



## WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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### WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

**April 7th, Thursday 11:30 am to 1:00 pm**  
**WVGS Executive Board Meeting.** We will meet at the Broadway Commons in an upstairs room. The Broadway Commons is at 1300 Broadway Street NE, Salem. Board meetings are open to all members.

**April 9, 2016 Saturday**  
**Salem Public Library Central Library**  
**585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301**  
**Heritage Room (upper level)**

**10:30 am – 11:45 am General Membership Meeting.** A business meeting will be held to conduct society business.

**12:00 noon to 1 pm Program: Helen Wand, author talking about her book "Where Eagles Nest", a historical novel about immigrants to Oregon**

"Helen Wand, currently an educator, spent most of her career working as a Medical Technologist, all the while researching her true passion; history. Raised in the Columbia River Gorge hill country, she listened to the tales of her father and grandmother, describing the hardships of the early settlers, whetting her appetite to record their stories. She is a board member of the Troutdale Historical Society, a member of the Crown Point Country Historical Society and the Oregon Historical Society, and resides in Gresham, Oregon.

Helen, child of the rugged hills in Oregon's Columbia River Gorge, has fearlessly trespassed into the lives of her immigrant ancestors who first settled at the west end of the Gorge. Herself a child of a large Catholic family, Helen is at the side of Juliana, raising and trying to feed a large brood of children. Likewise, she is at the side of Julianna's Husband, Alex, building a farm and, ultimately, a community. Those who see the neat farms and green

fields of Multnomah County east of the Sandy River will get a sense of how it began. And how hard it was.

"Where Eagles Nest" begins in the 1880's when Alex and Juliana Lampert immigrate from Lichtenstein in search of land where a family can raise their children and participate in the American dream. The newly wed young couple settles in the rugged hills and pasturelands above the Sandy River in Oregon. You will laugh, grieve, and rejoice with them and their neighbors. Helen Wand's brilliant research breathes life into a slice of local history that will stay with you long after the last page is turned. "Our program is open to the public—please join us.

#### Upcoming Programs

**May 14th** - "Using genealogy software programs, *Legacy* and *Roots Magic*", **Doug Crosby and Christopher Rumbaugh**  
**June 11th** - Kerry Wymatalek "A Trip to Ireland"  
**July 9th** - Fritz Juengling "German Research"

#### Questions about Autosomal DNA?

**Denise Sproed**, member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, will be available to answer your questions about Autosomal DNA testing on **March 31st and April 28th from 5 pm to 7 pm at the Genealogy Desk at Salem Public Library.**

Spring is here and we've been indoors too long! Get off the Internet and out of the house for some on-site research. When you visit in person, librarians, archivists, historians and town clerks may suggest resources that you didn't consider or even know existed.

Do your prep work. Have pedigree charts and family group sheets ready. Have research "to-do" lists prepared. Make a plan. Check hours and days that the place are open. Visit the cemeteries in person—you might find something unexpected.



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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** By Suzan Rempel  
Membership for March 2016 was 18 Life Members, 83 single memberships, 15 family memberships (30 individuals), and 3 Historical/Genealogical Societies for a total of 134 members.

**Welcome new member Jack Stinson of Salem.**

**Newsletter**

We send newsletters to our members and exchange societies **by email** from our Yahoo email account (willvgs@yahoo.com).

If any member would prefer a hard copy, please let me know. Or if we don't have your e-mail and you're willing to get your newsletter by e-mail, let me know your e-mail address. The same is true for our exchange societies and complimentary newsletters.

We also are emailing the Beaver Briefs to members. If you want a hard copy, the cost is still an additional \$6.50 for postage.

**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society's  
DNA Project**

WVGS has a DNA Project for both men and women through **www.familytreedna.com**. If any of you have questions regarding DNA and which tests to order, please e-mail Emily Aulicino at: **aulicino@hevanet.com**. Emily is WVGS' Project Administrator.

The DNA Project is open to anyone, not just WVGS members. You are not charged until you send in your test kit. You can do the DNA testing through WVGS and submit it to other groups.

**NORPAC Label Redemption Program**

This money-making program is just to cut out the UPC code on FLAV-R-PAC, Santiam, and WESTPAC products and turn them in to WVGS. **We will be turning in labels before March 31st!** Labels can be turned in at any Saturday WVGS meeting or mailed to WVGS. We turned in \$10.90 worth of labels. We'll decide at the April meeting whether to continue this program.

**Thanks to all of you who cut the labels off and brought them to a meeting!**

**WVGS and Salem Public Library**

The Willamette Valley Genealogical Society collection of books, CDs and microfilm/microfiche is online through the Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service. The catalog for Salem Public Library can be searched at [https://catalog.ccrils.org/client/en\\_US/spl/?dt=list](https://catalog.ccrils.org/client/en_US/spl/?dt=list)

**Parking at Salem Public Library**

The Library Parkade is metered parking at \$.75 an hour. Parking is free after 6 pm. The Pringle Parkade is free on week-ends and after 6 pm. Otherwise you will have to find street parking in the residential areas.

**Salem Public Library Hours:**

**Mon.** Closed

**Tues. - Thurs.** 10:00 am - 9:00 pm

**Fri. - Sat.** 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Sun.** 1 pm to 4 pm

**A volunteer is available to help patrons:**

Tuesday-Saturday 11 am to 5 pm

Sunday 1 pm to 4 pm and Tuesday 5 pm to 8 pm

**2016 Meeting Dates**

All in Anderson A/B at Salem Public Library except March and April:

January 9	July 9
February 13	August 13
March 12 (Heritage Room)	September 10
April 9 (Heritage Room)	October 8
May 14	November 12
June 11	December 10

**WVGS Officers for 2016****Elected Officers**

**President:** *Elizabeth Tice*

**1st Vice-President (Program):** *John Cochran*

**2nd Vice-President (Membership):** *Suzan Rempel*

**Recording Secretary:** *Barbara Foster*

**Corresponding Secretary:** *Tony Hoff*

**Treasurer:** *Lauren Teubner*

**Appointed Positions**

**Newsletter Editor:** *Elizabeth Tice*

**Beaver Brief Editor:** *Susan Bell*

**Librarians:** *Jim Willhite and Deanne Smith*

**Volunteer Coordinator:** *Craig Smith*

**Publicity:** *George Cropsey*

**Webmaster:** *Dennis Hill*

**Periodicals:** *Dee Ittis*



## WVGS News

### Contact Information

We revised the Membership Form last year and eliminated the boxes asking members' permission for publishing your contact information. It's now squeezed back in, beginning with this issue (and on the website form).

On the Member Page we will list our 2016 Members, but since we didn't ask for your permission this year, contact information will not be given unless you contact Webmaster Dennis Hill.

We don't plan on publishing addresses/phone number/emails in the newsletter. But we would like members to be able to contact other members directly. Also we'd like to go back to listing areas of interest so that members with similar interests can contact each other. Your information would be on the Member Page only, which requires a password.

### Ideas for Fundraising

As mentioned last month, we can only afford our office space for a few more years. We need additional funds to cover the cost of rent and insurance at Candalaria or we'll have to move our collections to a garage!

Do you have any ideas for raising the \$2500 shortfall needed each year? Have you written grants? Good at brainstorming? We need your help!

### Volunteer at Salem Public Library

We need a volunteer on Friday afternoons, from 2 pm to 5 pm. Share your knowledge!

### Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society has signed up with Fred Meyer Community Rewards as a non-profit. If you shop at Fred Meyer and use your Rewards Card, it also helps us.

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Willamette Valley Genealogical Society at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number **82436**.
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping WVGS earn a donation!

You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.

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## Activities

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#### Genealogy Workshop 101

Do you have a Revolutionary War ancestor? Do you want more information on him or her? Have you signed up for Ancestry.com but aren't getting the most out of it?

The **Chemeketa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)** is planning a Genealogy Workshop. You will get information on joining the DAR, using their website and a presentation on using Ancestry, through the Library Edition available at Salem Public Library.

**When: April 30, 2016**

**Hours: 10:30 am to 12 noon**

**Where: Anderson Room A, Salem Public Library**

The workshop is free and open to the public.

It is a chance to learn how to get started.

Parking in the Library Parkade is \$.75 per hour.

#### 2016 Genealogy Seminar

**Saturday April 23rd**

**9:00 am to 4:pm**

At the Bend Golf & Country Club in Bend, Oregon

Featuring *Lisa Louise Cooke*,

International Genealogy Speaker and Teacher

Registration and details on the **Bend Genealogical Society** website

[www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs](http://www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs)

### March Program

**Member Tom Branigar** regaled us with another story of Polk County's early history. His talk was about the first murder in Polk County. Cyrenius C. Hooker, an early settler, was murdered by Return Everman, a transient laborer, in February 1852. Everman was hanged for the crime so it was also the first hanging in Polk County. A few of Everman's friends were involved. There was no jail at the time so the county had to confine the men to a storeroom on the second floor of the courthouse. Enoch Smith was convicted of being an accomplice and was sentenced to hang so he tried to escape by jumping out the window. Thus it was also the first jailbreak in Polk County. He was later pardoned by Governor Gaines. Everman's brother Hiram was sentenced to jail. There being no jail, he was put up for sale at his brother's execution and was bought by Theodore Prather, a farmer near Buena Vista. He worked for Prather for over a year until being pardoned by Governor Curry. So the whole thing makes an interesting example of legal action during territorial days. All over a gold watch and "blackening a reputation"!

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**April Genealogy Workshops**

The next genealogy class will begin in April. We are changing the format to five individual workshops. No advance sign up is necessary and you do not need to take all of the classes. WVGS member **Creta Lenzke** will be teaching the classes at the **Senior 50+ Center**.

2615 Portland Rd NE, Salem, OR 97301

For information contact: Alvin Scott / 503-588-6303 / [ascott@cityofsalem.net](mailto:ascott@cityofsalem.net)

**Monday April 11, 2016 10am to 11am \$5**  
**Start on Your Genealogy Part 1**

Learn how to get started and keep organized. What forms will help you? Start with yourself, go online, and use a software program.

**Monday April 18, 2016 10am to 11am \$5**  
**Start on Your Genealogy using the Internet**

*FamilySearch* and *Find A Grave* are free sites that will provide you will information on your family. Censuses and death records also give you information on your family.

**Monday April 25, 2016 10am to 11am \$5**  
**Vital Records needed for Genealogy**

Birth, marriage and death records are primary sources for information on your family. Where can you find these?

**Monday May 2, 2016 10am to 11am \$5**  
**Military Records for Genealogy**

Learn about finding and using military records for your ancestors: WWII, WWI, Civil War, Revolutionary War.

**Monday May 9, 2016 10am to 11am \$5**  
**Immigration and Naturalization Records**

*Ancestry.com*, *FamilySearch*, Ellis Island, Castle Garden and Oregon State Archives all have immigration records.

The instructor will be available in the Computer Lab after each workshop from 11am to 12 noon for help on genealogy searches.

Our next regular genealogy class, **Internet Sources for Genealogy** a series of five 2-hour classes,, taught by Liz Tice, will start in June.



## Oregon Vital Records

**From Family Search Oregon Vital Records****Marriages**

Counties began to record marriages soon after they were organized. Some county marriage records date from 1849. Write to the county clerk for information on early records they may have. Beginning in 1906 each county sent copies of the records to the Oregon State Health Division. For records after 1906 you can write to the county clerk or to the state. Records from 1849-1930 are also at the Oregon State Archives.

- Many of the marriages for the state are searchable online at no cost in the [Western States Marriage Index](#).
- Ancestry: [Oregon, Marriage Indexes, 1906-2008](#)
- FamilySearch collection: [Oregon, County Marriages, 1851-1975](#). Some are indexed, some will need to be browsed. Read the description.
- [Marriage Records 1853-1935](#) at FamilySearch

**Births**

Statewide registration of births began in 1903. Some counties and cities kept records earlier than 1903. Most of the records have been given to the State Archive. You can find their collection by contacting them or at the website.

State records are not open to the public. Birth records are available only to the registrant's immediate family. In your request, state your relationship to the individual you want information about and your reason. **However because of the 100 year access restriction, the Oregon State Archives says that Birth Records from 1903-1915 should be available and fall under Public Records Laws.**

- FamilySearch collection: [Oregon, Births and Christenings, 1868-1929](#). This was taken from the extracted record and is not complete.
- **A wiki article describing an online collection is found at:** [Oregon Births and Christenings \(FamilySearch Historical Records\)](#)

**Deaths**

Death records have a 50 year restriction. Death Certificates for 1965 have now been transferred to the Oregon State Archives. They also have copies of Oregon death records 1903 to 1965.

- Ancestry: Oregon, Death Indexes, 1898-2008
- FamilySearch collection: Oregon, Death Index, 1903-1998 Index from Ancestry

Oregon State Archives:

<http://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/records/aids-vitalrecords.aspx>

Oregon Center for Health Statistics:

<http://public.health.oregon.gov/BirthDeathCertificates/GetVitalRecords/Pages/index.aspx>

The Oregon Legislature approved a fee increase for January 1, 2016.

Check a genealogy society in the county where the event took place. Or WVGS will go to the State Archives for a record for \$5. The Genealogical Forum of Oregon, for example, charges \$5 for a copy of a Multnomah County marriage register beginning in 1855.





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### Help With Old German Records

In case you are trying to track down your German ancestry, **Dr. Ortwin Knorr**, who teaches Classical Studies at Willamette University, has offered to assist WVGS members with the occasional transcription and translation of old German records, both in print (Fraktur) and handwriting (Sütterlin).

Ortwin grew up in Germany, and over the last couple of summers, when he has a bit more time for genealogy, he has been tracing his own family history back to several German states and Russian-Poland. He can be reached at [oknorr@willamette.edu](mailto:oknorr@willamette.edu) and would himself be grateful to meet people who can give him a hand with the occasional Russian or Polish record.

### New Databases

Currently WVGS is unable to add any new books to the online catalog at Salem Public Library. However we have added some new materials. Books cannot be checked out.

#### **WVGS Uncatalogued Books at SPL**

- We have a collection of mostly spiral-bound books that did not get into the original collection. All had been catalogued at Oregon State Library and have security strips and bar codes. A committee weeded out ones that were on FamilySearch or Ancestry or didn't meet our guidelines. They are mostly vital records for a variety of states as well as Oregon, but not widely available.
- Also some of WVGS publications did not get into the collection at SPL.
- The list of these is posted on our website.

#### **Corresponding Secretary Notebooks Oregon Counties**

- WVGS Corresponding Secretaries do research for the Society. We had a collection of old notebooks with their research materials for Oregon Counties. Information that we could not find in our collection or on the internet has been put into notebooks for volunteers at Salem Public Library to use. For example there is Harney County Probate Register from 1889-1900 and Death Records for Clackamas County from 1907-1915 that includes cause of death. We have not indexed or scanned the material yet, but requests can be made to the Society for a search.



## Oregon

### Learn the History of Your House

An article in the *Statesman Journal* on Sunday, March 20, 2016 by Kaylyn F. Mabey goes through how she learned the history of a home in Salem from the comfort of home. For this home in Salem, she used the Marion County Assessor's website, Sanborn Insurance Maps, and the 1910 Census.

Read the details at From Statesman Journal: Homes ancestry figured from comfort of home  
Online resources can offer info about historic places, such as this 1901 Salem home.

<http://stjr.nl/1ptlB4z>

### From Alice Laviolette, Oregon State Library

#### **Oregon HERITAGE CONFERENCE**

The wealth of anniversaries this year prompted both the theme of this year's Oregon Heritage Conference as well as several related sessions about the how and why of commemoration.

Keynote speaker Bob Beatty, the chief operating officer of the American Association for State and Local History, will launch the conversations with his presentation "**Commemoration: The Promise of Remembrance and New Beginnings**" at **8:30 a.m. May 5 in the House chambers of the Oregon State Capitol**. Immediately following his talk a panel of people engaged in local and statewide commemorations will discuss "Commemorations: Are they useful in the age of instant history?" Another panel will explore ways that historic cemeteries commemorate and memorialize for entire communities on May 6.

More information and online registration for the Oregon Heritage Conference is available [on its website](#).

#### **INDEPENDENCE, MONMOUTH NEWSPAPERS ADDED TO DIGITAL REPOSITORY**

Several runs of historic newspapers in Independence and Monmouth have been added to the online [Historic Oregon Newspapers](#) digital collection. The Independence newspapers include the West Side, the West Side Enterprise and the Independence Enterprise. The Monmouth Herald also was added. The additions were the result of cooperative efforts by the Monmouth and Independence libraries, their friends groups, the Polk County Cultural Coalition and the University of Oregon Libraries.



## Social Security Applications



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Once you've found your ancestor in the [Social Security Death Index](#), you may want to request a copy of your ancestor's original Social Security Application. An excellent record for genealogical information, the SS-5 is the application form used by an individual to enroll in the U.S. Social Security program.

The SS-5, or *Application for Social Security Number* is a great resource for learning more about individuals who died after about 1960, and generally includes the following:

- Full name
- Full name at birth, including maiden name
- Present mailing address
- Age at last birthday
- Date of birth
- Place of birth (city, county, State)
- Father's full name
- Mother's full name, including maiden name
- Sex
- Race as indicated by the applicant
- Whether the applicant ever applied for Social Security or Railroad Retirement before
- Current employer's name and address
- Date signed
- Applicant's signature

As long as a person is deceased, the Social Security Administration will provide a copy of this Form SS-5, *Application for Social Security Number* to anyone who makes a request under the Freedom of Information Act. To protect the privacy of living individuals, there are specific requirements for SS-5 requests involving "extreme age."

The SSA will *not* provide a copy of the SS-5 or otherwise release information about **any person who is under 120 years old**, unless you can provide acceptable proof of death (e.g., death certificate, obituary, newspaper article, or police report).

**The SSA will also redact (black out) parents' names on an SS-5 application** unless you provide proof that the parents' are deceased or both have a birth date more than 120 years ago. They will also release parents' names in cases where the

number holder on the SS-5 is at least 100 years of age. This restriction is, unfortunately, a bit tricky when your purpose of requesting the SS-5 is to learn the names of the parents!

The easiest way to request a copy of the SS-5 form for your ancestor is to apply online through the Social Security Administration:

[Request for Deceased Individual's Social Security Record SS-5.](#)

A printable version of this [SS-5 Application Form](#) is also available for mail-in requests

Alternatively, you can send (1) the person's name, (2) the person's Social Security Number (if known), and (3) either evidence of death or a release-of-information statement signed by the person about whom the information is sought, to:

**Social Security Administration  
OEO FOIA Workgroup  
300 N. Greene Street  
P.O. Box 33022  
Baltimore, Maryland 21290-3022**

Mark both the envelope and its contents: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST " or "INFORMATION REQUEST."

If you supply the Social Security Number, the fee is **\$27.00**. If the SSN is not known, the fee is **\$29.00**, and you must send the person's full name, date and place of birth, and names of parents. If you have a [Social Security Number](#) from family records or a death certificate, but are unable to locate the individual in the SSDI, then **include proof of death** with your application, as it will likely be returned to you otherwise with that request. If the individual was born less than 120 years ago, you also need to include proof of death with your request.

*Kimberly Powell, About.com's Genealogy Guide*

If you subscribe to Ancestry.com, try their database "About U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007" first. This database picks up where the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) leaves off by providing more details than those included in the SSDI.



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The **Willamette Valley Genealogical Society** was organized in December 1968, to create and foster the study of family history, to aid in the publication of local history, and to aid in the establishment of materials in local genealogical library collections. It is an Oregon Non-Profit corporation, and was determined by IRS to be a 501 (c) (3) organization. Your donations may be federal tax-deductible.

### Membership Application

- Members will receive a monthly newsletter informing them of programs, activities, and genealogical news.
- Members receive online access to **Beaver Briefs**, a quarterly bulletin featuring Marion County genealogy and history.
- Members benefit from research assistance and monthly programs
- Members have access to WVGS's family histories, books, periodicals and CDs which may be checked out.

**WVGS MEMBERSHIP FORM** Please ☒ if this is a ☐NEW or ☐RENEWAL membership

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **email:** \_\_\_\_\_

May WVGS include the following in our Members Only membership roster? (please check each box if OK).

☐ YOUR ADDRESS ☐ YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER ☐ YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

**Amount enclosed -**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Annual Dues (\$25 individual or \$30 family membership), includes Beaver Briefs on-line

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for postage to receive copies of Beaver Briefs in the mail (\$6.50)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for one-time payment for Life Membership ☐ Under age 70 (\$250) ☐ Age 70 or Over (\$200)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ other (please identify) \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL ENCLOSED** Please make checks payable to WVGS.

### Additional Donations

- ☐ **Patron \$100**
- ☐ **Sustainer \$250**
- ☐ **Benefactor \$500**
- ☐ **Corporate/Trust \$1,000**

- See our website for information on Life Membership or pick up a Life Membership form from an officer.

- **Pro-rated** Amounts for new members who join after March 31st:

**SINGLE**  
 Apr-Jun: \$18.75  
 Jul-Sept: \$12.50  
 Oct-Dec: \$6.25

**FAMILY**  
 Apr-Jun: \$22.50  
 Jul-Sept: \$15.00  
 Oct-Dec: \$7.50

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

NAME-ADDRESS-PHONE	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Woodburn LDS Family History Center 1000 Country Club Rd. [back- ring bell] Woodburn, OR 97071 / 503-981-4731	CLOSED		10 am— 2 pm	7 pm- 8:30 pm	4 pm - 8 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Salem East LDS Family History Center 862 45th Ave NE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-371-0453	CLOSED		9 am— 4 pm	2 pm— 9 pm	CLOSED	9 am— 2 pm	CLOSED
Salem LDS Family History Center 4550 Lone Oak Rd SE Salem, OR 97302 / 503-378-0383 ext 7	4pm— 7pm	CLOSED	9am— 9pm	By Appt.	9 am— 9pm	CLOSED	9 am- 12 noon
Oregon State Archives 800 Summer St NE Salem, OR 97310 / 503-373-0701	CLOSED	8 am—12 am and 1 pm—4:45 pm (CLOSED State Holidays)					CLOSED
Salem Public Library 585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6052	1 pm– 5 pm	CLOSED	10 am—9 pm (CLOSED City Holidays)			10 am—6 pm	
Willamette Heritage Center Research Library 1313 Mill St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-364-2128	CLOSED	CLOSED	12 pm—4 pm				



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