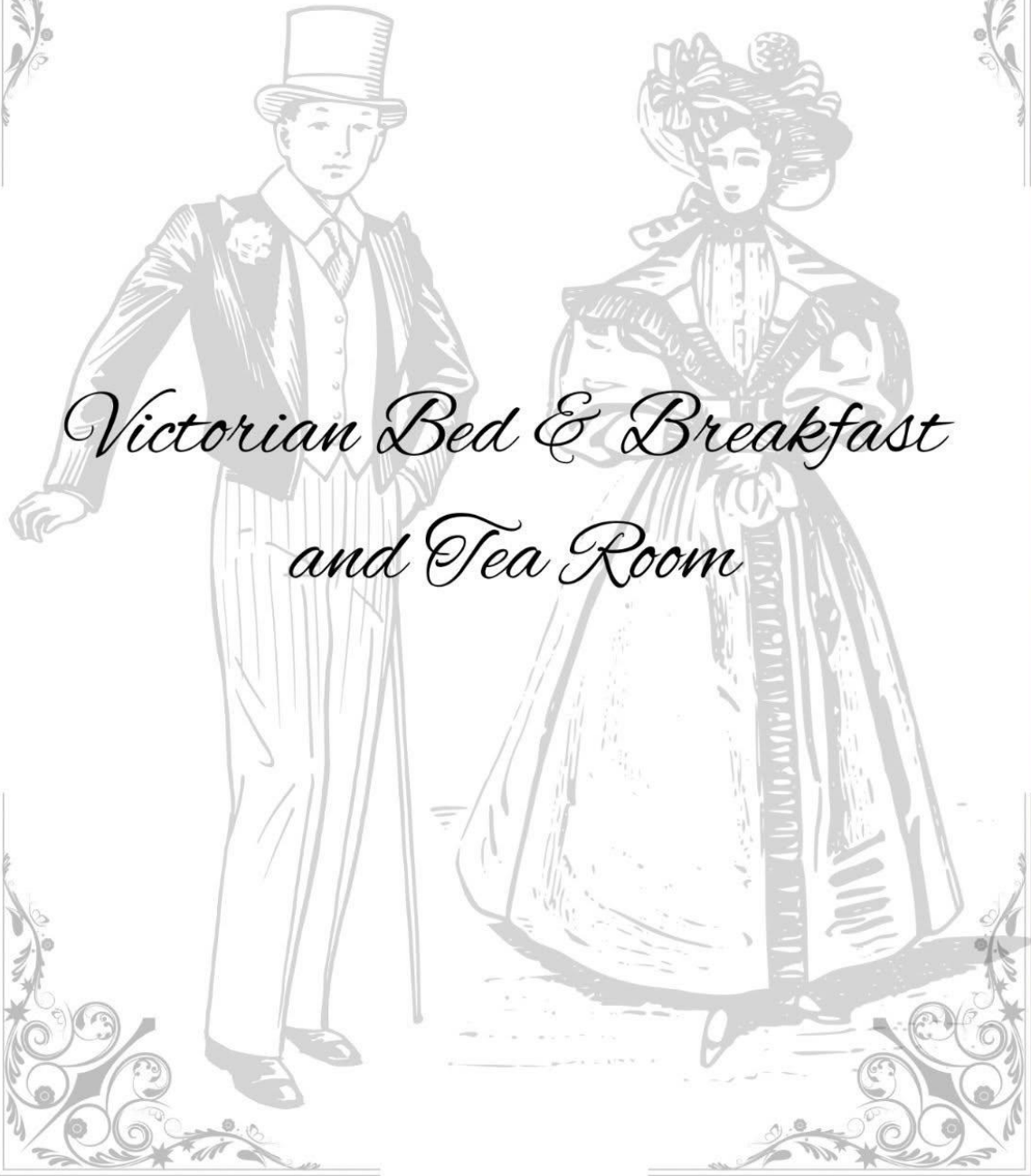


MATHIS  HOUSE

VICTORIAN BED & BREAKFAST AND TEA ROOM AT 600 MAIN



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# Menu



## Victorian Tea Menu

### Beverages

- Full Pot of Gourmet Tea \$7**
- Tea Flight Three Choices \$15**
- Cup of Coffee \$3**
- Hot Chocolate \$3**

Children Five and Under are always Free with an adult.

Reservations Required for Full Afternoon Tea.

Please advise of any dietary restrictions with 24 hours notice.

We offer gluten free options for an additional \$10.

Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available.

### Lady Samantha Creme Tea \$25

Two Warm Scones with Clotted Cream, Lemon Curd & Preserves with a Full Pot of Tea

### Lady Laura Tea \$25

A Full Sandwich, Cup of Soup, One Homemade Sweet, Full Pot of Tea

### Princess Victoria's Tea \$30

3 Cups of homemade soup, Large Garden Salad, Full Pot of Tea

### Queen Elizabeth Decadent Tea \$38

A Variety of Tea Sandwiches, A Homemade Scone and Plate of Desserts with a Full Pot of Tea

### Sir Thomas Mathis Full Afternoon Tea \$50

A beautiful presentation of a five course Victorian Afternoon Tea to include a Petite Salad, a Cup of Soup, a Variety of Tea Sandwiches, a Plate Full of Desserts a Tiered Collection of our Famous Scones, with a Full Pot of Tea.



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## Catering & Take-out Menu

### Our famous homemade scones

**\$4 each, Gluten Free \$4.50 each or  
a Bakers Dozen \$48**

#### Variety choices

Apricot Walnut  
Blueberry White Chocolate  
Cranberry and White Chocolate  
Chocolate Chip  
Dubai Chocolate  
Vanilla Bean  
Double Chocolate  
Blueberry Lemon

*Scones sides of homemade clotted  
cream and lemon curd*

**One ounce serving \$2  
Take Out Pint \$5  
Take Out Quart \$10**

### Tea Sandwich Tray

**Small 4 to 6 pp \$42  
Medium 6 to 8 pp \$50  
Large 8 to 10 pp \$75**

#### Dessert Tray and Mini scones

**Mini Scones 8 to 10 pp \$50**

#### Charcuterie Boards

**Small 2 to 4 pp \$25  
Medium 6 to 8 pp \$40  
Large 8 to 10 pp \$55**

(Kindly allow 24 hours' advance notice when  
placing orders)

### Soup

**Petite Cup of Soup \$4  
Bowl of Soup \$8  
Take out Pint of Homemade Soup \$5  
Take Out Quart of Homemade Soup \$10**

#### Our Selection of Soup

(Based on availability)

Carrot Coconut  
Loaded Baked Potato  
Cream of Mushroom  
Zucchini Parmesan  
Tomato Basil  
Beef Barley  
Lentil  
Split Pea  
Butternut Squash

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### Gourmet Loose Teas

**Over 80 varieties to  
choose from**

**Four Ounce Bag \$12  
Eight Ounce Bag \$24**

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**The Mathis House at 600 Main, a Victorian Bed & Breakfast and Tea Room, is proud of the many varieties of teas available for tasting. The following is a description of the different variety of gourmet teas:**

**Black Teas:** To produce black tea, the tea leaves are plucked by hand and left in the sun until they are pliable enough to be rolled without splitting. The leaves are then put into a mechanical tumbler and rolled. This process causes the leaves' juices to react with the air and oxidize. When the green leaves turn black, they are fired in huge drying ovens to produce the final product.

**Green Teas:** To produce green tea, the fresh tea leaves are carefully placed on large bamboo trays and allowed to dry in the sunlight. They are then placed into small hot roasting pans and are continuously rolled into balls and then re-roasted for several hours at a time. This process stops the chemical changes from occurring in the leaf by never allowing it to wither and ferment. By eliminating the fermentation process, the dry leaf retains its green color and natural composition.

**Oolong Teas:** Oolong tea is referred to as a "semi-fermented" tea and is principally manufactured in China and Taiwan (Formosa). After plucking, it is allowed to wilt in direct sunlight, then shaken in bamboo baskets to lightly bruise the leaf. The chemicals in the leaf react with the air, producing a reddish color. After some time, the leaf is fired and the fermentation process is halted. These steps create the unique appearance and flavor of the two different types of oolong.

**Pu-erh Teas:** Pu-erh teas are created by hand piling Yunnan black tea for lengthy periods, allowing a true internal fermentation of the leaf to occur. This process gives Pu-erh its unique earthy overtones. Pu-erh has long been valued for medicinal benefits, believed to aid in digestion and the reduction of cholesterol.

**Flavored/Scented Teas:** Scented teas are infused with varying aromas and natural flavorings to make them stand out in each cup. A majority of Jasmine teas are made with a pouching, or semi-fermented tea base.

**Rooibos:** The Rooibos (or "red bush") grows in the Cederberg Mountains of South Africa. They are made from the needle-like leaves of the Rooibos bush and are caffeine free with a sweetness and distinctive taste.

**Herbal/Fruit Blends:** Often referred to as "tisane", these are blends of herbs and/or fruits that do not contain any "tea" leaves, so therefore are naturally caffeine free.

**Decaffeinated Teas:** Leaves are decaffeinated using a natural, critical carbon dioxide method.

**Chai:** The base of Chai is black tea. It is a tea from India and is usually combined with spices such as ginger, cinnamon, cloves, star anise

## The Mathis House Gourmet Tea List

**Almond** – A Flavored/Scented Tea with almond taste and almond bits.

**Almond Cookies** – A Rooibos Tea with an almond, coconut taste with grated coconut and almond flakes.

**Almond Joy** – A Flavored/Scented Black Tea blended with coconut, almond and chocolate pieces.

**Apricot** – A Decaffeinated Tea with apricot and marigold flowers.

**Apple Dumpling** - a blend that includes black tea, green apple, red apple, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and citrus peel.

**Autumn Cranberry** – A Flavored/Scented Tea Indian black tea blended with sweet cranberry pieces and blackberry leaves.

**Autumn Pear** - A mild fruit blend of autumn favorites like pear, apple, orange peel, chicory root and other flavors. Contains wheat.

**Assam** – A Black Tea that is produced in Northern India. Its pungent liquor brews to a dark-red color, leaving a full-bodied cup with a malty taste that is truly unique.

**Back Porch** – A Flavored/Scented Black Tea blended with raspberry and strawberry pieces, along with orange peel.



**Blueberry** – A Rooibos Green Tea with blueberries and cornflowers.

**Blueberry Cordial** – a Flavored/Scented Black Tea flavored with vanilla, blueberries and vanilla.

**Blue Tea** - butterfly pea flowers, offers numerous health benefits, including antioxidant properties, improved heart health, and enhanced cognitive function.

**Blueberry Lavander** - Rooibos, Hibiscus, Rose Hips, Lavender flower, Hibiscus, Blueberry. Buddha Moon - herbal caffeine-free blend with cinnamon, ginger, cardamom, cloves, black pepper, turmeric.

**Blood Orange** – A Herbal/Fruit Blend naturally decaffeinated tea with blood orange taste, apple bits, hibiscus blossoms, orange peel.

**Caramel Apple** – A Rooibos Black Tea with sweet apple and creamy caramel.

**Chamomile** – A Herbal/Fruit Blend naturally decaffeinated blend of organic chamomile leaves.

**China Sechung Oolong** – This semi-fermented tea has large curled leaves that are greenish-black in color. Grown in the Southern Mountains of China's Fujian Province, this type of Oolong is referred to as a Min Nan Oolong. This tea has a delicate flavor with a pleasing taste and lively bouquet.

**Chai of Sri Lanka** - is a blend of strong black tea and aromatic spices such as cinnamon, cardamom, cloves, and ginger.

**Chocolate raspberry truffle** - Raspberry black tea with chocolate drops.

**Cinn-O-Bunn** – A Flavored/Scented Black Tea with yogurt bits, cinnamon and cloves.

**Cotton Candy** – A Rooibos Tea. Fluffy cloud on a stick, just like real cotton candy that takes you back to your childhood.

**Cold Chaser** - Elder leaves, linden blossoms, thyme, fennel, rosehips, licorice, blackberry leaves, marigold blossoms.

**Cranberry Glow** – A Green Tea with dried fruit and cranberry flavoring.

**Creamy Caramel Chai** - Spicy chai with the creaminess of condensed milk. Black Tea, Flavored/Scented, Chai.

**Darjeeling** – A Black Tea often called the “Queen of Indian Teas”, this offering is grown in the high-altitude foothills of the Himalayas and is a full-bodied tea whose infused leaf produces a cup with a coppery-red sparkle and a hint of delicate fruit overtones.

**Dirty Chai** – A Chai blended with coffee beans, cloves and cardamom.

**Earl Grey** – A Flavored/Scented Tea that is a traditional afternoon tea delicately scented with large leaf Indian black teas and oil of Bergamot, renowned for its citrus fragrance and light overall taste.

**English Breakfast** – A Black Tea that is a combination of several robust teas from India and Sri Lanka. Its bold, full-flavor taste makes it a favorite breakfast tea and the perfect tea to start your day.

**Equalitea** – A Flavored/Scented Black Tea with a rainbow of flavors in strawberry, hibiscus, apple, lemon and rose petals.

**Formosa Oolong** – A Oolong Tea semi-oxidized tea from Formosa known for its unique appearance and taste. Produced from carefully selected leaves, Formosa Oolong's dark brown and noticeable twisted leaves produce a vibrant amber cup of tea. This tea has a distinctively sweet peach flavor and fruity aroma when brewed.

**Glitzzy Mama** – a Green Tea with delicate hints of succulent warm weather fruits.

**Gunpowder Green** – A traditional Green Tea commonly known abroad as “Pearl Tea”, it has a sweet fragrance and clean, fresh taste when brewed.

**Honey Ginger** – A Green Tea with bits of ginger and honey blossoms.

**Hot mama** - Cinnamon, spices, peppercorns and cinnamon hearts. Black Tea, Flavored/Scented.

**Herbs for men** - Ginger ginseng taste with apple, ginger bits, rooibos, lemongrass, cloves, lemon peel, black pepper. Herbals/Florals.

**Herbs for Woman** - Orange taste with cinnamon, apple, ginger bits, raspberry leaves, chamomile, cardamom, St. John's Wort. Herbals/Florals

**Hu-Kwa** – A Black Tea. Delicately smoked Lapsang Souchong, it gets its distinctive flavor and smoky tang from the pine fires over which it is dried.



**Irish Breakfast** – A Black Tea that is a full-bodied tea with small and large Assam tea leaves that will invigorate you and help you start your day.

**Japanese Genmaicha Green** – A Green Tea. The finest Japanese Sencha green tea leaves are blended with roasted rice and popped corn to create a robust, nutty flavored green tea.

**Ka-Tea** – A Flavored/Scented Tea named for the Princess, a black tea blended with pomegranate and blueberries.

**Key Lime Pie** – A Flavored/Scented Black Tea with pineapple bits, lemon peel, yogurt bits and marigold blossoms.

**Lavender Lemon** – A Herbal/Fruit Blend naturally decaffeinated Tea that is a combination of gentle lavender and sweet lemon.

**Love Shack** – A Flavored/Scented Black Tea flavored with chocolate, dried cherries, sugar crystals and festive sparkles.

**Matcha Gun Powder** – A green Japanese powdered tea that is excellent for your health.

**Merry Matcha Christmas** - blend of green tea, white chocolate, candied pineapple cranberry, matcha, and natural flavor contains milk and soy.

**Midsummer Night Dream** – A Flavored/Scented Tea that is a blend of Green/Black Tea flavored with strawberry, mango, papaya, pineapple and sunflower blossoms.

**Mocha Russian** – A Flavored/Scented Tea that has Chocolate, coffee beans and accents of cream.

**Moroccan Mint Green** – A Green Tea traditionally served in Morocco, this tea is a blend of Chinese Gunpowder Green tea and fragrant spearmint leaves.

**Nu-Tea-la** - Rooibos, honeybush, green rooibos, milk chocolate drops, hazelnuts, natural and artificial flavor. Contains milk, soy and tree nut (hazelnut).

**Orange Mousse** – A Rooibos that is light and whipped orange taste with orange bits.

**Orange and Spice** – A Flavored/Scented Tea that is an orange and cinnamon taste with cinnamon pieces, orange pieces and flavoring.

**Organic Bold Leaf Pu-erh** – A Pu-erh Tea. This is an organically grown full leaf version that has a unique damp, earthy scent characteristic of a fine black Pu-erh. It has a smooth, deeply fermented flavor that puts this in a class of its own.

**Party of the Jungle** – A Flavored/Scented Blend of Green and Black Teas flavored with mango, passion fruit, pineapple, papaya, kiwi and safflower.

**Peach Mango** – A Flavored/Scented Black Tea with pieces of peach and mango, rose petals.

**Peppermint Bark** - A vanilla black tea with dried peppermint, flavoring and peppermint candy pieces. Black Tea, Flavored/Scented

**Pina Colada** – A Rooibos Tea with pineapple and coconut tastes, flavored with coconut, pineapple bits, marigold flowers.

**Pineapple Upside Down Cake** – A Rooibos Black Tea with creamy cake and icing taste, pineapple, cherry bits, white cornflowers.

**Pomegranate Green** – A Green Tea that is a health conscious tea made up of the finest Chinese Sencha green tea leaves blended with pomegranate pieces and rose petals to create a unique blend.

**Pu-erh Yunnan** – A Pu-erh Tea that is a full-bodied black tea with lots of earthiness.



**Pumpkin Pie** – A Flavored/Scented Black Tea infused with pumpkin, cinnamon and vanilla.

**Raspberry** – A Flavored/Scented China Black Tea infused with raspberry pieces.

**Raspberry Mint** – A Herbal/Fruit Blend naturally decaffeinated blend of apples, raspberry, hibiscus blossoms, blackberry leaves and mint.

**Russian Caravan** – A Black Tea that was so sought after in Russia, that special caravans were commissioned to personally deliver to the Czar. It has a smoky citrus taste with orange peels and flavoring.

**Scottish Breakfast** – A Black Tea that is a special blend of fine Indian, Ceylon and China teas brewed to a bright lively liquor. Full flavored and robust, it is the perfect tea to start your day.

**Sleigh Bells** - A fruit blend with oranges, apples, strawberries, cranberries, almonds and rounded creamy notes.

**Southern Peach** – A Herbal/Fruit Blend naturally decaffeinated Tea that is a blend of apricot, peach, apple, currants, pineapple bits, with hibiscus blossoms.

**Sparkling sugar plum** - Deep plum taste with sparkling sugar crystals. *Black Tea, Flavored/Scented*

**Spirit of Christmas** - Cranberry, coconut and pineapple taste with cranberries, coconut flakes and pineapple bits

**Spiced Masala Chai** – A Chai Indian Black Tea with ginger pieces, vanilla bean pieces, cardamom, and cinnamon, cloves.

**Star Dust** - Vanilla and spice taste with silver ball candies and a "dusting" of gold sugar.

**Strawberry and Crème** – A Green Tea flavored with strawberry bits and sunflower blossoms.

**Sugar Plum Spice** - Plum spice taste with plum bits, cinnamon bits, spices, and flavoring.

**Summer Dream** – A Flavored/Scented Black Tea with hints of peach, vanilla and berries.

**Tranquility** – A Herbal/Fruit Blend naturally decaffeinated blend of organic peppermint, chamomile and rosehips.

**Vanilla a la Crème** – A Flavored/Scented Black tea with vanilla cream and vanilla bits.

**Very Berry** – A Herbal/Fruit Blend of dark berries, hibiscus, elderberries and black currants.  
Winter Festival - Cinnamon citrus vanilla taste, dried cranberries.

**White Chocolate Coconut Latte** - Green, white and black tea blend with white chocolate and coconut.  
Black Tea, Green Tea, White Tea, Flavored/Scented

## Decaffeinated Teas

**Decaf Apricot with Flowers** – With apricot taste & marigold flowers

**Black Tea** – Decaf Ceylon, Sri Lanka

**Earl Grey** – A Flavored Decaffeinated Tea with Bergamot taste

**English Breakfast** – A Black Decaffeinated Tea that is a combination of several robust teas.

**Raspberry** – A Decaffeinated Tea infused with raspberry bits.

**Strawberry** – A Decaffeinated Tea infused with strawberry cream and strawberry bits.

**Decaf Sencha** - Fragrant yet mild taste sans the caffeine.

**Decaf Vanilla** - Luscious, creamy vanilla taste.



## Mathis House

# The History of the Mathis House

## A Glimpse into its Past



The Mathis House for nearly 120 years the home has occupied the tree-lined block of Historic Main Street, the mansion has stood out as both an exquisite example of period architecture, and a reminder of Toms Rivers' deep historical roots.

The house was constructed in 1898 for a local businessman, and was quickly recognized as an outstanding example of Colonial Revival architecture.

The house was purchased by Mr. Mathis for his wife and one son, who later loaned the home the nickname, "The Mathis House". Thomas A. Mathis, also known as Captain Tom for his many accomplishments on the seas, resided in the house through a political career that spanned some 50 years.

Vintage Photo of Mr. Thomas Mathis and Maja Leon Berry in Trenton, New Jersey. Mr. Mathis, who was born in 1869, resided in New Jersey for nearly all of his life. But in his early years, following in his father's footsteps, he sailed the world. He was a master seaman at the young age of 18 and served as second officer aboard J.P. Morgan's yacht, "Corsair," on its first round-the-world cruise in 1905.

Later Thomas became the ship's Captain and won the Americas World Cup. Due to his maritime roots, Toms River was the perfect place for him to raise his family. Mr. Mathis and his wife, Helen S. Steelman, purchased the house with his brother-in-law, Maja Leon Berry and his sister-in-law, Edna Steelman, in 1912. During the couples' residence, the mansion was the scene to many elegant parties and dinners. Mr. Mathis and Berry family owned the home during the prohibition where those stories remain a mystery.

Mr. Mathis involved himself as one of the first Ford Dealership owners in the automobile business in Philadelphia & Toms River, he was the owner of the Mathis Drug Store, and was involved in real estate throughout New Jersey. His preoccupations, and occupations were known by many but he was most well-known, historically, for his accomplishments in politics.

By the time he purchased the property at 600 Main, Mr. Mathis had already served the state and its residents in several civic roles for a decade. He was appointed to the New Jersey Senate in 1909 and went on to be re-elected for a half-dozen more terms, rising to become Republican majority leader, then president of the Senate in 1929. In 1931 he was appointed Secretary of State of New Jersey, and served in that position until 1941. Through all that time, he was known as the "King Pin of Republican Party" saturated in politics in New Jersey and residing in Ocean County. Thomas Mathis passed away in 1958, but his name remains well known in this community, not only for the beautiful historic home he left behind on Main Street, but for the rich history of the years he dedicated his life to public service and for his accomplishments to the New Jersey State Judicial System.

On May 24, 1950, the State of New Jersey dedicated the bridge on Route 37 that spans the Barnegat Bay and connects the Toms River with the major route onto the Jersey Shore beaches. The bridge is named the "Thomas A. Mathis Bridge" and is another historic landmark for Ocean County. Mr. Mathis was skillful at quilting, crocheting and knitting – hobbies he came to enjoy after spending so many years alone at sea. The Ocean County Historical Society, located minutes away from the Inn, possesses one of the quilts Mr. Mathis made at sea from materials garnered in foreign ports.

It is the mission and vision of the Mathis House is to preserve an era of history for many generations to come. We hope you enjoyed your experience today at the Mathis House and we thank you for your support as we work to make this a destination spot for visitors around the world.

Please feel free to ask for the owner if for any reason you would like to share your experience today. The ownership can also be reached at **609-529-7727** or **vweiss@mathishouse600main.com**

All the best,  
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