

## **RESEARCH NOTES – THOMAS GEORGE DAVIES**

### 1861 UK CENSUS

Source: Christine Foale via email to Wendy Baker 2015

“Residing 73 Hill Street, Blaenavon, Wales:

David Davies, Head, Widower, 71 years, Sawyer Birthplace Brecon, Llanvihangel

James Davies son-in-law, married 31 yrs, Carpenter, birthplace Hereford, Leominster

Catherine, wife 27 years, birthplace Monmouth, Marmilad

Mary Elizabeth, daughter, scholar, 9 yrs, birthplace Blaenavon

Anne, Daughter, scholar, 6 yrs, birthplace Tevethin

Catherine, daughter, scholar, 4 yrs, birthplace Blaenavon

Thomas, son 1 yr, birthplace Blaenavon

\*\*\*Christine Foale's note\*\*\*

"Catherine and David's ages align with the family identified in 1841 census. And she has named her children like her parents.

This is within the 10 years period specified by Thomas Deakin's will. No other David Davies in the age group was residing in Blaenavon, according to the Census"

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### 1871 WALES CENSUS

Source Citation: Class: RG10; Piece: 5354; Folio: 45; Page:16; GSU roll: 848449

Source information: Ancestry.com 1871 Wales Census (database on-line)

Original data: Census Returns of England and Wales, 1871, Kew, Surrey, England: TNA of the UK, PRO.

Name: Thomas Davies

Age: 11

Estimated birth year: abt 1860

Relation: Son

Father's name: James Davies

Mother's name: Catherine Davies

Gender: Male

Where born: Blaenavon, Monmouthshire, Wales

Civil Parish: Rudry

Ecclesiastical parish: Llandaff

County: Glamorgan

Country: Wales

Reg. Dist.: Cardiff

Sub-reg. dist.: Whitchurch

ED, institution or vessel: 4

Household schedule number: 77

Household Members:

James Davies, 41 yrs, Head, Married, Carpenter, Born Hereford Leominster

Catherine Davies, 37 yrs, Wife, Married, Monmouth

Annie Davies, 16 yrs, born Monmouth?

Catherine Davies, 14 yrs, born Monmouth Blaenavon

Thomas Davies, 11 yrs, born Monmouth Blaenavon

Mathar Davies, 3 yrs, born Monmouth

Sarah Davies, 1 yr, born Glamorgan Rudry

David Davies, 81 yrs, Father-in-law (Widower) born Brecon

1881 WALES CENSUS

1881 Wales Census: Source Citation: Class: RG11; Piece: 5275; Folio:33; Page:6; GSU roll: 1342268

Source information: Ancestry.com 1881 Wales Census (database on-line)

Original data: Census Returns of England and Wales, 1881, Kew, Surrey, England: TNA of the UK, PRO.1881

Name: Thomas Davies

Age: 21

Estimated birth year: Abt 1860

Relation: Son

Father's name: James Davies

Mother's name: Catherine Davies

Gender: Male

Where born: Blaenavon, Monmouth, Wales

Civil Parish: Rudry

County/Island: Glamorgan

Country: Wales

Street address: Nr Tynycoedcae

Occupation: Tin Millman (Plate Worker)

Registration District: Cardiff

Sub-Reg. District: Whitchurch

ED: 4

Household Members:

James Davies, Head, Married, Carpenter, born Worcester/Leominster

Catherine Davies, Wife, M, 49 yrs, born Monmouth

Thomas Davies, Son, 21 yrs, Tin Millman (Plateworker), born Blaenavon, Monmouth

David Davies, Son, 19 yrs, Sawyer, born Blaenavon, Monmouth

Sarah Davies, Daughter, 11 yrs, Scholar, born Glamorgan, Rudry

Emily Davies, Daughter, 7 yrs, Scholar, born Glamorgan, Rudry

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25 AUG 1888 MARRIAGE TO FIRST WIFE, CATHERINE HAYWARD

NSW Marriage Registration Transcription Ref No. 1888/7592 by Laurence Turtle(Turtle Consolidated Services) PO Box 144 Kurrajong 2758; phone (02)45731559 dated 17 Nov 2010: as follows:

GROOM: Thomas DAVIES

Occupation: Engine driver

Usual Residence: Mount Gipps

Status: Bachelor

Place of Birth: Blararson (sic), Monmouthshire, Wales

Age: 29 years

Father: James Davies

Mother: Catherine Davies

Father's Occupation: Joiner

BRIDE: Catherine HAYWARD

Occupation: Dressmaker

Usual Residence: Mount Gipps near Broken Hill

Status: Spinster

Place of Birth: Cheltenham, England

Age: 21 years

Father: James HAYWARD  
Mother: Ann ROGERS  
Father's Occupation: Butcher  
DATE OF MARRIAGE: 25th August 1888  
Place of Marriage: District Registrar's Office, Broken Hill  
Religion: Married according to the Acts of Council 19 Vic, Nos 30 & 34  
Consent: No entry  
Witnesses: Minnie Bourke and David Davies  
Minister: John J Williams, Registrar  
Other Details: None Stated

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Notes from Broken Hill Family History Group Inc, Jenny Camilleri, secretary:  
(Acknowledging research undertaken by them)  
Catherine HAYWARD married Thomas George DAVIES in Broken Hill 1888, registration number 7592 (for marriage certificate).  
Catherine Davies died around the Eagle Hawke Mine after being severely burnt and she is buried at the old Mt Gipps Cemetery with no headstone.

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(From Court House Record):  
Catherine Davies died 22/11/1888 from injuries, daughter of James HAYWARD a butcher and mother Catherine ROGERS - married in Broken Hill, aged 21, Thomas DAVIES. Catherine was born in Cheltenham, England c 1866 and they had no children.

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Catherine Davies - death notice Silver Age Newspaper 23 Nov 1888 - stated she died of injuries from a fire at the Eaglehawk Mine early hours of the morning last Monday 22. She was only married for three months. Buried in Mt Gipps Hotel (??)

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Catherine Davies died 1888 daughter of James and Catherine, registration number 14014 (for death certificate).

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22 NOV 1888 DEATH OF FIRST WIFE, CATHERINE HAYWARD  
NSW Death Registration Transcription Ref No. 1888/14014 by Laurence Turtle(Turtle Consolidated Services) PO Box 144 Kurrajong 2758; phone (02)45731559 dated 18 Nov 2010: as follows:  
Name: Catherine DAVIES  
Date of Death: 22nd November 1888  
Place: Eaglehawk Mine, 10 miles from Broken Hill  
Rank/Profession: Wife of Thomas Davies  
Sex & Age: Female, 22 years  
Cause of Death: Burns accidentally inflicted, shock  
Length of Illness: 3 days  
Medical attendant: Dr Belgrave  
Date Last Seen: 20th November 1888  
Father: James HAYWARD  
Occupation: Butcher  
Mother: Catherine ROGERS  
Informant: Thomas DAVIES, husband, Eaglehawk Mine  
Registration: John J Williams, 22nd November 1888, Broken Hill  
Date of Burial: 23rd November 1888

Place of Burial: Mount Gipps Cemetery  
Undertaker: John ...lff (entry faded)  
Minister & Religion: CGE Ashworth, Church of England  
Witnesses: James Eddy and James Lanyon  
Place of Birth: Cheltenham, England  
Time in Aust Colonies: Unknown  
Place of Marriage: Broken Hill  
Age at Marriage: 21 years  
Name of Spouse: Thomas DAVIES  
Children of Marriage: None  
Other Details: None stated

\*Wendy's note: For further details regarding Thomas's first wife's death, please see separate notes.

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2 NOV 1889 - MARRIAGE TO SECOND WIFE, ELIZABETH JOHNSTON

NSW Marriage Registration Transcription Ref No. 1889/3034 by Laurence Turtle(Turtle Consolidated Services) PO Box 144 Kurrajong 2758; phone (02)45731559 dated 18 Nov 2010: as follows:

GROOM: Thomas DAVIES  
Occupation: Engine Driver  
Usual Residence: Moncur St, Woollahra, Sydney  
Status: Widower  
Place of Birth: Blanavon (sic), Monmouthshire, Wales  
Age: 30 years  
Father: James Davies  
Mother: Catherine Davies  
Father's occupation: Builder  
BRIDE: Elizabeth JOHNSON  
Occupation: No entry  
Usual Residence: Nelson St, Woollahra, Sydney  
Status: Spinster  
Place of Birth: Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, England  
Age: 27 years  
Father: Henry JOHNSON  
Mother: Annie PAGET  
Father's Occupation: Confectioner  
DATE OF MARRIAGE: 2 November 1889  
Place of Marriage: Office of the District Registrar, Woollahra  
Religion: Married according to the Acts of Council 19 Victoria, Nos 30 & 34  
Consent: No entry  
Witnesses: Edwin Coombes and Fanny Coombes  
Minister: Chas Augustus Vivian, registrar  
Other Details: None stated

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2 SEP 1889 MARRIAGE TO SECOND WIFE, ELIZABETH JOHNSTON

Reference to the marriage to Elizabeth JOHNSTON (of Cheltenham) is made on the birth certificates of Gladys Gwendoline and Edrie Catherine DAVIES, where it indicates that Thomas DAVIES, aged 30 in September 1890, was born in South Wales, and married Elizabeth on 2 Sep 1889 in Sydney. She was 29 when Gladys (Pearl Hastwell's mother) was born.

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From Ancestry.com BMD NSW: Thomas Davies - 2 Sep 1889 m. Elizabeth Johnston  
Reg.No.3034 Reg. Dist. Woollahra NSW

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5 SEP 1890 BIRTH OF FIRST DAUGHTER, GLADYS GWENDOLINE

Source: Wendy Baker holds a copy of the registration of the birth -  
Form No. 5, No. of Certificate 33 in the colony of New South Wales 1890. Registered by R.  
Mends Gibson District Registrar.

Number in Register: 497

Child - when and where born: 1890 5th September. Argent Street North Broken Hill

Name - Gladys Gwendaline

Sex - Female

Parents:

Father - name - Thomas Davies, 30 yrs, b. South Wales, occupation Engine Driver

Married 1889 2nd September Sydney.

Issue living and deceased: None

Mother - name - Elizabeth Johnston, 29 yrs, b. Cheltenham.

Informant - Thomas Davies, Father, Residence - Broken Hill

Witnesses (Accoucheur, Nurse) - Dr. Kerff, Mrs. Welch.

Registrar - R. Mends Gibson, Registration place Broken Hill; date registered 1st Octobere 1890.

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21 JUN 1892 BIRTH OF SECOND DAUGHTER, EDRIE CATHERINE

Source: Wendy Baker holds original EXTRACT certified true copy of entry in Register of Births  
at the District Office of Broken Hill, (Extracted by Thomas William Cohen on 1 Aug 1918)  
(Found in family effects)

Certificate No. 32 - No. in Register: 550

When born: 21 Jun 1892 Argent St North, Broken Hill.

Sex: Girl

Name: Edrie Catherine

Father: Thomas Davies, age 32, Engine Driver, born England. Married Oct 1889 in Sydney.

Mother: Elizabeth Johnson, age 31, born England.

Informant: T. Davies Father

Witness: Mrs Coomer (Nurse?)

Registrar: R. Mends Gibson, Registered 11 July 1892 at Broken Hill.

(Elizabeth's surname has also been quoted as Elizabeth Johnston, born Cheltenham UK)

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1895 BIRTH OF THIRD DAUGHTER, OLIVE AILEEN

Australian Birth Index, 1788-1922

Name: Olive A Davies

Birth date: 1895

Father's name: Thomas Davies

Mother's name: Elizabeth

Birth Place: New South Wales

Registration Year: 1895

Registration Place: Sturt, New South Wales

Registration No.: 37008

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9 FEB 1897 DEATH OF SECOND WIFE, ELIZABETH JOHNSTON

NSW Death Registration Transcription Ref No. 1897/809 by Laurence Turtle (Turtle Consolidated Services) PO Box 144 Kurrajong 2758; phone (02)45731559 dated 18 Nov 2010: as follows:

Name: Elizabeth DAVIES

Date of Death: 9 Feb 1897

Place: Argent Street, North Broken Hill

Rank/Profession: Married woman

Sex & Age: Female, 36 years

Cause of Death: Influenza, inflammation of lungs

Length of illness: 10 days

Medical attendant: Dr Mackay (registered)

Date last seen: 8th February 1897

Father: Henry JOHNSON

Occupation: Baker

Mother: Ann Pagett

Informant: Thomas DAVIES, husband, North Broken Hill

Registration: James Watt, 9th February 1897, Broken Hill

Date of Burial: 10th February 1897

Place of Burial: Church of England Cemetery, Broken Hill

Undertaker: O'Connor & Coy

Minister & Religion: AJ Wheeler, Church of England

Witnesses: J Wright and F Perkins

Place of Birth: Gloucestershire, England

Time in Aust Colonies: 9 years in New South Wales

Place of Marriage: Sydney, New South Wales

Age at Marriage: 28 years

Name of Spouse: Thomas Davies

Children of Marriage: Gladys 6 years, Edrie 4 years, Olive 1 year, all living

Other details: None Stated

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From Broken Hill Family History Group - Elizabeth DAVIES (daughter of Henry and Ann) died 8 Feb 1897 aged 36 at Avon Cottage, Argent Street, and is buried in the Anglican Cemetery BH, Ang C section Grave 40, unmarked grave, by O'Conner & Co Undertaker.

NOTE: On Monday 4 August 2014 Wendy Baker visited the Broken Hill Council and obtained a cemetery map showing the location of Grave 40, and then went to the cemetery where she was photographed by her husband John Baker standing at the approximate site.

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NOTE: On Monday 4 August 2014 Wendy and John Baker visited the last known address of Thomas George Davies in Broken Hill, No. 546 Argent St, North Broken Hill, New South Wales. No. 546 is actually incorporated in a (current) crash repair and vehicle re-build business marked as "544-546 Argent St". The manager, John, took us through to the rear of the premises where he showed us a small, derelict miner's-style cottage of wood and corrugated iron which, he said, he discovered was actually no. 20 Bagot Street. A business/shop of some description was sited on the corner of Bagot/Argent Streets and he feels that as his business in one form or another has been in existence on that spot for 100 years, the cottage must be the "Doon/Avon Cottage" belonging to Thomas Davies, Wendy's great-grandfather. The bull-nose verandah was removed seven years ago. Wendy photographed the derelict cottage but due to safety hazards (used as a storage facility

for the crash repair business) did not enter it. One can only guess at the privations of this 36 year old girl dying of influenza in such a cottage in February's heat in Broken Hill, with three little girls under 6 years old. More effort will be made to search a title for this cottage.

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Notes from Broken Hill Family History Group Inc, Jenny Camilleri, secretary:  
(Research undertaken by them)

Thomas married Mary Ann DROUGHT in 1898 (registration number 3073 for marriage certificate)

Children: (1) Gilbert D Davies b. 1899, (2) Stella Irene Davies b.1900, (3) Florence M. Davies b. 1901, d. 5 Sep 1902 aged one, (4) Nita Muriel Davies b.1903, (5) Mildred E. Davies b. 1906, (6) Stanley Thomas Davies b.1907, (7) Walter Francis Davies b.1908.

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13 JUN 1898 MARRIAGE TO THIRD WIFE, MARY ANN DROUGHT

Source: Parish Records held by Charles Sturt University

(Researched by Wendy Baker 2014)

From the actual records emailed by the University:

"Entry no.53.

June 13 1898. At the Residence of Mr Davies, Argent St, North Broken Hill

"Married in the Residence of Mr Davies Argent St, North Broken Hill according to the rites of the English Church.

Thomas Davies, Widower, Monmouthshire, Wales: Engine Driver. 38 years. Broken Hill. Father: James Davies, carpenter. Mother, Catherine Davies.

Mary Drought, Spinster, Willochra, South Australia. 22 years, Broken Hill; Father, Stewart Andrew Drought, hotelkeeper; Mother, Julia Emma Curwen. [NB The name "Wade" had been written, crossed out, Curwen put instead, and the correction signed by Officiating Minister A.J.W.]

This marriage was solemnized between us Thomas Davies, Mary Drought [their own handwriting]

In the presence of us: William Henry Marsh, Ellen Godfrey Marsh

By (or before) me Alfred J. Wheeler, Officiating Minister."

NB: Mary's father had been a hotel keeper but died 12 April 1881. He was therefore deceased at the time of her marriage to Thomas.

\*Wendy's note: For more information regarding Thomas's third wife please see separate page.

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Email from Vaughan Elliott vrje1960@hotmail.com 2014-05-10 revealed:

"The witnesses for Thomas and Mary (nee DROUGHT) DAVIES marriage are my 3xgreat aunt & Uncle William Henry and Ellen Godfrey (nee DAVIES) MARSH. Ellen died 1905, buried Pt Lincoln and William (Bill) died 1918 in Broken Hill."

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3 JUN 1898 MARRIAGE TO THIRD WIFE, MARY ANN DROUGHT

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GROOM: Thomas DAVIES

Occupation: Engine driver

Usual Residence: Broken Hill

Status: Widower

Place of Birth: Monmouthshire, Wales

Age: 38 years

Father: James Davies

Mother: Catherine Davies [a notation says "correct"]  
Father's Occupation: Carpenter  
BRIDE: Mary DROUGHT  
Occupation: Housekeeper  
Usual Residence: Broken Hill  
Status: Spinster  
Place of Birth: Willochra, South Australia  
Age: 22 years  
Father: Stewart Andrew DROUGHT (deceased)  
Mother: Julia Emma CURWEN  
Father's Occupation: Hotelkeeper  
DATE OF MARRIAGE: 13th June 1898  
Place of Marriage: At the Residence of the Bridegroom, Argent St, North Broken Hill  
Religion: The rites of the Church of England  
Consent: No entry  
Witnesses: William Henry Marsh and Ellen Godfrey Marsh  
Minister: Alfred J Wheeler  
Other Details: Received and registered by me, this 23rd day of June 1898, James Watt, District Registrar

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#### 7 NOV 1914 MARRIAGE OF ELDEST DAUGHTER (GLADYS)

Wedding invitation printed in silver on deckle-edged embossed card - held by Wendy Baker  
"Mr and Mrs T. Davies request the pleasure of the Company of ... on the occasion of the Marriage of their Daughter Gladys Gwendoline to Mr Albert John Hastwell at the Wellington Square Methodist Church, on Saturday, Nov. 7th, 1914, at 2.30 p.m. and afterwards at a Reception in the Lecture Hall. RSVP Oct 26th, 101 Margaret Street, North Adelaide."

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#### 23 SEP 1915 MARRIAGE OF SECOND DAUGHTER (EDRIE)

\*Wendy's note: Thomas George DAVIES was witness to his daughter Edrie Catherine DAVIES wedding to Justus WILLIAMS on 23 Sep 1915 at which time Thomas's residence was given as "of Hindmarsh" and occupation "engine driver".

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\*Wendy's note: Thomas's third daughter Olive Aileen Davies never married

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#### DEC 1898 TO DEC 1908 CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND MARY ANN

14 Dec 1898 Gilbert David Davies  
8 May 1900 Stella Irene Davies  
20 Apr 1901 Florence Mabel Davies (died in infancy)  
22 Dec 1903 Neta Muriel Davies  
31 Jan 1906 Mildred Ethel Davies  
1907 Stanley Thomas Davies  
27 Dec 1908 Walter Francis Davies

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#### 9 NOV 1931 DEATH OF THIRD WIFE, MARY ANN DROUGHT - SA DEATH REGISTRATION

Mary Ann DAVIES died 9 Nov 1931 aged 55 at Richmond.

<http://www5.aca.sa.gov.au/recordssearch/Results.aspx>



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#### 28 APR 1933 DEATH OF THOMAS - SA DEATH REGISTRATION

(Digger, from SAGHS) (SA Death Registrations) 4 Jun 2010

Thomas George DAVIES died 28 Apr 1933, gender M, age 74, Residence Woodville North SA, Place of Death Woodville North SA; Dist. Hindmarsh; Bk.547; Page 281

Another address, unverified, is 22 Murray Street West Thebarton

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#### 28 APR 1933 DEATH OF THOMAS - FAMILY NOTICES

Trove online (Wendy Baker Jan 2012)

"The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Saturday 27 May 1933, page 20

DAVIES.-On the 28th April, Thomas George Davies, late engine-driver, Walkerville Brewery. Father of Gladys (Mrs J. Carlton), Melbourne; Edrie (Mrs. J. Williams), Plympton; Olive Davies, Adelaide; Stella (Mrs. A. Goldfinch), Melbourne; Neta (Mrs. A. Sommer), Woodville; Stanley, and Walter Davies, Hindmarsh. His worries and trials are over."

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Thomas George Davies died 28 Apr 1933 aged 74 at Woodville SA.

Thomas DAVIES was a member of the IOOF, American Order Lodge, P G Brother

Thomas DAVIES, was a member of Barrier Ranges Engine Drivers and Firemen's Association.

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#### 29 APR 1933 DEATH OF THOMAS - CEMETERY LISTING

Adelaide Cemeteries <http://www5.aca.sa.gov.au/recordssearch/Results.aspx>

Thomas George DAVIES

Date of death: 29 Apr 1933

Age: 74 years

Last Abode - North

Cemetery - West Terrace

Section: Eyre

Pth Number: 18

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Site no. 45

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Lyndell (nee Clark) (Wendy's sister) has a photo showing three girls and three boys, which may possibly include Thomas George Davies. The photo is labelled "A Portrait of H.A. Chapman, Swansea". Two of the boys are much younger in appearance than the third; two of the girls have very straight fair hair and one girl has glasses; the third girl has very dark wavy hair and appears older. All three are wearing white dresses similarly. The two younger boys wear sailor suits and the third boy has a collar and tie. Wendy Baker now has a scan of this photo. No further research has been done on this photograph.

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