

LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

Malvern Historical Society Inc.

Keeping Stonnington's History Alive!

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5-27 February - History Matters: Treasures from Stonnington's Archives

Gallery Hours: Wednesday - Saturday, 12 noon - 5pm

Stonnington History Centre, Northbrook, 1257 High Street, Malvern (behind Malvern Library).



NORTHBROOK
POP-UP GALLERY

Discover the Stonnington History Centre's collection with this pop-up exhibition to be held in the unique Northbrook Ballroom. The exhibition showcases a range of historical photographs, documents and objects, dating from the 1850s.

Northbrook, designed by architect Charles D'Ebro, was built in 1888. The 160 square metre ballroom, with its timber vaulted ceiling, was added in 1897. It was originally linked to Northbrook by a covered verandah.

10 February - Visit to the Stonnington History Centre and the Pop Up Exhibition - 10am

Malvern Historical Society members and supporters are invited to join Stonnington History Centre staff for a visit to the archive rooms at the Stonnington History Centre and to view the 'History Matters: Treasures from Stonnington's Archives' exhibition. We'll then enjoy morning tea together.

Numbers limited. Bookings essential. Tel: Lorraine 9885 9082

18 February - The Foundation and Early Years of Melbourne - 7.30pm

Associate Professor Don Garden FFAHS, FRHSV. Annual combined Malvern Historical Society and Prahran Historical and Arts Society meeting.

Associate Professor Don Garden is the President of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, President of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies, a member of the Australian Heritage Council and Vice President of the Kew Historical Society. For many years he taught History and Environmental History at the University of Melbourne, where he is now an Honorary Fellow. He has written seventeen books, a mixture of local and regional histories, biography, company history, and environmental history.

This is a free event. Supper will be served. **Bookings essential. Tel: Lorraine 9885 9082**

Malvern Town Hall, Corner Glenferrie Road and High Street, Malvern (Upstairs Foyer - lift available)



24 February - History Matters: Lemnos 1915 – The Other Side Of Gallipoli

Stonnington History Centre 10am – 11am

Mr Jim Claven, MA and Secretary of the Lemnos Gallipoli Commemorative Committee, will recount the role that the Greek Island of Lemnos played in the Gallipoli campaign. Jim will also examine the role played by Prahran's Captain Stanley Savige.

Bookings are required. Telephone 8290 1360

Diary Date: Sunday 20 March - Pets in the Park 11.00am - 4.00pm

City of Stonnington's Pets in the Park is a popular event held every year in Central Park, Malvern East. The Malvern Historical Society stall and large display of photographs are always well received by both the adults and the children from the local community.

Can you spare an hour or two to help us? This is an opportunity for our members, and non- members, to become actively involved in sharing Stonnington's local history. Just give me a ring, your help will be appreciated!

Lorraine, President, 9885 9082

Just in case you missed the news!

The Malvern Historical Society's four Walk into History books have made it into Jeffreys Books' Top 10 Australiana books for 2015! <http://www.jeffreysbooks.com.au/pages/188-Newsletter>

Thanks Linda!

Jeffreys Books, 140 Glenferrie Road Malvern Victoria 3144, 9509 5133, www.jeffreysbooks.com.au

Did you know Jeffreys stocks all the Malvern Historical Society publications?

<http://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/history/walk-into-history-1.pdf>

JEFFREYS TOP 10 AUSTRALIANA FOR 2015



Prahran Mechanics' Institute 2016 opening hours.

Established in 1854, the Prahran Mechanics' Institute is a community owned and run library specialising in Victorian local history. It has more than 30,000 books for loan and provide a central resource for research into local Victorian history.

The new opening hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9.30 am to 4.30 pm, and Thursday 9.30 am to 7 pm.

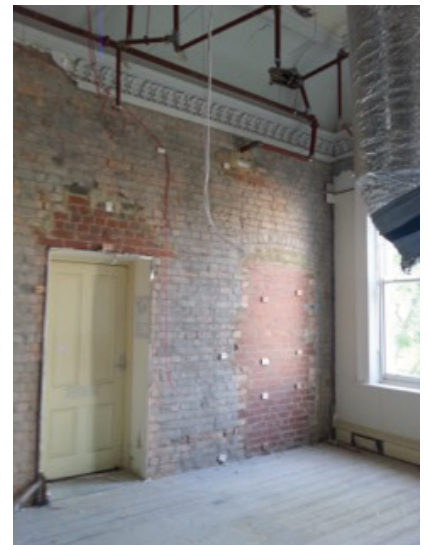
The library is closed on Saturday and Sunday

Tim McKenna, PMI Secretary Librarian, Tel: 9510 3393, library@pmi.net.au

Evidence of the original Malvern Shire Library

The Stonnington City Council, which is currently renovating the southern (High Street) wing of the Malvern Town Hall, has re-discovered the original 1886 Malvern Shire Library ceiling. MHS member Steve Stefanopoulos recently viewed the building works on the first floor of the Town Hall, overlooking Glenferrie Road. The space, first occupied by the library in 1886, was originally accessed via the stairs in the clock tower. Steve found that this room still retains its original fireplace and an intricate, vaulted ceiling with detailed plaster mouldings and cornices. The ceiling and detailed plaster work reflect the same decorative scheme that architect John Beswick used in the original main shire hall and stage. Most of the original hall and stage were demolished in 1926 for the construction of the current larger hall and stage. The current renovation also highlighted that there were originally windows facing east into a small internal courtyard and that the door from the clock tower on the first floor had been relocated west, when the Town Hall was renovated in 1996. The Council is currently investigating the possible restoration of the original features of the former Malvern Library space.

Council has now opened a new service centre, the Stonnington City Centre, at 311 Glenferrie Road, Malvern. It is just across the road from the Malvern Town Hall.



Sharing our rich heritage

A one-year Malvern Historical Society membership is a great way to make the history lovers you know happy for a whole year! When you give a gift of a new membership with the Malvern Historical Society, they will join the hundreds of people who are supporting our efforts to share Stonnington's rich heritage. Just email malvernhistorical@yahoo.com or call Lorraine 9885 9082.

Digitising newspapers - State Library of Victoria

The SLV runs a very active digitising program, resulting in thousands of items from its collection becoming accessible online. These include pictures, books, journals, manuscripts, pamphlets and newspapers. Just click on the link to learn about the process the Library follows to digitises all the items. Steps followed include the selection of titles, the conservation process and the scanning of the pages. The items then become part of Trove, the growing repository of full text digital resources. At the moment there are over 330 Victorian titles on Trove.

<http://blogs.slv.vic.gov.au/our-stories/digitising-newspapers/>

The Stonnington History Centre, the Malvern Historical Society and the Prahran Historical and Arts Society have contributed close to \$30,000 to the Malvern and Prahran newspaper digitisation project. This has paid for the digitisation of

the *Prahran Telegraph* 1866-1930, *Telegraph, St Kilda, Prahran and South Yarra Guardian* 1866-1888, *Prahran Chronicle* 1882-1919, *Table Talk* 1885-1939, *Malvern Courier & Caulfield Mirror* 1906-1917, *Malvern Standard* 1906-1920; 1930-31, and the *Malvern News* [trader's association] 1912-1916. You might like to Google the word Trove plus your street name, and see what comes up.

Old bakery building 1227-1229 Malvern Road, Malvern

Around 1879 George Lay established a bakery at 1227 Malvern Road on the east corner of Acre Place. The property was described at that time as a weatherboard house of 3 rooms, shop, stables and bakehouse. Bakers, Craddock & Ambery, then J. Lewis, ran the business in the 1880s. In 1887 Henry Stanton, together with his wife Albertina and their son James, took over the old bakery and by 1907 the present day two storey brick bakery and residence had been erected. In 1920 plans for the addition of a bakehouse and new oven were submitted to Council. The Stanton family ran the bakery until the 1960s. The old bakery building, which was recently put on the market, has been the headquarters of SIDS and Kids Foundation since 1987.



Walter, Nellie and Fred Stanton, Stanton Bakery, Malvern c1916 Reg no 1547



View looking north east from Stanton's Bakery, Malvern Road, Malvern. The gasometer can be seen in Toorak Road Reg No 1266

Hornbrook Ragged School

The new schoolroom for the Free Scripture School (later known as the Hornbrook Ragged School) was opened in March 1870. The schoolroom measured 11 x 8.5 m, cost £514, and could accommodate 150 children. The School had been operating in rented premises in nearby Duke Street Prahran, since 1862.

Ragged schools had been initiated in England to care for "gutter children" - homeless or neglected children who roamed the squalid streets in the industrial towns. In Melbourne, the movement was spearheaded by Mrs Hornbrook, the childless widow of a military officer. After the introduction of free state education in 1872, the role of the centre shifted towards pre-school care, and the name was eventually changed to Hornbrook Free Kindergarten. Prahran Council took over the service in 1992, renaming it Hornbrook Children's Centre.

A recent issue of *Provenance: The Journal of Public Record Office Victoria*, includes an article that draws on PROV records relating to the Ragged Schools in Melbourne.

<http://prov.vic.gov.au/publications/provenance/provenance2015/from-squalor-and-vice#sthash.HKdG1K9H.dpuf>



The Hornbrook Free Kindergarten was built on the site of the earlier Ragged School in 1928. Reg no 12748

Sergeant Maurice Vincent Buckley (alias Gerald Sexton)

MHS member Barry O'Sullivan recently donated a copy of his history of Victoria Cross and DCM winner, Sergeant Maurice Vincent Buckley (alias Gerald Sexton) 1891-1921. The history describes Buckley's exploits during World War I. Maurice Buckley lived at 35 MacArthur Street, Malvern. He enlisted with the 13th Light Horse Regiment under his own name in December 1914 and served with his unit overseas. After returning home, deemed medically unfit, Buckley deserted prior to his official discharge. However, in May 1916 he reinlisted in Sydney, as Gerald Sexton, and he was sent to France in early 1917, where his valour earned him a Victoria Cross and a Distinguished Conduct Medal. Buckley died in a dare-devil accident at Boolarra, in Gippsland, in 1921.

Wanted: street directories

Street directories are a valuable local history resource. Did you know that the State Library of Victoria has online street directories from 1912 – 1952?

The Stonnington History Centre has some big gaps in its street directory collection and it would be great if one or two from each decade could be added to the collection. The centre is missing Melways between 1966– 1970 and 1971-1981 and Morgan's New Official Street Directory between 1917–1927; 1929-1940; 1943-1962.

The RHSV is missing a number of editions including the Melways: 31st edition (2004) and 42nd edition (2015). Can you help? Just ring Janet Buick, Local History Librarian, Stonnington History Centre on 8290 1360 or email history@stonnington@stonnington.vic.gov.au.

Stonnington Research Enquiries

Here are just a small selection of the enquiries that have been handled so expertly by the Stonnington History Centre staff Ellen, Simone, Janet, Julia and Peter!

Information was shared on the original 'Button Shop' business, 181 Glenferrie Road Malvern. The owner was a member of the Malvern Trader's Association during the 1970s. He began renting the lower floor in 1948 and then bought the building a few years later. The Malvern Cycling Club met on the top floor in the early 1930s. The first Malvern Star bicycle was made in a building, now 185 Glenferrie Road, by champion cyclist Thomas Finnigan in 1903. World champion cyclist (Sir) Hubert 'Oppy' Opperman joined the business after it was sold to (Sir) Bruce Small in 1920.

Information was sought on John, the father of Stanley and Murray Tallent. They lived on the south west corner of Malvern Road. and Mercer Road Armadale. We asked for information on a researcher's maternal grandfather, William Edmund Senior, and his three brothers, Ronald, Sydney and Stanley, who it is thought all attended Malvern Grammar between 1895 - 1910. Their parents were William Wright Senior(1857-1941) and Adelaide Senior (nee Williams 1863-1953). The family lived in Turner Street East Malvern.

There have been requests for information on Reuben Joseph Wolfe who resided at 133 Canterbury Road, Toorak, Henry Dean Melville, who was born in 1865 at the home of his mother's sister, Isabella Hayward, and *Toronto*, a home in Lambeth Avenue, Armadale which was owned by Mrs Emma Parsons in 1898. It was rented by the researcher's great grand father Thomas Herbert Lightfoot.

We received a request for information on the Angel Tavern and the Jam Factory. The Angel Tavern began its life as the Gardiner, then the Railway Hotel. Positioned on the corner of Glenferrie Road and Dandenong Road, the Gardiner Hotel was well placed to serve the traffic on the main stock route to Gippsland. In 1862 the hotel boasted Victoria's first bowling-green.

The Jam Factory operated as a food preserving company for almost one hundred years in Chapel Street, Prahran after the Victoria Brewery (1858-1876), vacated the site. The complex had various names and owners, including the Australasian Jam Company (AJC) and IXL, both owned by the Henry Jones Co-op. At its seasonal peak, the factory employed 500 people, processing about 175 tonnes of fruit per day. In 1972 the Henry Jones Co-op was taken over by Elders (later Elders IXL), who developed a shopping complex that re-used many of the original buildings. In 1979, the Jam Factory Shopping Centre opened, comprising more than fifty speciality shops, including a branch outlet of the prestigious Collins Street department store, Georges. Subsequent redevelopment in the 1990s was led by Village/Roadshow cinemas.



Jam Factory undated Reg No 9081

Believe it or not? Flying machine over High Street, Armadale c1900



This photo can be found in the State Library of Victoria collection. Photographer Algernon Darge used trick photography, c1900, to show an elevated view of Armadale with a flying machine. The machine is superimposed above the suburban streets and buildings of Armadale to create an image of two men in a flimsy flying machine with one man standing at a steering wheel, the other seated at his feet. The source of the photo is unknown. <http://handle.slv.vic.gov.au/10381/57794>

Plans for a Toorak Road tramway extension to Burke Road Camberwell

Malvern Standard 5 December 1914

A meeting was held at Tooronga House to take steps to secure an electric tramway extension from the present terminus of the cable tram at Irving Road Toorak, along Toorak Road to Burke Road, and it was largely attended. The Mayor of Malvern (Cr. W. Rogers Thomson) presided. Mr. Chas. E. Howie, acting secretary of the Toorak Road Tramway Extension League, read a number of letters. The Mayor of Hawthorn (Cr. Edward Rigby) wrote regretting he could not attend. He was heartily in sympathy with the objects of the league. Cr. Rupert Wilks, of Malvern, wrote to the effect that he was strongly of the opinion that there should be an extension of the present Toorak tramway to Burke Road, and that it should be electric. Mr. Howie said he had prepared a map, which he exhibited, showing the proposed line and its position in connection with other portions of the tramway system. The League hoped to secure the support of the Prahran, Malvern and Hawthorn municipalities. Cr. Wilks had already said it was urgently necessary that the tramway should be continued beyond the Toorak dead end. The only reason why the fields around them were not populated was the lack of transit facilities. Based on an estimate on the average building areas of Malvern and Hawthorn, there was room for 2000 houses about there. The engineer of the Tramway Trust had reported favourably on a line from Malvern Road to Cotham Road (along Glenferrie Road), and this proposal should have equal claims. He had been given to believe that the Toorak Road line would be a payable one. The municipalities would reap their benefit through increased rates. Mr. Sydney T. Haynes said the possibilities of the line were enormous. The Housing Commission at present sitting to improve the conditions in congested areas would have plenty of room for practically assisting after viewing the land in this district. Malvern had a population of 20,000 and Hawthorn 24,000. If they secured a population of 10,000, they could support seven miles of double track, and what was being asked for was actually only 150 chains!

The risk to the municipalities would be £800 a year to Malvern, and £500 to Hawthorn. Supposing the first year was a dead loss, it would not be that the council did not stand to lose, because they would secure a large increase in rates through the increased values. He remembered some time ago, Mr. Cameron, the very able chairman of the Tramway Trust, saying that the tramway scheme would not be complete until they had extended the line from the present Toorak terminus (at Irving Road) to Glenferrie Road.



View of Toorak Road Malvern looking west from Glenferrie Road, 1912 Reg no 2234

The Mayor pointed out that the matter of financial risk did not lie with the municipalities, but with the trust; so the matter of the increased value of land and increased rates would count for nothing. They had had the consolidation of the trust legalised to avoid the very complications that dealing separately with the traffic of each municipality would involve. He was totally against a single line and to be successful they would want enough support for a ten-minute service. (Applause.)

Mr. James D. Evans, moved "That this representative public meeting of Hawthorn, Malvern and Prahran citizens urges upon the Hawthorn, Malvern, and Prahran Councils the necessity of placing before the Prahran and Malvern Tramway Trust the great need for the construction of an electric tramway along Toorak Road, from the cable tram terminus (Irving road) to Burke Road and requests the councils of Hawthorn, Malvern, and Prahran to obtain, through their representatives on the trust, a report on the line. The motion was seconded by Mr. J. Dane, and carried unanimously.

New legal deposit laws

In February 2016, new Australian legal deposit laws come into effect. Anyone who publishes any works, on line, in print, or in any other form, needs to deposit it with the National Library of Australia. Instructions can be found at nla.gov.au/legal-deposit.

Tevendale family

Tevendale Lane, Toorak, has been named for Sergeant Charles Tevendale who was killed in the landing at Gallipoli on 25th April, 1915. The Tevendale family home was at 6 Fairbairn Road Toorak. The house backs onto the laneway now named for Charles.

Charles Tevendale Snr married Elizabeth Brown in 1887. The couple lived at 42 Aberdeen Road, Armadale. Their first child, Mary Wishart, was born in 1888, Annie Elsie in 1891 and Charles in 1894. Charles Tevendale Snr was a cabinetmaker and he purchased vacant land in Cunningham Road Armadale in 1887. He had built a four roomed weatherboard cottage on his land by November 1888. The house was numbered 6 Cunningham Road in 1891. Elizabeth died in 1894, at the age of 28.

Charles Tevendale Snr remarried in 1896 to Catherine Mills. The couple had four children, Marjorie, Norman, Wallace and Hilda, who were all born in Armadale.

Cunningham Road Toorak was renamed Fairbairn Road in 1907.

Charles Tevendale Jnr joined the 7th Battalion, 1st Regiment A.I.F. on 1st October 1914. He was a Sergeant upon enlistment and his unit left Melbourne on HMAT Themistocles on 22nd December, 1914. Charles was appointed Platoon Sergeant on 6th April, 1915 and transferred to C Company on that day. He was killed during the Gallipoli landing on 25th April 1915. One member of the Tevendale family continued to live in the house in Fairbairn Road until 1951.

Ellen Porter, Team Leader, Stonnington History Centre



**Tevendale children with their grandmother (undated)
Reg No 61683**



Charles Tevendale (undated) Reg No 61674

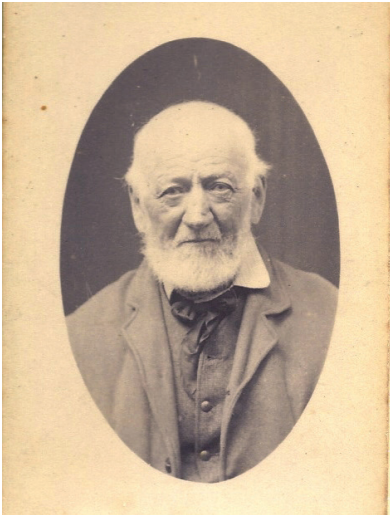
Diary Date: Wednesday 16th March 10am

Phoenix Park Community Centre, 22 Rob Roy Road, Malvern East. Historian Stella Barber 'More than meets the eye - the story of Warner's nurseries.'

The Ilton Family

William Ilton was born in Sonning, England on 7th April, 1808. William married Louisa Voller in January 1839. The couple had eight children before migrating to Australia in 1852: Charles, Louisa, David, William, Elizabeth Sarah, James, Ruth, Emma and Aaron in 1849. Another child, Joseph, was born at sea in November, 1852. Their ship, the *Sir Fowlett Buxton*, was believed to have foundered off the coast of South Brazil. The Iltons continued their voyage on the Brig, *Richard*, and arrived in Melbourne in July 1853. Another child, Isaac, was born in 1855.

The Ilton family settled in Elizabeth Street, Malvern. William took up his trade as a wheelwright and was later joined in his business by his sons David, a blacksmith, and Aaron, a wheelwright. In 1890, William Ilton's wooden cottage and workshop in Elizabeth Street were demolished. On the site, Ilton built two brick cottages numbered 2 and 4, as an investment. These cottages were later demolished for the widening of Elizabeth Street. Mrs Louisa Ilton died in 1883 and her husband, William, died in 1899.



William Ilton (undated) Reg No 61627



Louisa Ilton (nee Voller) 1889 Reg No 5051e



Ilton's blacksmith's shop Elizabeth Street, Malvern c1880 Reg No 587

David Ilton, the son of William and Louisa Ilton, married Mary Jane Oliver at the All Saints Church of England, St. Kilda in October 1868. The couple had nine children: David William, Rhodo Annie, Fanny Arnott, Edith Amy, Alfred, John Henry, Charles, Helen and Alice Mary. The Ilton family lived in Malvern and David ran his blacksmith's business in Malvern Road. He remained there until he sold the shop in 1890 to J. J. Dulfer.

David took his family to Longford for a brief time, however they returned to live in Malvern, where he became an Inspector with the Malvern Council. He was a founding member of the Malvern Cricket Club and assisted in the construction of the original ground in High Street. He was also a member of the Manchester Unity Oddfellows, Toorak Lodge, becoming District Grand Master in 1880. He was Trustee of the Lodge from 1894 until 1922. David and Mary lived in Gertrude Street (now Denham Place, Toorak) then moved to Bell Street, Armadale, in 1902.



David & Mary Jane (nee Oliver) Ilton c1890 Reg No 586



Board of Advice c1905 Reg No 920 David Ilton with his white beard can be seen in the back row.



Dulfer's blacksmith, Malvern Road, Malvern c1910 Reg No 5233 Mr Dulfer took over David Ilton's blacksmith's forge in Malvern Road in 1889.

New members

We would like to welcome our latest new members Wendy Seward, Jocelyn Dean and Judy Nancarrow.

Taking Local History to the Community

Ken Bethall's talk on Malvern Town Hall architect, John Beswicke, was very informative. Thanks to the RHSV for mentioning the talk in their weekly blog. November's local history walk along Kooyong Road, north of Toorak Road Toorak, attracted a good crowd that included many local residents. Thanks Pat, Lorraine and Jane! Lorraine and Jane attended the Stonnington History Committee meeting in November. Matters discussed included the updating of the Heritage markers, the next oral history project, the scanning of the Malvern News Sheet and the future use of the Northbrook ballroom as a pop up venue. The MHS and the SHC have contributed ideas to a RHSV submission about success stories relating to digitisation and use of social media and online access. Jane attended the RHSV Writing Local History workshop. Ellen, Jane and Di have been putting together ideas for images and text to be included in the Malvern section of the RHSV's new 'Lost Melbourne' book. Photographer Peter King has prepared excellent copies of the Malvern images that have been selected.

The Prahran Historical and Arts Society held its Annual General Meeting. Gabriel Hermes was elected President. Secretary Jacob Basist, Vice President Steve Stefanopoulos and Committee - Nobby Seymour and Beverley Whipp - were also elected.

Additions to the Stonnington Local History Collection

- Mrs M Fleming has donated an original auction brochure and a receipt relating to the sale of land in Haverbrack Avenue Malvern in 1915.
- Robert Eastman has donated a copy of the 1914 Malvern Methodist Guild Manuscript. The hand typed manuscript has a small painting glued to the inside cover. The Malvern Methodist Guild, established around 1910, had 79 members by July 1914. The Guild held literary meetings and devotional activities.
- Di Foster has been finding local history items on eBay. Thanks Di! Recent items have included postcards of 19 McArthur Street Malvern, the Gilpin fountain in Central Park, East Malvern c1930s, and Glenferrie Road Malvern, looking north from the Police Station, c1930. Photos have included Bright's Hardware Store at 521 Malvern Road Toorak c1920, Malvern Road State School: Grade VIIa c1920 (Malvern Road State School was later called Hawksburn State School), and Hawksburn State School: Grade 5 I (undated).



*Benmond, 19 McArthur Street
Malvern 1923 Reg no 61852*



*Malvern Road State School: Grade
VIIa c1920 Reg no 61855*

Members of the Malvern Historical Society were saddened to learn of the death of Ken Sheahan, a valued member of the Society. Our thoughts are with Ken's family at this sad time.

Have you enjoyed viewing the photos in this issue?

Material for the articles has been researched from the **Stonnington History Centre Collection**. The database contains over 60,000 records. To view enlargements of photographs and to read more, just go to the website. www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/Discover/History

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