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Held in Pohénégamook
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by: Jean-Pierre Levasseur (250)



An all around success

The weather was ideal when close to 100 persons assisted on Saturday August 14, 2010 at a regional gathering of Levasseur families in Pohénégamook. Mr. Roland Williams and Mrs. Marie-Stella Morneau, responsible for the organization of this gathering did not spare any efforts to make this gathering a success that will be remembered for years to come.

Conferences well appreciated

Réjean Levasseur, our friend emceed the proceedings through out the day. Réjean has been undertaking the task of emcee since the first meeting held in 1980.

Our president, Roger Levasseur, presented a brief historical summary of the Association. He emphasized the important

role of its founding president, Vincent Levasseur, who passed away in 2005.

Followed, the author of this article who explained to those present the principal functions of the Association's Web Site www.levasseur.org. He emphasized the frequency of usage of the data base and the on-line consultations of various archives and previous News Letters published since 1988.

The success of this gathering is due to the participation of the families of Pohénégamook but mainly, to the perseverance of the organisers, Mr. Roland Williams and Mrs Marie-Stella Morneau. Participants expressed their gratitude to both of them during the evening.

Joceline Levasseur spoke about the two genealogical dictionaries and referred to the three generations of

genealogists who have succeeded one another.

Thanks to them, the Association can offer its members a data base approaching 120,000 entries accessible on-line on our Web site. We tend to forget that the collection and verification of genealogical data from various sources constitutes the pivot of all family Associations. From its early beginning, all family associations start by assembling a data base of its descendants representing those who first came to America.

Well beyond the technological advances offered by internet on a Web-site, the first and most important mission of a family association is the production of a dictionary for its members and those interested in genealogical research.

As frequently mentioned by Joceline, Québec remains a «paradise» for genealogist due to the ease of gathering data. However, that also implies an assiduous task. Without the dedication of a person like Joceline, it is doubtful that the success of a family association can be assured or maintained for a very long term.

Bravo Joceline, we are indebted to you for your dedication to genealogy.

Gilles Carmel informs us about DNA results

A conference that participants looked forward to was made by Gilles Carmel. You may have noticed, in two previous issues of our News Letter, there were articles on DNA testing carried out to determine, beyond any doubt, whether our two ancestors, Laurent and Pierre were related. Though the subject is very complex, Gilles, using charts with remarkable competence, according to comments made by participants, explained and demystified this complex theory.

The history of Levasseurs in this region

Mr. Williams had a very special surprise for the participants. One must remember that the town of Pohénégamook stems from the fusion of Saint-David-de-

Sully, Saint-Pierre d'Estcourt and Saint-Éleuthère on October 23, 1973.

A special tour was organized by our hosts in order to visit the principal locations where various Levasseur families lived within this municipality. Two local businesses were also visited, that of «Meubles Rhéal Levasseur» and «Guy Levasseur Inc». These visits were appreciated by the visiting members.

Presentation by Mr. Gaston Levasseur



Mr. Gaston Levasseur spoke about his Levasseur ancestors and their role in the Pohénégamook society. Many thanks to him.

A delightful meal.

We must also mention the quality of the meal served by the caterer and the generosity of the sponsors who offered, in addition to the wine, numerous entry prizes during the evening.

Destination Sherbrooke in 2011

Members of the board held a meeting early Saturday morning. Paul Levasseur presented various accommodation and entertainment options for the upcoming annual meeting of the Levasseur Association of America in Sherbrooke Qc, on the weekend of August 20, 2011.

Our thanks to the organisers and sponsors of this memorable gathering and cheers to the residents of Pohénégamook !

The Gathering in photos

Meeting of the board Saturday morning



Gilles Levasseur's conference



Recognition to Transport Guy Levasseur



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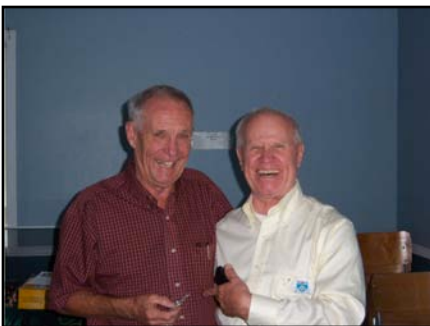
Jeannette Levasseur-Levesque, 87 years old



Mr and Mrs Roland Williams



Réjean Levasseur and Ernest Levasseur (PA, USA)



Draw for entry prizes



Guy Levasseur and Roland Williams



More photos on the following links : [Album 1](#) - [Album 2](#)

List of participants – Pohénégamook 2010

Jean-Pierre Levasseur, Québec, Qc	Roch Bédard, Sherbrooke, Qc	Guy Levasseur, Pohénégamook, Qc
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Roger Levasseur, Ottawa, On	Marie-Stella Morneau, Pohénégamook, Qc	Nellie Levasseur, Pohénégamook, Qc
Marie Levasseur, Ottawa, On	Esther Williams, Québec, Qc	Emmanuel Deschênes, Pohénégamook, Qc
André Levasseur, Trois-Rivières, Qc	Régis St-Pierre, Québec, Qc	Éléonore Deschênes, Pohénégamook, Qc
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Gilles Carmel, St-Charles-Boromé, Qc	Yvan Émond, Québec, Qc	Véronique Levasseur, Pohénégamook, Qc
Nicole Durand, St-Charles-Boromé, Qc	Francis Williams, Pohénégamook, Qc	Adam Charron, Pohénégamook, Qc
Paul Levasseur, Sherbrooke, Qc	Stéphanie Langlois, Pohénégamook, Qc	Mathis Charron, Pohénégamook, Qc
Pierrette Girardin, Sherbrooke, Qc	Louise Levasseur, Rimouski, Qc	Angélique Charron, Pohénégamook, Qc
Joseph Levasseur, Manchester, NH	Magella Dubé, Rimouski, Qc	Dorothée Charron, Pohénégamook, Qc
Rachel L'Heureux, Manchester, NH	Gaston Levasseur, Pohénégamook, Qc	Anna-Ève Charron, Pohénégamook, Qc
Joceline Levasseur, Québec, Qc	Florianne Nadeau, Pohénégamook, Qc	Nadine Levasseur, Pohénégamook, Qc
François Dupuis, Québec, Qc	Claudette Levasseur, Pohénégamook, Qc	Marco Michaud, Pohénégamook, Qc
Patrick Levasseur, Edmunston, NB	Vianney Fournier, Pohénégamook, Qc	Hubert Michaud, Pohénégamook, Qc
Marie-Noëlle Beaulieu-Levasseur, Edmunston	France Rousseau, Québec, Qc	France Levasseur, Pohénégamook, Qc
Réjean Levasseur, Gloucester, On	Rosaire Levasseur, Terrebonne, Qc	Roland Thériault, Pohénégamook, Qc
Céline Gagné, Gloucester, On	Jeannette St-Onge, Terrebonne, Qc	Jeannette Levasseur, Sept-îles, Qc
Jocelyn Levasseur, Québec, Qc	Raymond Levasseur, Pohénégamook, Qc	Nicole Lévesque, Sept-îles, Qc
Johanne Simard, Québec, Qc	Pauline Michaud, Pohénégamook, Qc	Jocelyne Lévesque, Sept-îles, Qc
Laurence Levasseur, Québec, Qc	Henri B Levasseur, Pohénégamook, Qc	Sydney Bilodeau, Sept-îles, Qc
Anne-Sophie Levasseur, Québec, Qc	Lucille Gosselin, Pohénégamook, Qc	Benoit Ouellet, Rivière-Bleue, Qc
Diane Levasseur, St-Honoré, Qc	Jocelyne Levasseur, Terrebonne, Qc	Micheline Marquis, Rivière-Bleue, Qc
Jean-Claude Girard, St-Honoré, Qc	Robert Pouliot, Terrebonne, Qc	Murielle Marquis, Rivière-Bleue, Qc
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Henri O. Levasseur, Pohénégamook, Qc	Nathalie Patry, Pohénégamook, Qc	Laurence Bélisle, Pohénégamook, Qc
Suzanne Landry, Pohénégamook, Qc	Gilles Levasseur, Pohénégamook, Qc	Jacques Michaud, Pohénégamook, Qc
Ernest Levasseur, Boiling Spring, PA	Line Côté, Pohénégamook, Qc	Nicole Bouchard, Pohénégamook, Qc
Loretta Levasseur, Pohénégamook, Qc	Gaston St-Pierre, Pohénégamook, Qc	

The President's word

Dear members,

The first two goals of our Association are to regroup a large number of Levasseurs and to organize meetings and gatherings that reinforce links between the members of the great Levasseur family.

These two goals were well fulfilled at our recent regional gathering in Pohénégamook on Saturday August 14 2010 thanks to the dedication of the local organizers, Mr. Roland Williams and Mrs Marie-Stella Morneau. We must also recognize the work of the Association's board

members. Thanks to their efforts we have succeeded in having more than 80 persons from the Pohénégamook region learn about our Association. It was a pleasure and a joy for the Board members to witness the exchange and the sharing of information being made by the participants at the gathering. Happiness reigned through out the day.

This gathering can serve as an example for other regions that sense the need to better know their origins and family roots. Board members made presentations that enable participants to recognize how they can send information about their respective families for inclusion on the Levasseur Web-site. They were shown how they can send ancient photos of their parents, grand parents as well as some of their homes or farms or locations where they settled for addition to the photo album section of the Web-site. The information sent would be of valuable interest to future generation of Levasseur who are interested in genealogy.



by: [Roger Levasseur](#) (004)

Nos disparus



Roger Levasseur, President of our Association, lost his mother in law, Mrs. Marie-Josèphe Fiset, née Gagné. She was the widow of Joseph Fiset and Edourd Fiset. A funeral mass was held for her on Saturday June 12, at 10:00 AM in Saint-Pierre Jolys Manitoba.



Diane Lacroix, member of our Board of Directors, lost her father in law, Mr. Paul Lacroix, on May 27, 2010. He was the son of past Zéon Lacroix and past Rose-Anna Lacelle. He was the beloved husband of Thérèse Lacroix. A funeral was held on June 10, 2010 at 11:00 AM at Saint Joseph church in Orléans Ontario.

In ending I invite other regions, where there are Levasseur families, to seek the assistance of the Board members if they are interested in organizing a regional gathering in their respective region. We will be happy to help you organize the gathering by making presentations and sharing our genealogical knowledge with the participants. You initiate the gathering and you can count on us to help you make the gathering a success.

The Association thanks its generous sponsors, "Transport Guy Levasseur" (Guy and Véronique Levasseur) as well as "Meubles Réal Levasseur" Thanks to their participation the day was a great success.

Edgar Levasseur, center top row. Circa 1930. The tallest in the class.



Three generations of Levasseur

Part 3: Edgar Levasseur (1914-1983)

Ordinary people also make history

by: Jean-Pierre Levasseur (250) with the collaboration of Louise Levasseur

Edgar Levasseur was born in [Saint-Éloi](#), Rivière-du-Loup, on May 5, 1914, just a few months before the outbreak of the First World War. Son of Joseph Levasseur and Rose-Anna Ouellet, he lived his early years on the family farm in the same municipality.



Edgar, his mother Rose-Anna Michaud and Fernande, his young sister

The census of 1911

I consulted the census records from 1901 and 1911 of this rural village. This village has now a population of some 340 inhabitants. It is interesting to note that, the number of people of Saint-Éloi, at the beginning of the century, was more than double what it is today. According to these censuses, the parents and grandparents Edgar Levasseur were the only Levasseur residing in this municipality at the time.

Consultation of these documents also revealed some very interesting aspects of the life of our ancestors. This information could not have been obtained by consulting only various religious and civil

documents. We learn that in 1911, Joseph's father, Edgar, lived in the family home with his nine brothers and sisters. Being the eldest son, it is likely that he bought a house in Saint-Éloi, since he married there in 1913, two years after the 1911 census.

The early years in Saint-Éloi

In a rural village, everyone participated in the various tasks of the family farm. Edgar and his sister Fernande, born in 1916, lived a quiet childhood during these war years.

1918: On the move

Located a few kilometers away from Saint-Éloi, [Trois-Pistoles](#), also experienced economical growth. Between 1892 and 1905 several saw mills were built or expanded in the Lower St. Lawrence area including that of Trois-Pistoles in 1902. In 1926, the plants of the Price Company in Trois-Pistoles, Rimouski and Matane were the three largest in Eastern Canada. In 1946, the region had more than 259 sawmills and the lumber industry contributed to an industrial revolution in the Lower St. Lawrence. This transformation of the regional economy had a special impact as millions of dollars were injected in the economy that provided jobs for hundreds workers.

This economic growth continued until the end of the Second World War. Edgar began his studies at the Collège de Trois-Pistoles, located on the north side of the Church. The Brothers of the Sacred Heart operated this school for boys only.

It seems that Edgar's father, Joseph, owned a family transport enterprise at the time and Edgar worked for his father. It was the first taxi (a fun term "cars with droppings" was used by our father to describe the cars because they were pulled by horses). It is also probable that he would have had the privilege of driving one of the first motorized cars delivered to Trois-Pistoles. He told us about his travels with horses in the winter. While some horses objected stubbornly to move, others would



Trois-Pistoles College
circa 1935

have given their life to safely take their masters to their destination regardless of the harsh winter conditions. He also told us about his experiences as a taxi driver taking customers to Trois-Pistoles, Québec or Montréal. He told hundreds of stories but at this time, we were young and had very little interest in the matter.



Back to the Rimouski and Trois-Pistoles area

After the war, Edgar returned the Lower St-Lawrence River with a brief stay in the city of Rimouski, before returning to Trois-Pistoles. Edgar then worked as the manager of "Meuble Talon" (a furniture store). He further supplemented his income by selling insurance.

During the 60s and 70s, he worked in Trois Pistoles for the "Handy Andy" hardware store in the automotive parts department. A lover of cars and engines, this work gave him the opportunity to meet many persons associated with cars.

Edgar was also a very loquacious raconteur and he loved to make us laugh. We remember the stories he was telling our grandfather Gagnon and Aunt Loulou while we were in bed. They often came to visit soon after diner on Monday evenings. Aunt Lulu had a very contagious laugh and she laughed so much, Edgar was encouraged to tell more stories. What beautiful moments! Despite a simple life, where work was the main preoccupation of one's life, Edgar

Joseph Levasseur and Rose-Anna Ouellet, our grand parents



Joseph Levasseur et Rose-Anna Ouellet, nos grands-parents

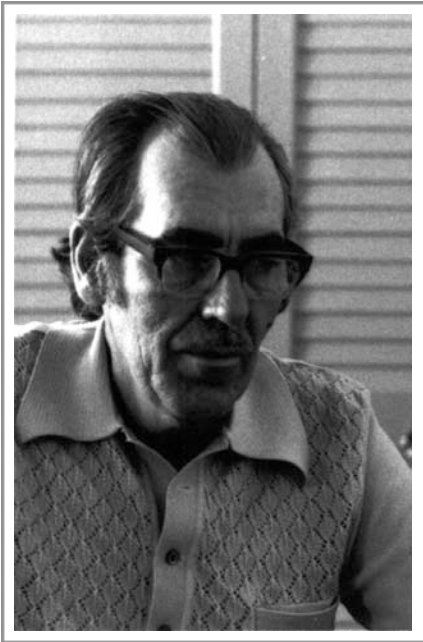
1939-1945: Mobilization for the war effort

During the war he worked as a policemen in the the David Ship Building Yards in Lévis, where the building of ships mobilized several hundred employees. Security at the time was a priority for all projects undertaken for the production of military equipment. During this period, the Shipyard built some 35 warships.

Edgar and Annette Gagnon married at the Lauzon church on May 13, 1943.

was a person who loved life and took full advantage of it. However, at work he was very serious.

He was also respected. Through his imposing appearance, he was nicknamed "The Great Levasseur". With his deep voice and his severe style, he could not be missed.



According to our mother he was known «like Barabbas» in the passion of Christ. When ever we accompanied him, he was accosted by many, and not only by people in Trois-Pistoles, but also in surrounding villages and even as far as the border towns of New Brunswick.

Edgar was a person of integrity, respected and very proud of his children. His family was his source of happiness and joy.

More than eight years passed before Edgar and Annette could have a

child. Edgar told us that he thought he could never have children and it made him very sad. Later, he would tell with humor and pride: "I had to practice for 8 years."

He often talked about politics, but always with humor. Our grandfather Gagnon had strong views on provincial politics. It was not uncommon to hear lively discussions and Edgar took the opportunity, by conning him, "make him hit the roof" to the great delight of all.

With his great popularity, Edgar was considered a good person and was appreciated by everyone. In his various jobs he used his innate talent as a salesman. The story goes that during the war, he even sold a watch without a mechanism!

He passed away at the early age of 69 years.

Descendants of Edgar Levasseur

Edgar Levasseur, born on 5 May 1914, St-Éloi, QC, baptized on 5 May 1914, St-Éloi, QC, died on 6 October 1983, Ste-Foy, Hôp. Laval, QC, buried on 8 October 1983, Trois-Pistoles, QC (age at death: 69 years old).

Married on 13 May 1943, Lauzon, St-Joseph, Lévis, QC, to **Annette Gagnon**, born on 19 October 1918, Trois-Pistoles, QC, baptized on 20 October 1918, Trois-Pistoles, QC, died on 28 April 1985, Trois-Pistoles, QC, buried on 30 April 1985, Trois-Pistoles, QC (age at death: 66 years old), *with*

- **Ginette**, born on 25 January 1951, Trois-Pistoles, QC, baptized on 26 January 1951, Trois-Pistoles, QC. Married on 31 July 2004, Sillery, Québec, QC, to **Louis Brochu**, born on 6 November 1945, Québec, Notre-Dame, QC.
- **Louise**, born on 13 September 1952, Trois-Pistoles, QC, baptized on 17 September 1952, Trois-Pistoles, QC. Married on 15 September 1972, Trois-Pistoles, QC, to **Yves Côté**, born on 5 April 1951, Rimouski, QC, baptized on 7 April 1951, Rimouski, QC, *with*
 - **Marie-Catherine**, born on 10 March 1976, Trois-Pistoles, QC.
 - **Amilie**, born on 1 September 1978, Trois-Pistoles, QC.
- **Jean-Pierre**, born on 19 June 1956, Trois-Pistoles, QC, baptized on 21 June 1956, Trois-Pistoles, QC. Married on 28 July 1978, Matane, St-Rédempteur, QC, to **Paule Truchon**, born on 29 May 1957, Matane, St-Jérôme, QC, *with*
 - **François**, born on 19 May 1980, Rimouski, St-Pie X, QC.
 - **Marie-Annie**, born on 22 December 1981, Rimouski, St-Robert-Bellarmin, QC.
- **Line**, born on 9 October 1961, Trois-Pistoles, QC, baptized on 12 October 1961, Trois-Pistoles, QC. Married on 8 September 1984, Trois-Pistoles, QC, to **Denis Corbin**, born on 15 April 1960, St-Mathieu, Rimouski, QC, *with*
 - **Chantal**, born on 14 May 1985.
 - **Nathalie**, born on 29 September 1989.

Author's Note: "Ordinary people also contribute to history." We hope that this short series of three ordinary people will help to perpetuate the memory of loved ones.

George Levasseur

The Great Levasseur

by: Jean-Pierre Levasseur (250)

In the Levasseur Association Newsletters of 2004, we published two articles on George Levasseur, the strongman who worked at the Ringling Brothers Circus at the beginning of last century.

We then appealed to our members in an attempt to find his ancestor be it Laurent or Pierre. This appeal remained unanswered. However our genealogist, Joceline Levasseur found an article in the "Le Javelier" - Vol XXV, No. 2, June 2009 of the Historical Society of Côte-du-Sud in La Pocatière, whereby we can now lift the veil on this question. Un article retrouvé par Joceline Levasseur, paru dans "Le Javelier" - vol XXV, no 2, juin 2009 de la Société historique de la Côte-du-Sud à La Pocatière nous permet maintenant de lever le voile sur cette interrogation.

Mr. [Alfred Levasseur](#) of Sainte-Croix de Lotbinière informed us that George was born in Sainte-Hélène Kamouraska on May 4, 1880. He was the son of George and Odile Morin. His mother died when he was very young and his father remarried to Désionide Bossé at Sainte-Hélène in 1883. The 1900 census confirms that he resided with his uncle Isidore Morin of Salem and that he may have immigrated to the United States the previous year.

Direct lineage of George Levasseur

Laurent Levasseur about 1648 -1726

Pierre Levasseur 1679-1738

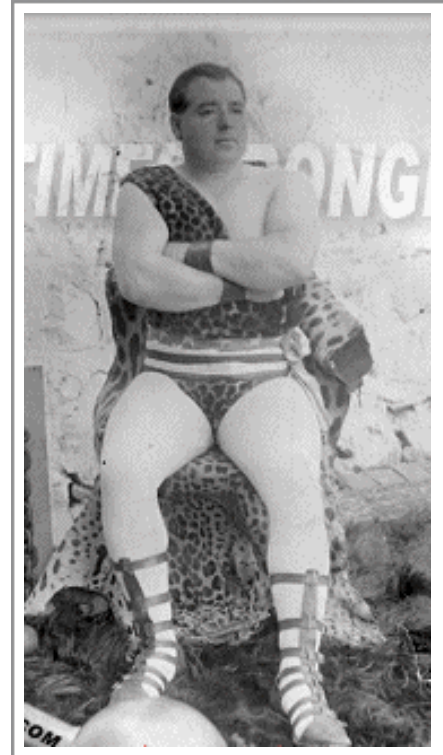
Jean-Timothée Levasseur ???-1816

Joseph Levasseur 1753-1811

Jean Levasseur 1778-1832

François Levasseur 1819-1897

George Levasseur 1850-1921



George Levasseur

- Born May 4, 1880 - Sainte-Hélène, Kamouraska, QC
- Baptized May 5, 1880 – Sainte-Hélène, Kamouraska, QC
- Died in August 1965 - Massachusetts State, USA, at the age of 85.

Parents

- * Georges Levasseur 1850-1921
- * Odile Morin

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Brief news

✓ Web site traffic



The statistics of website traffic; www.levasseur.org and www.irma.levasseur.org have been compiled for several months through an application called Google Analytics. This application provides valuable information about traffic on our websites. In the next issue of our Newsletter, we will prepare a detailed report that will certainly be of great interest.

✓ Annual General Meeting

Please note that the general meeting of the Association, will be held in Bécancour on October 9, 2010. This meeting will be preceded by an important meeting of the Board of Directors of the ALA

✓ Promotional

The association has renewed its inventory of promotional items (beer mugs, winr glasses). These items are very popular at the gatherings of Levasseurs. These items can also be ordered by mail.

Each of these items carries the

Levasseur family crests, engraved by a laser process.

1. [Wine Glasses «INAO»](#)
2. [Glass coffee cup](#)
3. [Beer glasses](#)
4. [Beer mugs](#)
5. [Shooter glasses](#)
6. [Glass pitcher](#)

Since these articles are glass items, it is preferable to purchase them at our family gathering

✓ Personality: Heidi Levasseur

Heidi Levasseur was born in Cap-Rouge, a suburb of Quebec City, on November 14, 1979. At a very young age she took swimming lessons. Swimming suited her like a glove. When she began high-school she quickly passed all swimming levels in indoor pools and soon found herself challenging important lakes in the province of Quebec. Actually, at the young age of 15 she completed the crossing of the Memphrémagog Lake, thus becoming the youngest person to complete such a feat. At the age of 16 she was the youngest person to swim across the Lac Saint-Jean. Following a series of injuries she decided to pursue her studies in the fields of biochemistry and psychology and

shortly thereafter she learned classical singing. She also became a lifeguard and a CPR instructor with the Red-Cross. Since she always continued to miss swimming, after a few years, Heidi decided to return to her passion. In 2008 she undertook a new long distance training program and renewed her passion for swimming. This year over a period of days she swam from Montréal to Québec and around the Lac Saint-Jean.

The Levasseur Association congratulates Heidi for her accomplishments and invites its members to visit her Web-site



<http://heidilevasseur.com/>

Heidi invites the population to join her in her challenge to raise funds when she participates in various swimming events.

Heidi is the daughter of Gilles Levasseur and Denise Lalancette and a descendant of Denis-Joseph and Pierre Levasseur.

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