



KITH AND KIN



MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP NEWSLETTER

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BEGINNERS GROUP

The Beginners Group will discuss Passenger Lists in a discussion led by Jim Hoehn at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 1992 preceding the regular meeting.

At 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 1992 Vicki Johnson will discuss Census Records with the Beginners Group. Learn how to use the genealogists' second most often used resource. [The resource used most often is other family members.]

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CAN YOU HELP?

Help is needed to give presentations to the Beginners Group. For a list of topics see *Kith and Kin*, Vol.8, No. 4, (Nov-Dec 1991), p. 36.

Help is needed to serve as officers of the group. Contact the nominating committee or Vicki Johnson at 715-389-2085.

Help is needed to update the bylaws. Contact Vicki Johnson at 715-389-2085.

Help is needed to be on the auditing committee which meets once a year. Contact Vicki Johnson at 715-389-2085.

REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR GROUP!

CEMETERY RESEARCH

On Thursday, March 26, 1992 at 7 p.m. in Marshfield Clinic Room G620 the program will be Cemetery Research. Lorraine Markee will talk about how you should approach getting information about your relatives from cemeteries and cemetery records. The discussion will extend beyond a cold hard stone to get information. She will discuss how knowing the death date and place can open the door to additional information about a relative.

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FOLDERS TO BE UPDATED

Each officer, board member and committee chairperson should update their folder and papers at this time whether. Bring your folder to the March meeting. Former officers, board members and committee chairpersons who still have their folders are asked to bring them to the March meeting.

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FIVE GENERATION CHART DEADLINE

Five generation charts are due by April 23, 1992. Bring charts even partially completed to the March meeting or give them to Lenore Anderson [See pp. 64-65].

Dear friends,

Spring is sneaking up on us this year. I would like to share an experience that I had about a year ago. It was in the spring of the year. I had been looking for the gravestone or gravesite of my great-grandmother. Her death was around 1907. I had fully saturated the city cemetery and was heading out of town when I looked to my left. There, in the woods, was a cemetery. This cemetery was fully overgrown with brush, but because of the lack of new growth, I was able to see the gravestones. As I proceeded to walk back into the woods, there were holes where people had removed graves and gravestones that had been broken into pieces. Way in the back, I saw a large stone marked Vaillancourt. At last I found it! It makes me very upset to see this cemetery uncared for and I wonder why the town did not keep it brushed out. There are about 60 gravesites located there. So you see this time of year can be very successful for locating gravesites. Also search around old homesteads for private family plots at this time of year.

I am looking for a committee to work on revising the Bylaws for the group. There are only a few changes that need to be made. Contact me to volunteer to help us.

We are looking for a group of people from the group to organize an ongoing audit to make sure that the books are in order before passing to the next treasurer. Please remember to bring any folders or records of the club that you may have to the next meeting.

I would like to mention that I have been getting a lot of positive feedback on our beginners classes. Thanks to everyone who has helped make it so successful.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Lynn Behrens, our program chair person for setting up a good bunch of programs for the upcoming year. Thanks Lynn!

I would like to extend a special thank you to Jim Hoehn for his work to put the necrology index on the computer. Thanks Jim!

As always,

Vicki M. Johnson

TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP

Renew your membership now! The membership year ends April 30. Remember there is a dues increase for 1992-1993. Postage, the newsletter and other miscellaneous operating expenses have made the dues increase necessary. It has been a number of years since the last dues increase.

The dues will be \$12 per year for an individual membership. Family membership for those living at the same address will be \$15 per year.

FAMILY REUNION CERTIFICATES

Are you planning a family reunion in Wisconsin? If it is the 5th, 10th, 15th, etc., you can apply for a family reunion certificate. For information write to:

Clifford Sweet
RTE 2 BOX 210
N 1421 SAVAGE RD
BRANDON WI 53919

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Record spellings exactly as you find them followed by (sic.)

REPORTS DUE

Annual reports of committee chairpersons, officers and board members are due. Please give a copy to Vicki Johnson. Some of the reports may be included in *Kith and Kin*.

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WISCONSIN 1905 CENSUS FORMS

Wisconsin 1905 census forms will be available at our monthly meetings from our forms chairperson, Betty Schuster, or you may call her at work on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays at 387-3418 (WISCO Coop) to make special arrangements.

Other forms available are:
-Family Group Sheets
-5 Generation Charts - 3 styles
-Individual Data Sheets

All forms are 5 cents apiece. If you have not looked at our forms for some time, you should see some of the newer forms.

Forms at these prices are available, as a benefit, to members of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group only.

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NEW MEMBERS

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MARIE HANSEN
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KITH AND KIN

The bimonthly newsletter of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, a non-profit organization created to collect, preserve and disseminate genealogical data found in the Marshfield Area and to promote genealogical research. The purpose of the group is educational. The Group is associated with the Wisconsin Genealogical Council.

MEETINGS: The meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. in the Marshfield Clinic Conference Room G-620. The November-December meeting is held the first Thursday in December.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Subscriptions are free with membership [The business year runs from May 1 to April 30]. Individual membership is \$12 per year, and family membership, for those living at the same address, is \$15 per year. Organizational membership fees are the same as for an individual membership. Mid year membership includes all current volume issues.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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	(Days WISCO)	715-387-3418
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Labels: (Red and White)	Gloria Spindler	715-384-4073
Publications:		

IMPORTANT NOTICE
CONCERNING "KITH AND KIN"

The contents of our newsletter, *Kith and Kin*, is gathered from a number of sources: through our exchange newsletters, your contributions and from notices and announcements received by the group. While every attempt is made to include only reliable information, you should be aware that notices given in our newsletter are for information only and are not necessarily a recommendation.

CAUTION ABOUT FAX MACHINES

Information has been circulated that facsimile copies start fading after as little as one week of storage and may become illegible after a period ranging from several weeks to two years. The speed of fading depends on the amount of light to which the copy is exposed and stems from decomposition of the coating used on the paper to create the facsimile image. Always make a photocopy of the facsimile. [Ed. note: Techniques vary between fax machines. Some fax machines use photocopying techniques.]--from Newsletter (Clark County Genealogical Society, Vancouver, Washington), (March 1990) via Bulletin (Clallam County Genealogical Society, Port Angeles, Washington), Vol. 10, No. 1 (Spring 1990), p. 8.

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OLD PHOTOS

Old photos with an unusual looking tax stamp on the reverse side are believed to be used only from September 1864 to August 1866. This information may help you date those old photographs.--from Maltrie Co. H & G S via The Illuminator (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois) Vol. 5, No. 4 (1989), p. 14.

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DATING PHOTOS

A check list method of dating photos by using clothing is found in the "Technical Leaflet #102" available from American Association for State and Local History, 1400 EIGHTH AVE, S NASHVILLE TN 37203. Price is \$1.00.--from Southern Ohio G. S. via Ancestors Unlimited - May/June 1987 and The Illuminator (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois) Vol. 3, No. 4 (Summer 1987), p. 9.

SELF STICK NOTES

The adhesive on "Post-em-notes" may remove anything printed that you might stick them on. Most libraries ask that you not use it on their books. --And it may obliterate some of your own records. [Ed. note: The older the self stick note and the longer that it is on the material, the more likely that it is to lift the printing.]--from The Herald of Montgomery TX via Louisiana KINFOLKS Vol 13:2 p. 37 and Branches and Twigs (The Genealogical Society of Vermont, Putney, Vermont), 19:2 (Spring 1990), p. 57.

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NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

When clipping newspaper items, don't cut the article out along the lines. Instead, leave a little extra space and use it to list the newspaper name, date, page and column. This technique is particularly useful in old obituaries where the paper did not include dates in the text. ("Joe Smith died last Tuesday ...")--from Nuggets Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Appleton, Wisconsin, 7 (1988), p. 70.

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PHOTOCOPY PRESERVATION

by Louis Charles Hacker

Photocopying machines and laser printers make copies by heat and pressure. The print can be removed with heat and pressure also. Avoid heat by storing your photocopies and documents on the first floor rather than the attic or garage. Avoid stacking photocopies in heavy piles or tight file cases. Avoid laying photocopies against plastic sheets. Some plastic sheets contain chemicals that will remove the print from photocopies. Consider making a new photocopy of photocopies made by older techniques. A good photocopy should last 75 years.

REGISTRATION FORM
Gene-A-Rama 19-20 June 1992
LaCrosse, WI-Holiday Inn

(Please use one registration form per person. May be duplicated.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (area code) _____

BOOK STORE/SALES TABLE/REGISTRATION Open 1:00 p.m. Friday! Come early!

Program

Friday

_____ 3:00 p.m. Beginning Genealogy-Janet Roo
_____ 3:00 p.m. Computer Genealogy Using PAF-Jeri Thorpe/Joy Reisinger
_____ 3:00 p.m. Norskedalen-Freida Nowland
_____ 4:00 p.m. Identifying Your Old Photos-Edwin Hill
_____ 4:00 p.m. New England/New York-Getting Your Feet Wet-Lou Hacker
_____ 6:00 p.m. Dinner
_____ 7:30 p.m. Immigration-Edwin Hill
_____ 8:30 p.m. WGC Board/Annual Meeting
_____ 9:00 p.m. Cocktail Social Time, Cash Bar, Friday

Saturday

_____ 8:00 a.m. WGC State Computer Interest Group Organizational Meeting
_____ 9:00 a.m. Beginning Genealogy-Janet Roo
_____ 9:00 a.m. Carved in Stone: Cemetery Research-Pat Geyh
_____ 9:00 a.m. Computer Genealogy Using PAF-J. Thorpe/J. Reisinger
_____ 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Announcements
_____ 10:30 a.m. Organ. Your Gen. Materials-Paula Stuart Warren
_____ 10:30 a.m. 7 Things to Find Your Ancestor-James Warren
_____ 10:30 a.m. Norwegian-American Research-Blaine Hedberg
_____ 11:45 a.m. Lunch/Door Prizes
_____ 1:30 p.m. Value of Gen./Hist. Periodicals-Paula Stuart Warren
_____ 1:30 p.m. New Spot on Your Ancestral Map-James Warren
_____ 3:00 p.m. Getting Over the Brick Wall-Joy Reisinger, Moderator
_____ 3:00 p.m. Tracing Luxembourgers-John Magerus
_____ 3:00 p.m. Gen. Resources at Vesterheim & Memorial-Blaine Hedberg

Please check the above for space planning purposes.

Gene-A-Rama Conference Fees

\$12.00 Both days _____ \$9.00 Sat _____ \$7.00 Fri _____ Registration by 20 May 1992
\$15.00 Both days _____ \$12.00 Sat _____ \$10.00 Fri _____ Registration after 20 May 1992
\$14.00 _____ Dinner/interest tables 6:00 p.m. Friday (Includes tax/tip)
_____ Stuffed Pork Chop with apple dressing
_____ Chicken Roma (breast layered ham, cheese, mushrooms)
Please check which one (above) for planning purposes.
\$8.00 _____ Lunch 11:45 a.m. Sat. Soup and Sandwich. (Price includes tip/tax)

There are no fast foods nearby. Note: Meals eaten with us are deducted off our conference room rentals. We hope you'll support us. Thank you.

_____ Total Enclosed. Make check: WI Genealogical Council

Mail to: Emil Krause, 6083 County Trunk S, Wis Rapids, WI 54494

GENE-A-RAMA

If you are planning on attending the Gene-A-Rama in June, please fill out both sides of this sheet.

Please check your choices of workshops so they are able to arrange the size rooms for each group.

If you need further information, contact Emil Krause 435-3683.

See you in June;

SURNAME LISTING FOR PROGRAM BOOKLET 1992 GENE-A-RAMA

Surnames which you wish to have listed, accompanied by registration received by 20 May 1992, will be included. Print or type. (b. birth, m. marriage, d. death.)

SURNAME	EVENT (b.m.d.)	YEAR	PLACE OF EVENT	
			County	State

(Please use one registration form per person. May be duplicated.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (Area Code) _____



MARCH MEETING

The Saturday, 28 March 1991 meeting of the Computer Genealogy Interest Group of Central Wisconsin will have Barbara Johnson presenting a "PAF Demonstration" of her experiences with PAF. She will talk about the tricks she has learned, many of which are appropriate for other computer programs. Time permitting she will discuss some of the shareware programs that she has used.

The meeting will be held from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. in the basement computer area of the University Library (ARC) on the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point campus in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

From 12 noon to 1:45 p.m. the Beginners Session will have two parts. First, Martha Walters will talk about "Relieving the Tension in Computer Operations." The second part is on "Deciphering Computer Ads." Have you ever bought something for your computer and had it turn out to be something quite different than you expected. Peggy Gamma will talk about the practical aspects of interpreting those computer advertisements. Bring copies of some of your more challenging advertisements.

At 1:45 p.m. we will have announcements and a brief business meeting. The main program will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Also, bring your questions, concerns and thoughts on computer genealogy. A nominal fee (\$1.00) will be charged for use of the computers.

Dues are \$5.00, please pay the treasurer.

ARC AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCH

Ruth Steffen will have the Area Research Center open for research from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, 28 March 1992. The IGI and other microfiche will be available after 12 noon for those who would prefer research to the computer program.

COMPUTER GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

On 9 May 1992 the Milwaukee County Genealogical Society Spring Workshop will feature two computer lectures; Getting Started With Genealogical Computing and Computer Software and Family Roots-A Close Look at Software for the Genealogist. Registration is limited for the computer programs. So register early to be included. For a registration form contact:

MCGS Workshop Registration
P O BOX 27326
MILWAUKEE WI 53227-0326

For further information call:
Lois Molitor 414-543-0119
Ruth Juedes 414-461-8995

ABOUT CGIG

Our meetings and membership are open to the public. CGIG meets four times a year, generally on a Saturday in March, May, September and November. Our meetings have been held in the basement computer laboratory of the University Library (ARC) on the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point (UWSP) campus in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. There is a brief business meeting with each meeting. Each meeting has a program for beginners. Topics have included: Selecting a Computer Genealogy Program, Selecting a Computer and Getting Started.

Computer Genealogy Liaison Persons

Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society: Emil F Krause, Jr, 6083 CO TRK S, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494-9212, telephone 715-435-3683.

Marathon County Genealogical Society: Edith Carpenter, 5115 S Timber St, Schofield WI 54476, telephone 715-359-5686.

Marshfield Area Genealogy Group: Vicki Johnson, 1309B Adler Rd, Marshfield WI 54449, telephone 715-389-2085 or Louis Charles Hacker, 805 West State Street, Marshfield WI 54449-1748, telephone 715-387-6979.

North Pines Genealogy Group: Lauree O'Day, 203 N Genee, Merrill WI 54452, telephone 715-536-2597.

Stevens Point Area Gene. Soc.: Ruth Steffen, 3033 Jordan Lane, Stevens Point WI 54481, telephone 715-341-3815.

PEDIGREE CHART INSTRUCTION SHEET

You may call it a five generation chart, a four generation chart, an ancestor chart, pedigree chart or even some other name. Whatever name you use the pedigree chart is the best tool to help you organize your ancestors ---- or someone else's ancestors. The purpose is to answer some basic questions asked about pedigree charts: "Can you show me how to fill out a pedigree chart?" and "Why would you ever want more than one pedigree chart?"

An ancestor is one from whom a person is descended. An ancestor is any of our parents, grandparents or even great-great-great-great grandparents. In other words, our mothers and fathers (grandmothers and grandfathers) in any generation.

A pedigree chart lists you and your ancestors. The names of the fathers are listed on the top line with even numbers (2, 4, 6). The names of the mothers are listed on the lower lines with odd or uneven numbers (3, 5, 7). For your first chart, you are number 1. Your father is number 2, and your mother is number 3. Each father's number is double the child's number (the father of number 2 is number 4, the father of number 3 is number 6). Each mother's number is double the child's number plus one (the mother of number 2 is 5, the mother of number 3 is 7).

To get started, you need to obtain a blank pedigree chart. You can get blank forms from your group's form chairman. Blank forms are available at most group meetings. Publishers of forms or books of forms are glad to sell you their wares. You can even sketch a form to begin collecting your data.

Step 1: Your Name

Plainly print in pencil your full name as entry number 1 on a blank pedigree chart. Print your last name (surname) in all capital letters. A capitalized surname helps to show where the surname begins and keeps it from being confused with the first and middle names (called given names or christian names). Capitalizing surnames is especially helpful in the case of compound names such as La Laine or Van der Vort:

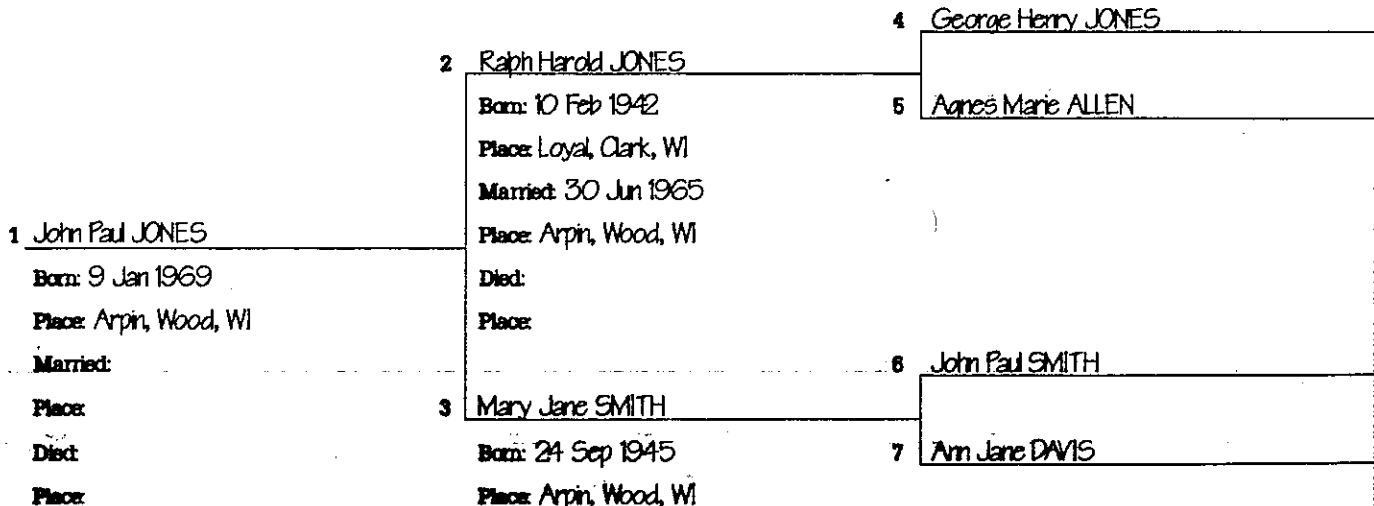
John Paul LA LAINE or
Philip Stephen VAN DER VORT

Step 2: Dates

In genealogy, dates are written as in the military and in many parts of Europe ---- with the day listed first, the month second and the year last:

9 Jan 1969
(day) (month) (year)

Write out the month (or better yet abbreviate the month in letters) and write the year using four numbers. This avoids the confusion of wondering if 9/1/69 is 9 January 1969 or September 1, 1969 or 1869 or 1769.



Step 3: Places

When writing places, always include the name of the county (or parish), as:

Madison, Dane, WI
(town/city) (county) (state)

When there is a town or city you do not need to include the word county (as Madison, Dane, WI); when there is no town or city, you do need to include the word county: Dane County (or Dane Co.), WI. Your grandfather, for example may not have been born in a town.

For foreign countries, use the equivalent --- that is the record keeping divisions of that country, which may have a different name. Include the name of the country. For example:

Gananoque, Leeds, Ontario, Canada
(town/city) (county) (province) (country)

Smaller divisions, such as religious parishes (often used in England), are recorded in front of the town:

Luddington, Garthorpe, Humberside, England
(parish) (town) (county or shire) (country)

The name used should be as it was at the time of the event. In 1828, Garthorpe was in Lincolnshire, as Humberside had not been formed yet.

Luddington, Garthorpe, Lincolnshire, England
(parish) (town) (county or shire) (country)

Step 4: Your Father

Write or print the full name of your father as entry number 2 in your pedigree chart. Use information from a completed family group sheet if you have it. Do you know his full name, or will you need to ask him?

You probably know the day and month of his birth, but you may have to ask him the year that he was born. (Or if you know how old he is, you can subtract from the current year and determine his year of birth.) Leave a blank space and add it later if you do not know the information. Other blanks for some more distant ancestors may never be filled in, because there are no records or the records are not available to you.

Do you know where your father was born? (You may know the town and state where he was born, but do not know the county)

You may need to ask your mother or father for their marriage date and place so that you can add this information to your chart.

Step 5: Your Mother

Next list your mother's name as entry number 3 on your pedigree chart with her birth date and place.

No marriage information is requested for her because it is shared with your father, and you need list it only once.

The women are listed with the surnames of their fathers. This is a woman's maiden surname, or the name that she had before she was married. In genealogy always write a woman's name using her maiden surname.

Step 6: Other Ancestors

Now that you understand how to record information on your pedigree chart, you will also be able to fill in the names, dates and places for your grandparents and great grandparents once you have found that information.

The pedigree chart becomes like a road map showing who your direct ancestors are. Additional ancestors who are not listed on this pedigree chart can be listed on new pedigree charts for earlier generations beyond the limit of your chart. The second reason for more than one pedigree chart is to replace a messy chart. Be careful to avoid errors in copying.

Other family members (brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins) can be listed on one or more copies of a different type of form, known as a family group record. With the additional information available on these forms, you should make a family group record for each person on your pedigree chart also.

Some people print out their pedigree charts with computers. Genealogy software must be used and the information must first be input into the computer.

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Thurs. May 23.....Funeral Home Sources. Greg Jackam of Rembs Funeral Home will tell about the sources available at Funeral Homes and how to find them. Annual Business Meeting of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. Elections will take place.

Sat.&Sun.May 30 & 31.Genealogy Group Display at Northway Mall. Pending

Fri.&Sat.June 19& 20.Genealogy Group Display at Gene-A-Rama in La Crosse.

Please request books from the library one week ahead at 387-4044.
PLEASE MARK THE ABOVE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR.

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