

## BETTER HERITAGE INFORMATION SUMMARY OF STATE HERITAGE PLACE

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### COMMENTARY ON THE LISTING

Description and notes with respect to a place entered in the South Australian Heritage Register in accordance with either the *South Australian Heritage Act 1978* or the *Heritage Places Act 1993*.

The information contained in this document is provided in accordance with s14(6) and s21 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*.

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**REGISTERED NAME:** Campbell's Store and Cottages

**PLACE NO.:** 12542

**ALSO KNOWN AS:** Shop and Cottages (formerly Campbell's Store and National Bank of Australasia Branch)

**ADDRESS:** Bunganditj Country  
26 Smillie Street  
Robe SA 5276  
CT 5453/863 T441801 A33  
Hundred of Waterhouse

### CONFIRMED IN THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE REGISTER:

5 April 1984

### STATEMENT OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1857 as a general store and row of terrace cottages for Alexander Campbell, Campbell's Store and Cottages in Robe demonstrates the commercial development and prosperity of one of South Australia's key seaport towns during the 1850s and 1860s. Between 1859 and 1871, the National Bank of Australasia leased two of the cottages to operate a regional branch, further reflecting the economic vitality of the seaport during this period.

**INDICATIVE CRITERIA (under section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*)**

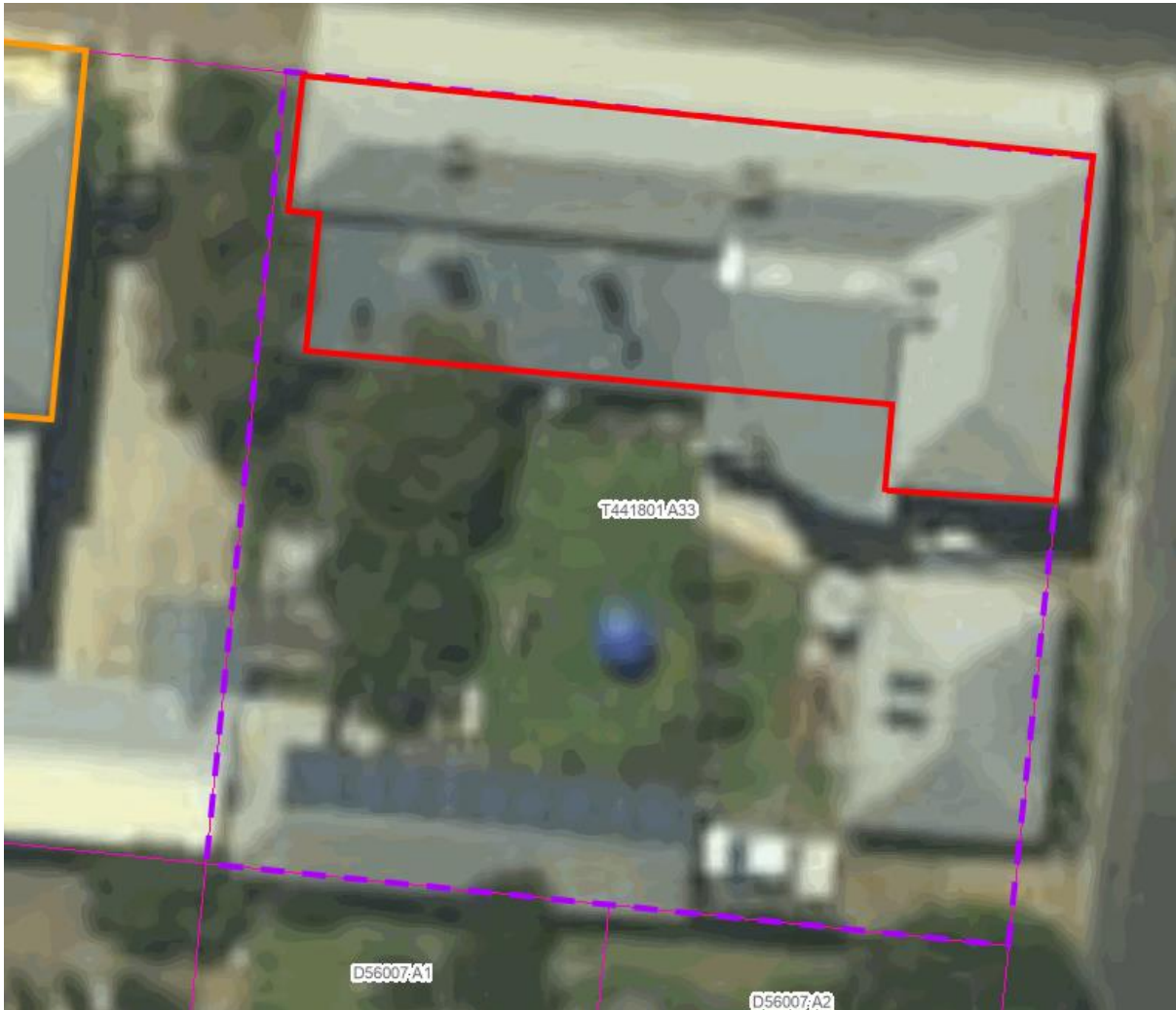
***(a) it demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history***

Campbell's Store and Cottages demonstrates the early commercial development and prosperity of Robe as one of South Australia's key seaport towns during the 1850s and 1860s. Built in 1857 for Alexander Campbell, an apothecary and retailer, the original structure comprised a general store and a row of terrace cottages, one to accommodate the shopkeeper and their family and the others to let. The National Bank of Australasia leased two of the cottages to operate a regional branch in 1859 within days of the opening of the competing South Australian Banking Company (SABC). The National Bank of Australasia operated from the cottages until 1871, when the branch closed, and demonstrates Robe's heyday as an important regional centre and seaport town.

## SITE PLAN

Campbell's Store and Cottages  
26 Smillie Street, Robe SA 5276




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### LEGEND

-  Parcel boundaries (Indicates extent of Listing)
-  Existing State Heritage Place(s)
-  Outline of Elements of Significance for State Heritage Place

## Physical Description

An L-shaped, rectangular two-storey terrace cottage constructed of random limestone located at the corner of Smillie and Bagot Streets. It features:

- A stone return extension to the south-east of the building,
- Lean-to extensions at the rear,
- A hipped roof clad with corrugated galvanised steel,
- Two large central stone chimneys and additional stone chimneys at the rear,
- Four-panel doors featuring glazing to all panels ,
- Eight-paned casement windows along the front and eastern elevations, with a smaller two-paned casement window along the latter,
- Shopfront windows on the north-eastern corner,
- A bullnose verandah clad with corrugated galvanised steel,
- A balcony with timber balustrade and posts,
- Two outbuildings,

## Elements of Significance:

Elements of heritage significance include (but are not necessarily limited to):

- The cottage building,
- The stone chimneys.

Elements not considered to contribute to significance of place include (but are not necessarily limited to):

- The outbuildings,
- The shopfront windows.

## History of the Place

Campbell's Store and Cottages is recognised as an important marker of Robe's early commercial development and prosperity. It is primarily associated with Alexander Campbell's general store and the presence of the National Bank of Australasia branch in two of the cottages. In order to address both aspects, this section first provides a brief history of colonial Robe, then outlines the development of Campbell's Store and Cottages. It then explains the origins of the National Bank's branch at Robe.

## Colonial Robe

Guichen Bay in the South East of South Australia forms part of the traditional lands of the Bungandidj people, who have been present in the area for at least 30,000 years.<sup>1</sup> Europeans first charted the coastline of the region in 1802 during the Baudin and Flinders expeditions and sealers established a presence at Guichen Bay in 1831.<sup>2</sup>

European exploration of the South East took place from 1839 and settlement began as early as 1840.<sup>3</sup> Much of the South East was initially settled by pastoralists and by 1847 approximately half of the region was held under pastoral licences. As primary production expanded the colonial government began to provide a series of government towns as service and staging centres. The provision of ports to ship goods to market was also viewed as essential and Robe was established in 1846, to provide a port for the burgeoning wool clip then being obtained from the South East.<sup>4</sup> Robe was officially declared as a port by the Government in 1847.<sup>5</sup>

Situated towards the south of Guichen Bay, the town at Robe (or Robetown) went on to become the first major town of the South East.<sup>6</sup> Robe became the administrative centre of the region when a Government Resident was appointed in 1846.<sup>7</sup> Over the next two decades, Robe developed as an international port that serviced the local wool industry and import and export markets. It also facilitated the arrival of thousands of immigrants, including British and Irish people, as well as Chinese prospectors during the Victorian gold rush.<sup>8</sup>

### Founding 'Campbell's Store'

Alexander Campbell arrived in Adelaide from Scotland aboard the *Isabella Herous* on 10 October 1842. An apothecary by trade, Campbell began work as a dispenser for Dr. Frederick Bayer in Adelaide. In the early 1850s, Alexander changed career and became a hawker in the South East. Passenger records show that Alexander travelled between Adelaide and Guichen Bay as early as 1851. Soon after, he relocated to the Victorian goldfields and then spent at least two years transporting goods by dray between Melbourne and the digging sites. In c.1855, he left the diggings and moved to Robe, where he worked for Ormerod & Co. as a clerk or a store hand, and often delivered messages on horseback. He married Jane Campbell (née Draper) in July the 1856.<sup>9</sup>

After working for Ormerod & Co., Alexander established his own store around 1857. According to his son Robert Campbell, Alexander 'built a commodious store on the corner of Bagot and Smillie Streets'.<sup>10</sup> While Robert implies that the store was built in 1856, the title deed shows that Alexander did not purchase this section of land until 1857.<sup>11</sup> Whether built in 1856 or 1857, the store comprised a single storey building. Robert has further noted that the 'terrace of houses on Smillie Street, between the

Criterion [SHP 12539] and the old bank [SHP 12543], was erected in 1857'.<sup>12</sup> Later, these two buildings would be integrated together.<sup>13</sup>

Thereafter, Alexander was known primarily as a 'storekeeper'.<sup>14</sup> An advertisement published in July 1860 notes that he had been running a general store that was 'returning a clear Profit of £1,000 per annum'. The advertisement identified that Alexander was seeking to sell the property as he was 'about to enter on a different business'. It also advised that he wanted to dispose of the property in one lot which included 'four two-storey Dwelling-Houses and Stable'. The 'spare houses' could be leased and the 'business position' was 'unequaled in the township'.<sup>15</sup> By 'spare houses', it appears Alexander assumed a new owner would occupy at least one of the cottages, as he and his family had.

Although he was unable to find a buyer and continued to be referred to as a 'storekeeper' in newspapers, Alexander was also an auctioneer, having gained his license in March 1859. He conducted an auction a month later, selling 'ten unbroken horses'.<sup>16</sup> His subsequent history as an auctioneer is unclear. However, his business fortunes in Robe reversed and by the mid-1860s Alexander ran into financial difficulties. He and the family then relocated to Fairfield, located a few kilometres from Robe, where they established a farm.<sup>17</sup> Several years later in 1873, the family relocated again, this time to Millicent, where they opened another store.<sup>18</sup>

In 1868, the store at Robe was leased to a 'Mr. Libert, of Adelaide'.<sup>19</sup> In what appears to be a liquidation sale, the wares at the general store were scheduled to be auctioned on 5 March 1869. The 'STOCK-IN-TRADE' included 'Draperies, Fancy Goods, Ironmongery, Boots and Shoes, Tobacconistware [sic], Stationary, &c.'<sup>20</sup> The store was then leased by Mr Manheim around 1869, who commenced 'improvements' to the store, including a 'new and handsome front' as well as a new ceiling and 'complete shelving'.<sup>21</sup>

In November 1872, real estate listings were published for two lots that appear to relate to the property. The first was for 'that STORE, with DWELLING-HOUSE attached, lately occupied by Manheim, [situated] in Smillie-street, ROBE; together with Yard, Stable, Hay, and other Outhouses'.<sup>22</sup> The second was for that 'Desirable MARINE RESIDENCE, containing Seven Rooms, Stable, Washhouse, Pantry, &c., [situated] in Smillie-street, ROBE, facing the Bay, commanding a splendid sea view and within about 150 yards of the Beach, formerly used by the National Bank'. There was also a 'HOUSE of FIVE ROOMS, Yard, &c., adjoining the above'.<sup>23</sup>

These listings look to have been an attempt to sell the two-storey cottages individually, however at this time one of the cottages was connected to the store, two of the cottages had been combined (see below), leaving only one as a single cottage. This

attempt appears to have failed, but it was later sold in its entirety on 16 April 1884.<sup>24</sup> It has since changed hands multiple times over the years.<sup>25</sup> Throughout its history, it has been used for commercial and residential purposes, particularly for holiday accommodation. Singer June Bronhill is known to have resided in one of the cottages during her youth.<sup>26</sup>

The building was substantially altered during the first half of the twentieth century. Historic photographs from the early 1910s throughout the 1940s show that the cottages have been extended to incorporate the store. This change most likely took place in 1928. On 3 August 1928, the *Narracoorte Herald* [sic] reported that 'Mr S. J. McIntyre' was 'having extensive alterations made to his property in Smillie Street'.<sup>27</sup> The historic land title shows that Doris Ruth McIntyre acquired Campbell's store and cottages on 16 November 1926.<sup>28</sup> Genealogical records establish that Samuel James ('S. J.') McIntyre was Doris' father.<sup>29</sup> Thus, the *Herald* was almost certainly referring to the same place. Beyond interior renovations, the extension was and continues to be the most impactful alteration made to the property.

### **The National Bank of Australasia at Robe**

By the mid-1850s, commercial banks began to establish branches outside of Adelaide. The South Australian Banking Company (SABC), for example, opened its first branch at Port Adelaide on 27 May 1856.<sup>30</sup> Branches at Gawler and Robe were opened in 1857 and 1859 respectively.<sup>31</sup> By 1892, in addition to the head office in Adelaide, twenty-four branches had been opened in South Australia, as had another three intercolonial branches, in Melbourne, Sydney and at Broken Hill.<sup>32</sup>

Other banks headquartered outside of South Australia established branches in the colony over the next few decades. The National Bank of Australasia, based in Melbourne, opened a branch in late 1858, as did the English, Scottish and Australian Bank in 1865, which was based in Sydney.<sup>33</sup> Two local commercial banks were also founded: the Bank of Adelaide in 1865 and the Commercial Bank of South Australia in 1878.<sup>34</sup>

Robe was established without formal banking facilities. Eventually, to standardise and assist local trade, local merchant George Ormerod's promissory notes began circulating as a de facto currency.<sup>35</sup> Towards the end of the 1850s, when business started to boom, the population grew and construction proliferated, the circumstances were ripe for the establishment of a commercial bank that could issue notes, make loans and take deposits.

The National Bank of Australasia, which had only commenced trading in South Australia on 2 December 1858, was the first bank to identify this opportunity and

intended to establish the first commercial bank in the town. However, it could not immediately establish a branch due to difficulties securing a regional manager.<sup>36</sup>

In the meantime, the South Australian Banking Company (SABC) learned of the National Bank's plans. Not wanting to lose potential business to a new rival, the SABC decided to establish its own branch and to arrive at Robe before the National Bank did.<sup>37</sup> The bank then sent Alexander Grace to manage the branch, along with additional staff and equipment.<sup>38</sup> Following their arrival, they set up the branch at the Caledonian Inn (SHP 12368).<sup>39</sup> It commenced operating on 5 September 1859.<sup>40</sup>

The National Bank responded hastily. Almost immediately, the Adelaide director contacted locals at Robe via telegraph to advise them a branch would be opened in a matter of days and that they should thus wait for their arrival. The director then recruited John Francis Law as manager and travelled to Robe aboard the *Ant*.<sup>41</sup> They opened their branch on 8 September 1859,<sup>42</sup> located in a 'vacant cottage',<sup>43</sup> almost certainly one of Campbell's dwellings on Smillie Street.<sup>44</sup> Whatever the case initially, it is known that the bank did occupy 'about half the building' for most, if not all its existence in Robe.

Locals welcomed the establishment of formal banking facilities, though at least one resident was apprehensive about the presence of competing banks, commenting that the 'business of the district can scarcely be expected to maintain two banks'. Nonetheless, they believed there was 'ample room for one' and added that 'all who can will no doubt open an account at one or other of the banks, and so enjoy a long wished convenience'.<sup>45</sup>

The two banks competed from the outset. At first, most deposits were held with the National Bank. Perhaps diplomatically, George Ormerod initially divided deposits between the two banks, though he eventually placed all his funds with the SABC. Many other locals followed his lead.<sup>46</sup> Still, the National Bank persisted, and the two banks co-existed throughout the 1860s. Locals even viewed their presence as a sign of prosperity, one asserting that the 'very fact of two Banks – the South Australian Banking Company and the National – being established here, and doing a fair share of business, proves the importance of Robe to the Colony'.<sup>47</sup>

The SABC erected a new building in 1861. Several years later, *Border Watch* described it as a 'commanding building'. It further reported that the building would be 'followed shortly' by another building for the National Bank.<sup>48</sup> For the moment, it looked as if Robe *could* sustain two commercial banks after all.

However, a new building for the National Bank of Australasia does not appear to have eventuated. Throughout the remainder of the 1860s, their branch continued to operate from the cottage on Smillie Street, located next door to the SABC.<sup>49</sup> The



National Bank remained at Robe until 1871, when it decided close the branch, likely due to the general uncertainty regarding the renewal of pastoral licenses.<sup>50</sup> Regardless, the bank continued to expand elsewhere throughout the colony and had opened 53 branches throughout South Australia by 1893.<sup>51</sup>

## Chronology

Year	Event
1846	Counties of Grey and Robe are proclaimed by the colonial government and are opened to claim under pastoral license. The Government of South Australia establishes Robe as the administrative centre of the South East.
1847	Robe is officially gazetted as a port by the government.
<b>1855</b>	<b>Alexander Campbell settles at Robe to work for Ormerod &amp; Co.</b>
<b>1857</b>	<b>The general store and terrace cottages are built for Alexander Campbell. The National Bank of Australasia is founded in Melbourne.</b>
1858	The National Bank of Australasia opens its first South Australian branch on 2 December.
1859	The South Australian Banking Company opens a branch at Robe on 5 September. <b>The National Bank of Australasia opens a branch at Robe on 8 September.</b>
c.1866	Campbell relocates with his family to Fairfield near Robe and establishes a farm.
c.1869	The Savings Bank of South Australia begins operating at Robe.
<b>1871</b>	<b>The National Bank of Australasia closes its branch at Robe, likely in December.</b>
<b>1873</b>	<b>Campbell and his family relocate to Millicent where they establish a new general store and own large tracts of land.</b>
<b>1884</b>	<b>Campbell's Store and Cottages is sold on 16 April.</b>
1892	The Bank of South Australia's liquid and hard assets are acquired by the Union Bank of Australia, including the Robe branch.

- 1893 Financial and commercial difficulties culminate in a banking crisis throughout Australia.
- 1894 The Union Bank of Australia closes its branch at Robe on 28 February.
- 1896 The State Bank of South Australia is founded by the government.
- 1916 The English, Scottish and Australian (E. S. A.) Bank opens a branch at Robe in August.
- c.1928 Campbell's Store and Cottages undergoes alterations to incorporate the store into the adjacent cottage.**
- 1951 The Union Bank of Australia merges with the Bank of Australasia to form the Australia and New Zealand Bank (ANZ).  
The E. S. A. merges with ANZ to become the ANZ Banking Group.
- 1973 The State Bank of South Australia leases the Former Robe Electric Telegraph and Post Office (SHP 10361) in November and remains there until at least November 1976.
- c.1970s A building is erected on Bagot Street, Robe for the Bank of South Australia, later Bank SA branch.
- 1984 Campbell's Store and Cottages is confirmed as a State Heritage Place on 5 April, listed as Shop and Dwellings.**  
Bank House is confirmed as a State Heritage Place on 5 April.  
The Savings Bank of South Australia and the State Bank of South Australia merge going by the latter name.
- 1986 The State Heritage Branch approves Development Application 822/0008/86 to make alterations to a shed at the rear of Campbell's Store and Cottages.
- 1989 The State Heritage Branch approves Development Application 822/0018/89PB to build an additional window on the eastern elevation of Campbell's Store and Cottages.
- 2010 Heritage South Australia approves Development Application 822/101/10 to change the use of Campbell's Store and Cottages.
- 2012 Heritage South Australia approves Development Application 822/54/12 to make alterations and additions to Campbell's Store and Cottages. These

include an addition to the second storey and the removal of part of a lean-to and staircase at the rear.

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## SITE DETAILS

**Former Campbell's Store and Cottages**  
**26 Smillie Street, SA**

**PLACE NO.: 12542**

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<b>DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:</b>	Two-storey terrace cottage and shop building construction of limestone.
<b>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:</b>	c.1857
<b>REGISTER STATUS:</b>	Provisionally Entered 3 November 1983 Confirmed 5 April 1984
<b>CURRENT USE:</b>	Holiday accommodation, c.1980 - Dwelling, c.1857 - Exhibition space, unknown -
<b>PREVIOUS USE(S):</b>	Store, 1857 - unknown Bank, 1859 - 1871
<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:</b>	District Council of Robe
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Street No.:</b> 26 <b>Street Name:</b> Smillie Street <b>Town/Suburb:</b> Robe <b>Post Code:</b> 5276
<b>LAND DESCRIPTION:</b>	<b>Title</b> CT 5453/863 T441801 A33 <b>Reference:</b> <b>Hundred:</b> Waterhouse

## PHOTOS

Former Campbell's Store and Cottages

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26 Smillie Street, Robe SA

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**Campbell's Store and Cottages (left) and Bank House (SHP 12543), c.1880. Note the store to the left of the building and the eight windows to upper level on the terrace cottages.**

Source: SLSA B 56377



**Campbell's Store and Cottages (left) and Bank House (SHP 12543), c.1911.**

Source: SLSA PRG 280/1/44/187

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**Closeup of an aerial view of Robe showing the terrace cottages have been extended to integrate the store into them on the north-eastern corner, c.1940.**

Source: B 541275



**Another closeup of an aerial view of Robe, also showing the alteration, c.1940.**

Source: B 41274



**Former Campbell's Store and Cottages**  
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**North-east corner of the building, c.1983.**

Source: DEW Files



**North-east corner showing an additional window on the eastern elevation, c.2005.**

Source: DEW Files

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**Image shows a newly erected timber balcony, c.1983.**

Source: DEW Files



**View of the building showing the timber balcony including lattice work, c.1983.**

Source: DEW Files

**Former Campbell's Store and Cottages**  
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**Front elevation, c.1983.**

Source: DEW Files



**Rear of the building showing lean-tos and stone chimneys, c.1983.**

Source: DEW Files

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<sup>9</sup> This paragraph has been adapted from Carolyn Wigg and Kathleen Patitsas, 'Shop and Cottages, Smillie Street, Robe (Formerly Campbell's Shop)', Item Evaluation Sheet, Heritage and Conservation Branch, 1983, 6823-12542.

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<sup>18</sup> Harfull, *Almost an Island*, p.75.

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