Woodward 3/, a daughter of Thomas (Regulator) Woodward. Matthew Raiford and William Raiford were probably the sons of the deceased Phillip Raiford III and a brother of Phillip Raiford IV. Phillip Raiford IV died in 1822.

15. SCMAR, VOL I, Page 205, Under Lancaster County Deed Book A, Pages 209-210, Phillip Raiford of Craven County, purchases from Josiah Cantey of Craven County 350 acres on south side of North Lanches Creek in St. Mark's Parish, Craven County, for 10 shillings, and 500 pounds of S.C. lawful money. Dated 26 April 1777.

This may be Phillip Raiford Jr. (IV) who married Rebecca Woodward 3/ another daughter of Thomas (Regulator) Woodward 3/. His father Phillip Raiford III was dead by 14th April 1777. Reference to Item 14 above. His mother was Judith Weston.

16. SCMAR, VOL I, Page 205, Under Lancaster County Deed Book A, a Phillip Raiford of Johnston County, N.C. to Jesse Minton of Craven County, S.C. sold 350 acres (the above land?) for 850 pounds & 10 shilling of S.C. lawful money. Dated 21st & 22nd March 1777.

Just which Phillip Raiford this was is questionable. Phillip Raiford III was dead by 14th April 1777 (See Item 13) If this was Phillip Raiford III then he died between this date 21 & 22nd March 1777 and 14th April 1777. This may be his son Phillip Raiford IV selling land that was once his father's. Phillip Raiford IV married Rebecca Woodward, daughter of Thomas (Regulator) Woodward.

17. SCMAR, VOL IV, NO. 2, PAGE 91, UNDER EARLY WILLS OF

CAMDEN DISTRICT, Page 298, a James Andrews was one of the three appraiser of the estate of Patrick Burns as authorized by Henry Hampton Esq. (WHAT DATE?)

18. SCMAR, VOL V, No. 4, page 252, under Marriage & Death Notices from Early Columbia Newspapers, Name not given or understood, A Mr. David Beeket married Miss Mary Rabb, in Columbia on Thursday, October 1st, 1816.

19. From Book "Fairfield County South Carolina Minutes of the County Court, 1785-1799" Page 17,

Tuesday May 9th 1786...Thomas Woodward to Robert Rabb....William Robertson and John Woodward appeared in open court and being duly sworn made oath that they saw THOMAS WOODWARD Sign Seal & deliver a set of Titles to ROBERT RABB for Three Hundred Acres of land, situate on Mill Creek in Craven County.

William Robertson and Thomas Woodward were half brothers, Thomas Woodward was father of John Woodward. Robert Rabb married Nancy Woodward and was son in law to THOMAS WOODWARD. Since Thomas Woodward had died in May of 1779, this appears to be some sort of confirmation of a deed that had been made prior to his death by Thomas Woodward to his son in law, Robert Rabb.

20. "Fairfield County South Carolina Minutes of the County Court, 1785-1799" Page 39 for June Term 1791

15th June 1791...John Robertson 2/ served on grand jury for Fairfield County.

(Same Book) Page 57, January Term 1792
Friday 20th June 1792...John Woodward, Phillip Raiford, Captain John Robertson, James Rabb, William Rabb were all serving on the grand jury for Fairfield County.

This has to be Phillip Raiford IV. John Woodward and Phillip Raiford IV were brother in laws. Captain John Robertson was a half brother to John Woodward's father, Thomas. James and William Rabb are suspected to have been brothers to Robert Rabb, a brother in law to John Woodward.

21. (Same Book) June Court 1792
Tuesday 12th June 1792 ...William Robertson, John Woodward, John Robertson were on the grand jury for Fairfield County.

This appears to be William Robertson 2/, and John Robertson 2/, both were half brothers to Thomas

Woodward, father of the above John Woodward.

22. Same Book...January Court 1793, Page 71
Tuesday 15th January 1793,....Robert Rabb, John
Robertson, William Robertson, Phillip Raiford, were all
on the grand jury.

Robert Rabb and Phillip Raiford were brother in laws to
John Woodward. This was Phillip Raiford IV. Both John
Robertson and William Robertson were half brothers to
Thomas Woodward, father of John Woodward and thus were
half uncles to John Woodward.

23. John Robertson was one of three men appointed by the
court to see that Mrs. Elizabeth Austen (Austin) make a
proper distribution of the estate of Drury Austen
(Austin), deceased.

From the Book "Fairfield County South Carolina Minutes of the
County Court, 1785-1799"

January Court 1793

24. Page 81, Phillip Raiford vs. Abraham Gibson...the
court ordered that a deposition from Captain John
Robertson be taken "DE BONER ESSE" (sic) and the same
be allowed at trial.

Note...This was Phillip Raiford IV who married Rebecca
Woodward 3/, a daughter of Captain Thomas (regulator)
Woodward 2/ & his first wife, Jemima Collins. Rebecca
Woodward 3/ was a half cousin to Captain John Robertson
2/.

January term 1794

25. (Same book, page 94) ...John Robertson, William McMorris
Sr., John Woodward and James Rabb all served on the
grand jury.

This was John Robertson 2/ who was the half brother to
Thomas Woodward 2/, father of John Woodward 3/. This
makes John Robertson 2/ and John Woodward 3/ half
cousins. This William McMorris (McMorries) Sr. may have
been the father of William McMorries Jr., who was a son
in law to Thomas Woodward 2/, having married a daughter
(by 2nd wife Elizabeth Stokes May) named Elizabeth
Woodward 3/. Thus Elizabeth Woodward 3/ was a half
sister to John Woodward 3/.

JULY COURT TERM 1794

26. (same Book) Page 95
William Robertson chose William McMorris Sr. as his
guardian and the court ordered the administration of the

estate of John Robertson, deceased, to sell all of the personal estate of John Robertson, on the 1st of November 1794, giving 15 days public notice

Note: It seems that a John Robertson had died and I suspect this is the same man as Captain John Robertson 2/, who I think was one of the three brothers (William 2/, John 2/ and Henry 2/) that came to S.C. from Virginia with Thomas (Regulator) Woodward. The three Robertsons were sons of John Robertson Sr. 1/ of Fairfax County, Virginia and his 2nd wife, Mary Simpson Woodward, a widow and mother of Thomas (Regulator) Woodward.

July Court Term 1794

25. Kirkland & Company vs. John Robertson, Executor of Littlejohn, case dismissed.

This could be because John Robertson was now dead.

July Court Term 1795

26. (Same Book, Page 119) David Read Evans vs. Thomas Robertson, Hannah Robertson, ADMINISTRATORS of the estate of John Robertson, deceased... Decree for 7 pounds, 5 shillings, 1 pence with interest from 1st November 1793 and cost of suit....STAY OF EXECUTION FOR 3 MONTHS.

(Same Book, page 120)

Robert Craig vs. John Robertson (on appeal)

From Book "Fairfield County South Carolina Minutes of the County Court, 1785-1799"

January Court Term 1796

27. (Same book, page 124) William Robertson vs. William Hardley, (Dismissed).

28. Thursday January 21, 1796
Robert Craig vs. John Robertson, judgement confirmed.

July Court Term 1799

29. (Same Book, page 174) Thursday 18 July 1799
John Robertson, Alexander Robertson, Orphans, appeared in court and chose Hugh McEwen as their guardian, the court so ordered.

Margaret Agnes Robertson, orphan, chose Simeon Cameron as her guardian, the court so ordered.

The court then ordered that the estate of Alexander Robertson have the liberty to sell the personal property of the deceased, so as to make a division among the legatees.

This John Robertson, Alexander Robertson and Margaret Agnes Robertson appear to be the children of a deceased Alexander Robertson, who's relationship to the other Robertsons (William, John & Henry) is unknown.

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