

SUMMARY OF NOMINATION INFORMATION IN ONJH FILES

NAME First Baptist Peddie Memorial Church
 COUNTY Essex
 MUNICIPALITY Newark City

TYPE:
 Individual X
 Historic District _____
 Multiple Property _____
 Documentation Form _____

NOMINATION FORM

ONJH FILES

- Nomination form (If there are continuation sheets, please indicate number) ✓
- First page (#1-6) ✓ CS: _____
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- SHPO Signatures ✓
- USGS Map ✓
- Site plan _____
- Tax map ✓
- Floorplan _____
- Photo index map _____
- Other maps _____
- Photographs (Indicate number) ✓
- Exterior 1 (plus 1 photocopy)
- Interior _____
- Streetscapes _____
- Outbuildings _____
- Historical _____
- Negatives _____
- Contact Sheet _____

DATE OF LISTING

State Register _____
 National Register 10/30/72

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

N.J.H.S.I. # ✓ (see entry form) Draft Nomination _____
 Newspaper/Magazine Articles _____ Correspondence _____
 HABS _____ Contextual Data _____
 Other (Please specify) _____

STAFF MEMBER Bern Goldstein DATE 2/25/91
 UPDATES: STAFF _____ DATE _____
 STAFF _____ DATE _____

NAME First Baptist Peckie Memorial Church
MUNICIPALITY Newark COUNTY Essex Co.

Nomination Form:

Final Nomination Form Signed Unsigned
U.S.G.S. Map Photocopy
Other Maps Tax Map

Plan(s): Site Floor

Photographs:

	<u>Identified</u>	<u>Unidentified</u>	<u>Inadequate Coverage</u>
Exterior	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - in H.S.I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interior	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Streetscapes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outbuildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Negatives:

Same as prints Less than prints Additional Negatives

Slides: inadequate

Boundaries:

No precise boundaries Defined in nomination
Defined by map Latitude & longitude
U.T.M.'s Boundary justification

National Register notification of listing to SHPO:

Copies of final approved nomination:

Other: _____

SHPO Notification Letters:

Intent to nominate National Register State Register
Owner list

Supplemental Information:

N.J.H.S.I. Draft nomination
Newspaper/Magazine articles Recent correspondence
Local ordinance data Maps HABS
Other

Materials in Storage:

Public Meeting notification Draft nomination
Newspaper articles Correspondence
Historical information Other

HISTORIC SITES

Form 10-700
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Essex	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
First Baptist Peddie Memorial Church (Peddie Church)

AND/OR HISTORIC:
(First Baptist)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Broad Street and Fulton Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Newark

STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34 COUNTY: Essex CODE: 013

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
First Baptist Peddie Memorial Church

STREET AND NUMBER:
Broad Street and Fulton Street

CITY OR TOWN: Newark STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Essex County Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:
High Street

CITY OR TOWN: Newark STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
H.A.B.S. -

DATE OF SURVEY: c. 1960 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE: 11

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: New Jersey
COUNTY: Essex
HISTORIC SITES
ENTRY NUMBER: _____
DATE: _____
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HISTORIC SITES

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Dismantled	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Essentially unaltered exterior, excepting tile roof replaced by slate (which obscures further the relationship to the Pisa Baptistery as the prototype, with much modification). A statue of Gabriel blowing a long trumpet - once atop the dome - was a storm casualty many years ago.

The vistas toward the church from along Broad Street and Central Avenue - with the nearby open spaces of Washington and Military Parks - are very impressive.

The exterior is mostly of rugged rough-hewn light brown granite - probably "pink granite". There are 3 vigorously treated granite towers - 2 on the front corners and 1 on the side street rear. The corner entrances and the main convex-curved arcade of the center entrances are of rough-hewn granite arches, of monastic effect, rising from polished "pink granite" columns capped with capitals which are Byzantine or Egyptian.

Sculptured gargoyles and heads adorn the exterior, and are echoed in the original metal fittings of the interior. The arcade archways are graced with the decorous latticed effect of lacy metal grillwork gates.

The huge curved Baptist meetinghouse interiors of the late 19th Century got a unique addition when Peattie's interior was done in Byzantine with many curious modifications. Some of the interior walls are of various stones and brickwork, but the almost circular balcony and other fittings are predominantly of wood - medium-dark stained - giving a very restful and subdued effect which is still, typically, confused in its elements and various decorative touches, but this might often be said of Byzantine interiors, also, with the variety of art works at St. Mark's, Venice (brought from afar) for example, being notable. Thus we have an upper level pulpit or lectern (not the central pulpit) with its lectern mounted on a large wood-carved spread eagle. Above (behind) the pulpit enclosing the baptismal pool and below it on the main floor are convex-curved seats for the clergy of (cushioned) pink marble, with arcaded columned semi-domed niches - which again echo the entrance arcade and, perhaps, the prototype Pisa Baptistery.

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) founded 1801, built 1858-60

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Unquestionably, this church is of national significance as a unique and robust Byzantine-Romanesque example of the Richardson Romanesque Era. It is irreplaceable.

It is so cited in Gowans and, since the demolition of the extraordinary old Prudential buildings it is New Jersey's most unique edifice of Byzantine-Romanesque of the rugged Richardsonian influence.

It also is a noted work by noted architect William Halsey Wood, Newark.

The church, founded in 1801, is the oldest Baptist congregation in the city - and has absorbed the members of other churches including South Baptist and Clinton Avenue Baptist.

The church was the gift of Newark Mayor Thomas B. Peddie, for whom the church became a memorial in his name. He was a Scotsman, a prominent Newark industrialist, active church member, and philanthropist, with Peddie School in Hightstown, New Jersey also bearing his name. The church location, a fine asset, is also its greatest threat: potential commercial encroachment. There are extraordinary vistas of the church as it anchors Broad Street at its bend at the north end of Military Park - with the overall setting not totally unlike that of St. Basil's - Moscow, at the head of Red Square. It is also at the head of Central Avenue.

The church was styled in very free adaptation, with many additions, such as three towers, reputedly, from the Baptistery of Pisa, Italy (of the Cathedral group which includes the famed Leaning Tower also). If this seems obscure, more credence can be lent to it by a comparison of photos - in the case of Peddie Church using old photo(s) of the church when it had its dome in tiles, suggestive of the tiled Pisa dome, before Peddie's dome was covered by slate. The arched entrances of Peddie also simulate Pisa.

Congressional Representation
 Harrison Williams - U.S. Senator
 Clifford Case - U.S. Senator
 Peter W. Rodino Jr. - Congressman (10th Congressional District)

8. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Church anniversary booklet, 1951 (150th anniversary) Architecture in New Jersey, Alex Gowans, University of Delaware

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
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40	41	29	74	10	08

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Donald W. Geyer, licensed "professional planner", and architectural orian. hist-

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: 6/9/71

STREET AND NUMBER: 351 Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN: Newark STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: 

Richard J. Sullivan

Title: Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Date: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

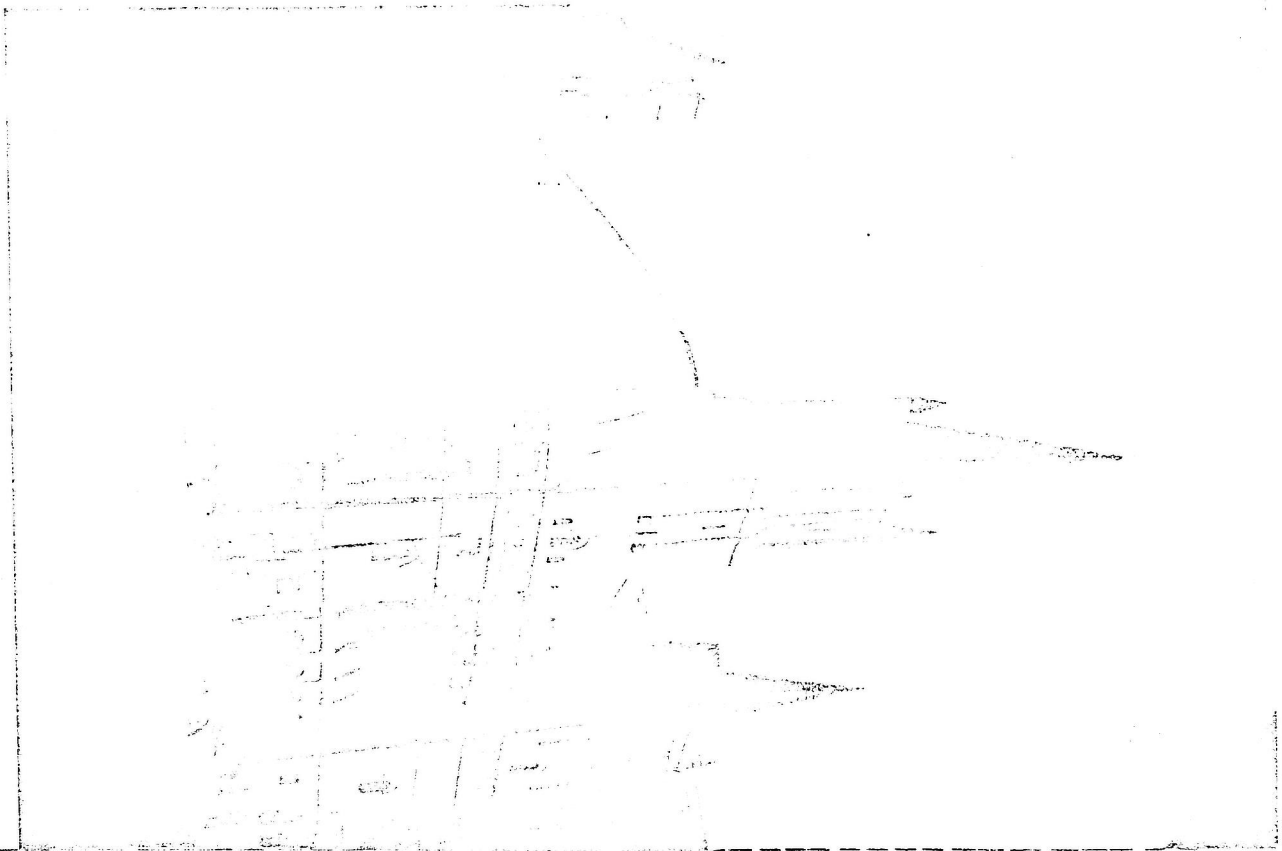
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE New Jersey	
COUNTY Essex	
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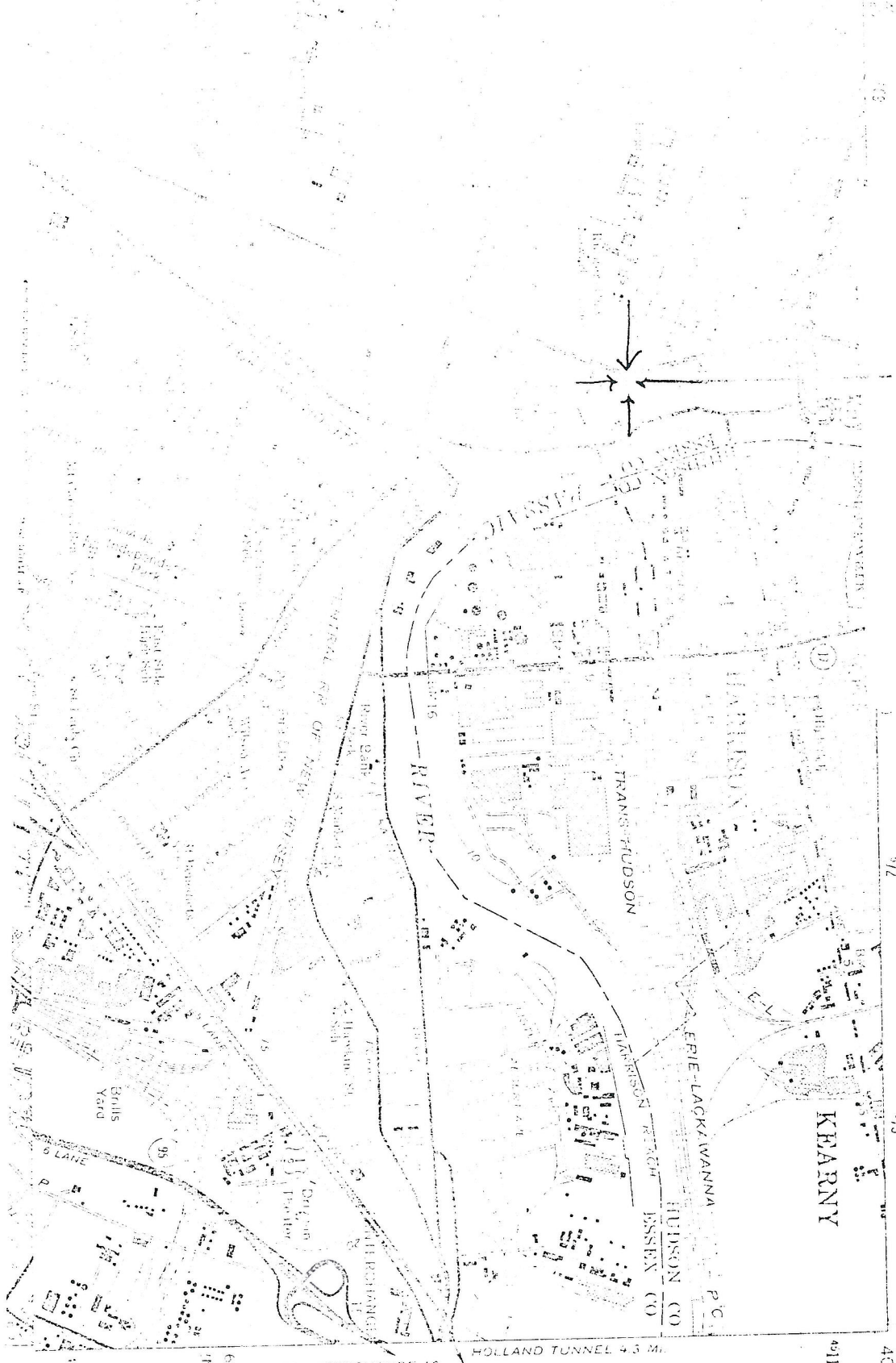
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COMMON: First Baptist Peddie Memorial Church (Peddie Church)			
AND/OR HISTORIC: First Baptist			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Broad Street and Fulton Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Newark			
STATE: New Jersey	CODE 34	COUNTY: Essex	CODE 013
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Donald W. Geyer			
DATE OF PHOTO: c. 1952			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Donald Geyer			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. front diagonal, from northwest			

St. Peter's Basilica Memorial Church

Newark, N.J.

Latitude: 40° 41' 29"

Longitude: 74° 10' 06"



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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE	New Jersey
COUNTY	Passaic
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON: First Baptist Paddle Memorial Church (Paddle Church)			
AND/OR HISTORIC: First Baptist			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
Fourth Street and Tilton Street			
CITY OR TOWN:			
Lombard			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
New Jersey	34	Passaic	013
3. NATIONAL HISTORIC MONUMENT			
SOURCE:			
U.S. Geological Survey - Elizabeth Quadrangle			
SCALE:	1:25,000		
DATE:	1957		
4. REFERENCES			

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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