

THE NATIVE AMERICANS

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# Cherokee-White Intermarriages

## Part VIII

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The following data was synopsised from affidavits filed for the enrollment of individuals claiming citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Approximate dates of birth are estimated from ages given in affidavits. When two wedding dates are given, it indicates that a Cherokee-White couple "remarried" after arriving in Indian Territory. In most cases, only children under the age of 21 were required to be named in applications. Unless otherwise indicated, the cases below were accepted by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes. Source: *Applications for Enrollment of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, 1898-1914*, National Archives Microfilm M1301, Rolls 306 and 307.

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**No. D-1850: James Bullet, et al, citizens by intermarriage**

*Note: The following applications were made by Emmet Starr, a 31 year-old Cherokee, on 30 June 1902.*

*Martha Pheasant, citizen by intermarriage, of Goingsnake District:*

James "Jim" PHEASANT

Martha JOHNSON

b. 16 Dec. 1833

d. ca. 1890, Goingsnake Dist.

Father: William JOHNSON

Mother: Elizabeth

m. ca. 1865. "They never was lawfully married; they just took up together and they lived together for twenty or twentyfive years."

She m. (1) . . . SCOTT, who "went off to the army and he never came back."

Chil. of Martha Johnson and her first husb.:

1. William SCOTT, b. ca. 1865?
2. John Wesley SCOTT, b. ca. 1853; res. of Cincinatti, AR.
3. dau., not named

Power of Attorney, Martha Pheasant to John Scott, 10 Mar. 1905.

Testimony of George Crittenden (age 59), 23 Mar. 1905.

Testimony of Martha Pheasant, 20 Nov. 1905.

Testimony of William Scott, 20 Nov. 1905.

Testimony of John Wesley Scott, 3 Jan. 1907.

The Cherokee Nation protested the above application.

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**No. D-1108: Woods B. Rogers, citizen by intermarriage, of Checotah, I. T.**

Woods B. ROGERS  
b. ca. 1837

Kate D. DREW ("part Creek and part Cherokee")  
b. ca. 1847, Cherokee Nation

m. 4 Mar. 1869, Canadian Dist.

Chil.:

1. Mary R. ROGERS

Testimony of Woods B. Rogers, 16 Feb. 1901; 19 Mar. 1902.

According to her husband, Kate D. Drew moved to Texas when she was "quite young," and did not return to Cherokee Nation until she was about 21. The Cherokee Nation protested the decision of the Department of the Interior's acceptance of the application, claiming that Woods B. Rogers did not marry in accordance with Cherokee law.

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**No. 3980: Michael Mulcare, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District**

Michael MULCARE  
b. ca. 1843, OH

Tennessee "Tennie" PARRIS (Cherokee)

d. Dec. 1898  
Father: Robert PARRIS (Cherokee)  
Mother: Nancy Jane "Nan" SCOTT (d. ca. 1880)

m. "a step-daughter of mine"

He m. (1) ca. 1872, Goingsnake Dist., Nancy Jane (the mother of his second wife).

Chil. of Michael Mulcare and his first wife:

1. Emet MULCARE, b. 1873.

Chil. of Michael Mulcare and his second wife:

2. Minnie MULCARE, b. ca. 1886.
3. Nora MULCARE, b. ca. 1889.
4. Sterling P. MULCARE, b. ca. 1891.
5. Ella MULCARE, b. ca. 1895.

Testimony of Michael Mulcare, 2 Oct. 1900; 28 Oct. 1902; 21 Apr. 1905; 1 Feb. 1907.

Testimony of J. R. GARRETT (age 56), 1 Feb. 1907.

Testimony of Frank E. BROWN (age 48; half-bro. of Nancy J. Paris), 1 Feb. 1907.

Testimony of Marge Costen ELKINS (age 45; half-sis. of Nancy J. Paris), 27 Feb. 1907.

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**No. 2014: Rebecca Hood, citizen by intermarriage, of Canadian District**

David HOOD  
b. GA or TN  
d. ca. 1886

Rebecca  
b. ca. 1844

m. 1860, near Fort Smith, AR.  
He m. (1) . . . (dec'd.)  
She m. (2) Dec. 1906, to William J. "Billy" Hill (white).

Testimony of Rebecca Hood, 25 Aug. 1900; 17 Oct. 1902; 16 Feb. 1907.  
Testimony of Jemima LEACH (age 40), 16 Feb. 1907.  
Testimony of W. M. HUGHES (age 45), 16 Feb. 1907.  
Testimony of William J. Hill (age 63), 8 Jul. 1907.

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**No. 2855: Sarah B. Cheek, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District**

Pleasant B. CHEEK

Sarah BLEVINS  
b. Mar. 1843

d. ca. 1889

Father: Joe BLEVINS (d. ca. 1850)  
Mother: Sarah (dec'd.)

m. 29 Nov. 1866, McDonald Co. MO, by D. C. HOPKINS, J.P. ("We was married just after the war about one year after peace was made.")

She m. (1) . . . WARD ("He was killed in the war and the wolves--the wolves *et* him up.)

Chil. (five lv. in 1902):

1. Lula Dora CHEEK, b. ca. 1884.
2. Pleasant J. CHEEK, b. ca. 1888.

Testimony of Sarah B. Cheek, 17 Sep. 1900; 20 Oct. 1902; 13 Feb. 1907.  
Affidavit of Sarah B. Cheek, 5 Feb. 1907.  
Testimony of C. F. CAMP (age 53), 6 Oct. 1902.  
Affidavit of C. F. Walker, M.D., 26 Jan. 1907.  
Affidavit of Stephen D. BROWN (age 66), 26 Jan. 1907.  
Affidavit of George M. WARD (age 64), 26 Jan. 1907.  
Testimony of W. F. SLATER (age 54), 13 Feb. 1907.

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**No. 3297: Lewis Moore, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District**

Lewis MOORE  
b. 7 Feb. 1854

Elizabeth "Bettie" GOODWIN ("a half-breed")  
b. ca. 1855  
Father: John GOODWIN (dec'd.)  
Mother: Katie (dec'd.)

m. ca. Jul. 1874, Hickory Grove Schoolhouse, Delaware Dist., by Joe THOMPSON.

Chil.:

1. (Infant son), b. 17 Jul. 1875 - d. Nov. 1875.
2. Billie MOORE (son), b. 7 Feb. 1877.
3. Sammie MOORE (dau.), b. ca. 1882; m. . . . THOMAS.
4. Jimmie MOORE (dau.), b. ca. 1883.

5. Josie MOORE (dau.), b. ca. 1885.
6. Johnie MOORE (son), b. ca. 1887.
7. Mary MOORE, b. ca. 1889.
8. Lewis MOORE, Jr., b. ca. 1891.
9. Fred MOORE, b. ca. 1893.
10. Stein MOORE, b. ca. 1896.

Testimony of Bettie Moore, 22 Sep. 1900.  
Testimony of Benjamin C. ENGLAND (age 54), 1 Oct. 1902.  
Testimony of Lewis MOORE, 7 Jan. 1907; 21 Feb. 1907.  
Testimony of Thomas J. McGEE (age not stated), 7 Jan. 1907.  
Testimony of Louisa J. TROTT (age 56; sister to Lewis Moore), 21 Feb. 1907.  
Testimony of John M. MILLER (age 64), 21 Feb. 1907.  
Affidavit of A. W. HARLAN (age 60), 23 Jan. 1907.  
Affidavit of Alexander COPELAND (age 67), 23 Jan. 1907.

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**No. 3502: Martha L. Knight, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District**

Robert D. KNIGHT ("About 1/8th"), carpenter  
b. ca. 1847

Martha Louisa WEST  
b. ca. 1856

m. 1 Apr. 1875, by Jim KETCHAM.

Chil.:

1. Herman KNIGHT, b. 19 Sep. 1877.
2. Robert Franklin "Frank" KNIGHT, b. 25 Feb. 1880.
3. Grover Cleveland KNIGHT, b. ca. 1884.
4. William Dew KNIGHT, b. ca. 1892.

Testimony of Robert D. Knight, 25 Sep. 1900; 18 Feb. 1907.  
Testimony of Preston S. DAVIS (age 32), 3 Oct. 1902.  
Testimony of Martha L. Knight, 13 Oct. 1902; 18 Feb. 1907.  
Testimony of Louisa J. TROTT (age 56), 21 Feb. 1907.

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**No. 4101: John J. Caldwell, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District**

John Johnson CALDWELL  
b. ca. 1849

Callie M. THOMPSON (Cherokee)

d. 1893  
Father: Joe THOMPSON  
Mother: Francis D. (d. 1894)

m. ca. 1878.  
He m. (1) Dec. 1874, "at old man Red Bird SIXKILLER's house," Delaware Dist., to  
Martha J. FOSTER (Cherokee). She d. ca. Oct. 1875, "on Grand River, at her  
mother's," Saline Dist.

Chil. of John Johnson Caldwell and his first wife:

1. (Son), b. Oct. 1875 - d. Nov. 1876.

Chil. of John Johnson Caldwell and his second wife:

2. John L. CALDWELL, b. ca. 1883.
3. Mariah R. "Fannie" CALDWELL, b. ca. 1887.
4. Benjamin Morris CALDWELL, b. ca. 1889
5. Joella May CALDWELL, b. ca. 1891.
6. Lula CALDWELL

Testimony of John J. Caldwell, 3 Oct. 1900; 16 Oct. 1902; 7 Jan. 1907; 6 Feb. 1907.

Testimony of Samuel C. FOSTER (age "past" 48; half-nephew to Martha J. Foster), 6 Feb. 1907.

Testimony of Sarah MAYFIELD (age 70; aunt of Martha J. Foster), 6 Feb. 1907.

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**No. 5579: Phoebe Goddard, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District**

James GODDARD ("About 1/16")

Phoebe WRIGHT

b. 14 Feb. 1835, TN

b. ca. 1846

Father: Ira GODDARD

Mother: Elizabeth BLAIR (Cherokee descent)

m. 15 Jun. 1871, Delaware Dist., by Preacher Adams. He left her about 1894. "He didn't provide anything scarcely. . . no clothing. I had some means before I married him; he didn't help me."

He m. (1) Elizabeth Nichols (white), in 1861, Newton Co. MO. They separated when "she found out we was not lawfully married." He did not secure a divorce because "it was hard to get them days." She then remarried and died in CO.

Chil.: (two sons, one daughter)

1. Henry M. GODDARD, b. ca. 1876.
2. James William GODDARD, b. ca. 1883.

Testimony of James Goddard, 19 Nov. 1900; 11 Feb. 1907.

Testimony of Phoebe Goddard, 16 Oct. 1902; 4 Jan. 1906; 11 Feb. 1907.

Testimony of Katherine WASSON (Cherokee; age 51), 5 Jan. 1904. In 1869, she m. Larkin Goddard, a brother to James Goddard. Their son, W. P. Goddard, b. 1870.

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**No 5788: Robert F. Wyly, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District**

Robert F. WYLY, District Judge

Mary Jane BUFFINGTON

b. ca. 1827

b. ca. 1840

d. 1905

d. 4 Jun. 1902

m. Feb. 1858, Delaware Dist., by Rev. E. J. MACK.

He m. (1) . . . (Cherokee)

Chil.:

1. Zoe August WYLY, b. ca. 1879, Delaware Dist.; m. Thomas J. WATTS.

Testimony of Robert F. Wyly, 28 Nov. 1900; 29 Sep. 1902; 6 May 1903.

Testimony of L. B. BELL (age 68; step-bro. to Mary Jane Buffington), 10 Jan. 1907.

Testimony of W. W. HASTINGS, 24 Jan. 1907.

Testimony of J. F. THOMPSON (age 66; first cousin to Mary Jane Buffington), 23 Feb. 1907.

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**No. 7335: Elvira Ratley, citizen by intermarriage, of Illinois District**

Wallace RATLEY (Cherokee)  
b. ca. 1839

Elvira (claimed Cherokee)  
b. ca. 1862-1867

m. 1886, Webbers Falls, Canadian Dist., by Judge Rocky Smith.

She m. (1) . . . GOINGS, dec'd. ("I didn't marry no Cherokee.")

She m. (2) Greenleaf, Illinois Dist., to Jack STILL (Cherokee), d. ca. 1887. He had been previously married and "had a family of little children," Mary, Lois, Jonas, and Robert.

He m. (1) . . . (dec'd.)

Chil. of Wallace Ratley and his first wife:

1. Allen RATLEY (dec'd.)

Chil. of Elvira and her first husband:

1. Isiah STILL, d. at age 18 mos.
2. David STILL
3. William STILL
4. Sampson STILL, b. ca. 1883.

Chil. of Wallace Ratley and Elvira:

1. Sarah RATLEY, b. ca. 1888

Wallace and Elvira Ratley adopted Eliza Goings, daughter of Riley Goings and Jane . . . (both white).

Testimony of Wallace Ratley, 20 Feb. 1901; 23 Feb. 1907.

Testimony of Elvira Ratley, 13 Oct. 1902; 23 Feb. 1907.

Testimony of Jane GLENN (age 46), 23 Feb. 1907.

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**No. 5885: John M. Smith, citizen by intermarriage, of Tahlequah District**

John M. SMITH  
b. ca. 1834

Narcissa E. MARTIN

m. Dec. 1867, Tahlequah Dist., by Steve FOREMAN, Presbyterian minister.

Testimony of John M. Smith, 4 Jan. 1907.

Testimony of Joseph B. ANTOINE, 4 Jan. 1907.

Note: The Cherokee Nation protested the enrollment of John M. Smith, citing that he "took an allotment out of the lands formerly a part of the Cherokee Strip. . . and paid no compensation therefor[e], we have always contended and still contend that he is not entitled to two allotments from the Cherokee lands. . ."

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**No. 7522: Mary J. Catron, citizen by intermarriage, of Tahlequah District**

Lafayette CATRON

Mary Jane

b. ca. 1851

m. 1874, by Steven FOREMAN.

He m. (1) Martha ROACH (According to Mary Jane Catron: "There were no divorces in them days, under the Cherokee law. I guess the war and her conduct divorced them.") Afterwards, Lewis BOWERS lived with her. Wilson Ryder stated, "I think about 10 years after the war she took up with Ocie SANDERS. . . [for] 2 or 3 months . . . She stayed around for a while and then married a dutchman named Lewis [Bowers]. . . a few months, and then in a year or two she took up iwth a man by the name of KA-LA-NE-SHE. . . about two years. . . she was living with this last man, named Joe PYLE--I think she married him according to the law.

According to Wilson Ryder, "Lafayette Catron and his mother kept house, and the children stayed there with their granny. Lafayette Catron and his mother together raised them, but Nancy Roach throwed the children away."

Testimony of Mary Jane Catron, 5 Jan. 1907.

Testimony of Elijah STEVENS (age 58), 5 Jan. 1907.

Testimony of Martin A. WALLACE (age 60), 5 Jan. 1907.

Testimony of Wilson RYDER, 5 Jan. 1907.

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**No. 3205: Dollie Perdue, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District**

James PERDUE

Dorothy "Dollie"

b. ca. 1827

d. 1862

d. 14 Apr. 1903, Delaware Dist.

m. 1851, Sequoyah Dist.

Chil.:

1. Mary PERDUE, b. ca. 1853.

Testimony of Dollie Perdue, 21 Sep. 1900; 31 Oct. 1902.

Testimony of Joseph E. PARKER (age 36; grandson-in-law of Dollie Perdue), 15 Feb. 1907.

Testimony of Mary WOODALL, 15 Feb. 1907.

Testimony of James M. BELL (age 74), 15 Feb. 1907.

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**No. 6904: Nancy Jeffrey, citizen by intermarriage, of Tahlequah District**

Jehu JEFFREY

Nancy

b. ca. 1840

d. Aug. 1899

m. 1861

Chil.:

1. Daniel H. JEFFREY

Testimony of Daniel H. Jeffrey, 18 Dec. 1900

Testimony of Nancy Jeffrey, 18 Oct. 1902.

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**No. D 1642: Louvica McAlester, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

James H. McALESTER (Cherokee), miner

Louvica ("not all white")

b. ca. 1858

d. ca. 1898, Muldrow

m. ca. 1871, Horse Creek, by Tom PUSTELL, M.G. Witness: Lewis  
RALSTON (bro. of James H. McAlester).

Chil.:

1. Charles M. McALESTER, d. 22 Mar. 1895.

2. Ellen McALESTER, m. Mike McANDREWS.

Testimony of Louvica McAlester, 18 Dec. 1906.

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**D: 1074: Martha A. Reaves, citizen by intermarriage, of Canadian District**

John A. REAVES

b. ca. 1842

Incomplete file. Contains only decision of the Department of the Interior to approve the application of Martha A. Reaves, who was "lawfully married in the State of Texas in the year 1869, to her husband, John A. Reaves. . . The evidence further shows that John A. Reaves is a Cherokee Indian and is identified on the roll of "Old Settler Cherokees" taken in 1851. . ." This decision was protested by the Cherokee Nation, contending that "he never became a citizen of the Cherokee Nation after his marriage prior to 1888, and it is contended on behalf of the Cherokee Nation that he, not being a citizen of the Cherokee Nation on 1 November 1, 1875, could not confer rights by intermarriage upon his wife, Martha A. Reaves."

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**No. 392: Joel Kelly, citizen by intermarriage, of Goingsnake District**

Joel KELLY

Nellie

b. ca. 1819

b. ca. 1827

d. 26 Sep. 1904

m. ca. 1840, Goingsnake Dist.

chil. (Thirteen, six lv. in 1902):

1. Nancy Jane KELLY, b. Winter of 1841/2; m. William KIRK.

2. Levi KELLY

3. Thomas KELLY

4. John KELLY

6. Martha KELLY (youngest child), b. 1868; m. Isaac Jefferson VANMATRE (b. 1851).

Testimony of Isaac J. VANMATRE, 19 Jul. 1900; 16 Oct. 1902.

Testimony of S. J. RENEKER (age 38), 16 Oct. 1902,



Affidavit of Nellie Kelly, 24 Jan. 1907.  
Testimony of George CRITTENDON (age 62), 11 Feb. 1907.  
Testimony of Nellie Kelly, 11 Feb. 1907.  
Testimony of Martha Vanmatre, 11 Feb. 1907.

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**No. 907: Gaines Smith, citizen by intermarriage, of Sequoyah District**

Gaines C. SMITH  
b. ca. 1844  
Father: John SMITH (dec'd.)  
Mother: Charlotte WHITE (dec'd.)

Esther SANDERS  
Father: Robert SANDERS (Cherokee)  
Mother: Polly

m. ca. 1870, Flint Dist., by Judge CHRISTY.

Chil.:

1. John SMITH, b. ca. 1886.

Testimony of Gaines C. Smith, 1 Aug. 1900; 21 Oct. 1902; 3 Jan. 1907.  
Testimony of John B. ADAIR (age 63), 28 Feb. 1907.  
Testimony of G. W. ELLIS (age 46), 28 Feb. 1907.

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**No. 1151: Minta Wilson, citizen by intermarriage, of Illinois District**

James W. WILSON (1/4 Cherokee)  
b. ca. 1855, Illinois Dist.

Minta FARRIS  
b. ca. 1859

m. 16 Feb. 1875, Joplin, MO.

Chil.:

1. Albert M. WILSON, b. ca. 1882.  
2. Sallie Bell WILSON, b. ca. 1886; m. . . . BROWN (or BURNES), and had dau., Viola.  
3. Ida F. WILSON, b. ca. 1888.  
4. Robert WILSON, b. ca. 1892.  
5. Sue WILSON, b. ca. 1896.

Testimony of James W. Wilson, 9 Aug. 1900; 27 Oct. 1902; 14 Jan. 1907; 15 Feb. 1907.  
Testimony of Minta Wilson, 14 Jan. 1907; 15 Feb. 1907.  
Testimony of Belle RUSH (age 58; sister of James W. Wilson), 14 Jan. 1907; 26 Feb. 1907.

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**No. 1907: Charles Bray, citizen by intermarriage, of Canadian District**

Charles BRAY  
b. ca. 1832  
d. 20 Jun. 1904  
Father: Enoch BRAY, d. ca. 1852  
Mother: Susan, d. ca. 1850

Jane C. BERTHOLF  
d. 13 Jan. 1888

m. 21 Jul. 1869, at home of William F. McINTOSH, Creek Nation.

Chil.:

1. George R. BRAY, b. ca. 1877.

Testimony of Charles Bray, 24 Aug. 1900; 7 Oct. 1902.

Affidavit of George Bray, 1 Oct. 1906.

Testimony of George Bray, 3 Jan. 1907.

Affidavit of John R. Bertholf (age 53), 19 Jan. 1907.

Affidavit of W. G. FIELDS (age 60), 18 Jan. 1907.

Testimony of Walter G. Fields, 25 Jan. 1907.

Testimony of John R. Bertholf (first cousin to Jane Bertholf), 25 Jan. 1907.

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**No. 2973: Daniel K. Wetzel, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District**

Daniel K. WETZEL

b. ca. 1841

Martha A. McDONALD (About 1/8 Cherokee)

b. 1840

Father: Collins McDONALD (Cherokee)

m. Dec. 1863, Murray Co. GA

re-m. May 1869, Goingsnake Dist., by George WHITMIRE.

Chil.:

1. Ida WETZEL

2. Charles C. WETZEL, dec'd., m. Orlena . . . (white), dec'd. Their chil.: Claud C. (b. ca. 1887), Ida May (b. ca. 1889), Oliver K. (b. ca. 1891), and Edwin (b. ca. 1894).

3. Lizzie WETZEL, dec'd.

4. Emma WETZEL

5. Minnie WETZEL

6. Jennie WETZEL

7. [Dau.] WETZEL, d. young

7. Luevena WETZEL, b. ca. 1878.

Testimony of Daniel K. Wetzel, 18 Sep. 1900; 24 Oct. 1902; 2 Jun. 1905; 3 Jan. 1907.

Testimony of David W. HARRISON (age 57), 18 Sep. 1900.

Testimony of Martha Wetzel, 3 Jan. 1907.

Testimony of Walt WHITMIRE (age 54), 3 Jan. 1907.

Testimony of Ed WALKINGSTICK (age 57), 3 Jan. 1907.

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