

Francis Ignatus Simpson

Pioneer of 1853

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Francis Ignatus Simpson [pioneer of 1853]

b. 1802 Nelson County, Kentucky

d. 12 Mar 1866 Butte Creek, Jackson County, Oregon

m. 10 Jan 1826 Hardin County, Kentucky

Mrs. Sarah Campbell (Linder) McIntire [pioneer of 1853]

b. 23 Nov 1804 Hardin County, Kentucky

d. 16 Dec 1884 Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon

buried [Jacksonville Cemetery](#), Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon

d/o Daniel Linder Jr. and Jane Ferguson

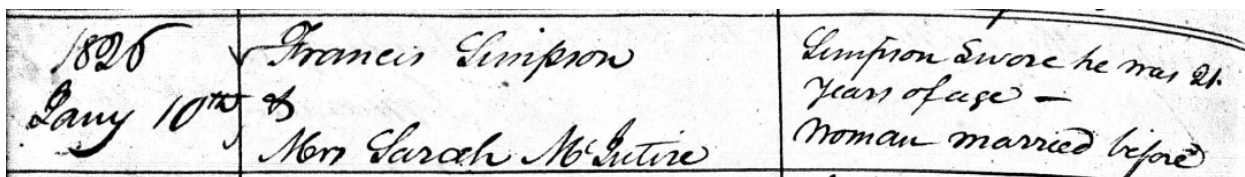
m1. 02 Apr 1819 Nicholas McIntire

“Sally Linder m’d Nicholas McIntire 02 Apr 1819 Hardin County, Kentucky

[Kentucky US Compiled Marriages 1802-1850]

NOTE: some sources say she married a Charles McIntire b. 1762 which is questionable. He may have been the father of Nicholas.

m2. 10 Jan 1826 Francis Ignatius Simpson, Hardin County, Kentucky



[Hardin County, Kentucky Marriage Record 1783-1865]

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DLC: #1842 Jackson County, Frances J. Simpson, b. 1802 Nelson County, Kentucky; arrived Oregon 30 Sep 1853; settled claim 03 July 1855; m'd Sarah Linder 10 Jan 1825 Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Affidavit: Wm H. & James W. Simpson, I. F. Linder, Lycurgus Jackson

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1870: Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, July 1, 1870; Sarah C. Simpson, 88, keeping house, \$0 \$800, ky [living next door to James and William Simpson]

Children of Francis Simpson and Sarah Linder:

1. Andrew H. “Bee” Simpson

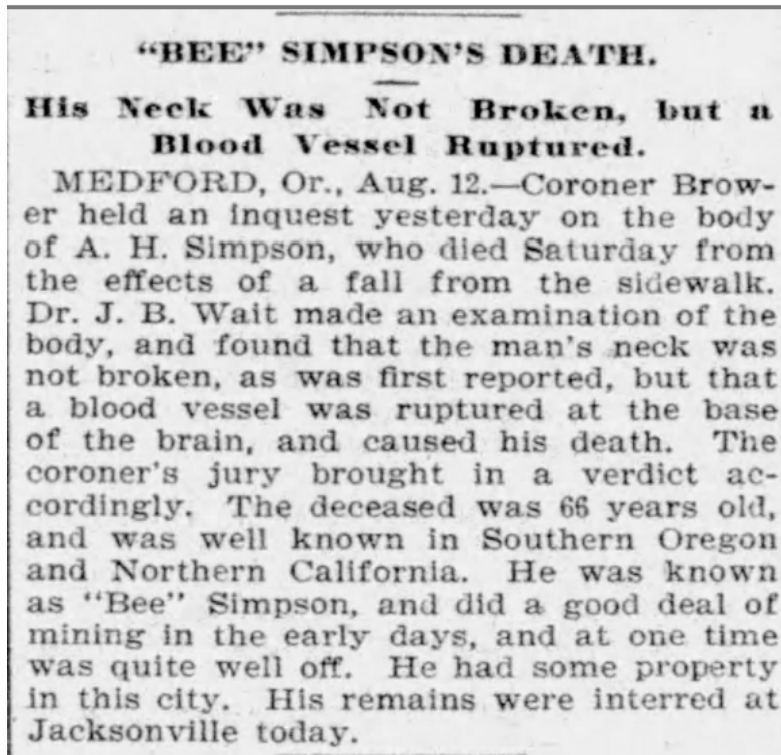
b. Sep 1826 Kentucky

d. 10 Aug 1895 Jackson County, Oregon

buried [Jacksonville Cemetery](#), Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon

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[The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Tuesday, August 13, 1895 p. 3]

Fell Dead in the Street.

The citizens of Medford were thrown into a whirl of excitement Saturday evening by the sudden death of A. H. Simpson, better known as "Bee" Simpson, which occurred in front of the West Side Saloon about 6:30 p.m.

Coroner Brower was immediately notified, and on Sunday a post mortem examination and inquest was held, at which the facts leading up to and causing the man's death were fully brought out.

During Saturday afternoon Simpson, who had been drinking, and Will Gainey got into a dispute regarding some trifling matter, and were separated by Will Crane. After Gainey had left the place Simpson turned upon Crane and began abusing him for interfering. Crane, not wishing any trouble with him, went away, but was followed by Simpson, who it is claimed struck at Crane, whereupon Crane struck back, hitting Simpson in the neck with his fist. Simpson fell backwards off of the sidewalk in front of the saloon, which is about eighteen inches high. After striking the ground he raised up on his elbow and then fell back. Dr. J. B. Wait, who happened to be passing and was an eyewitness to the affair, stepped down and upon a hasty examination found that the man was dead. Death came without a

struggle, and the cause of so sudden a demise caused no little amount of wonder, as neither the blow or fall were sufficient to cause death in an ordinary case.

At the post mortem examination it was found that an artery at the base of the brain was ruptured, but what caused the rupture was not fully determined.

The coroner's jury was composed of J. W. Curry, C. O. Damon, Geo. Coulter, Geo. Mickey, J. C. Hill and N. R. Johnson. District Attorney Benson came up Sunday and assisted at the inquest.

The jury returned the following verdict:

We, the coroner's jury, empaneled to inquire into the cause of the death of one A. H. Simpson, find as follows: That he was a single man, a native of Kentucky, aged 65 years, 7 months and 15 days; that he came to his death between the hours of 6 and 7 o'clock p.m., August 10, 1895. That the immediate cause of his death was extravasation of blood at the base of the brain produced by falling from the sidewalk near the "West Side Saloon" while under the influence of liquor.

Deceased was about sixty-six years of age. He came to Oregon in '54 with his parents and resided in Jacksonville until a few years ago. He was well known throughout Southern Oregon and Northern California and was at one time quite well off. Several brothers and sisters survive him.

The remains were interred in the Jacksonville cemetery Monday. [Medford Mail, August 16, 1895] [<https://truwe.sohs.org/files/news1895.html>]

"The funeral of "Bee" Simpson, whose peculiar death of Medford Saturday was fully reported in last issue, occurred Monday from the residence of a sister, Mrs. Skeeters, in Medford, Rev. S. A. Foster officiating, interment in Jacksonville cemetery. Simpson was well known over the county, having been a resident for many years. He was an erratic character, rather simple-minded, and a victim of intemperance. He left some property in Medford." "Brevities," [Ashland Tidings, August 15, 1895]

2. James Walter Simpson [pioneer of 1851]

b. 26 Aug 1827 Hardin County, Kentucky

d. 31 Jan 1909 Siskiyou County, California

burial location unknown

m. 01 Mar 1859 Oregon

Catherine Connett

b. 1844 Indiana

d. 29 Nov 1888 Jackson County, Oregon

buried [Eastwood IOOF Cemetery](#), Medford, Jackson County, Oregon

1850: District 1, Adair County, Missouri, September 4, 1850; Francis Simpson, 38, cabinet maker, \$200, KY; Sarah, 36, KY; James W., 24, laborer, KY; Andrew, 20, laborer, KY; William, 18, laborer, KY; Catherine, 12, KY; Gray J. [sic-Gracie J.], 10, KY; Margaret F., 7, MO; Narcissa M., 2, MO

DLC: #2137 Jackson County; James W. Simpson, b. 1827 Kentucky, arrived Oregon 09 September 1851. Affidavit: J. F. Linder, Francis J & William H. Simpson

1860: Butte Creek, Jacksonville PO, Jackson County, Oregon, July 27, 1860; J. W. Simpson, 33, farmer, \$3000 \$5000, KY; Catherine, 18, IA; Jos Henricks, 36, farm laborer, KY

1870: Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, June 30, 1870; James W. Simpson, 42, farmer, \$5,000 \$1475, KY; Catherine, 25, keeping house, IN; Sarah F., 8, OR; Mary C., 6, OR; Maria B., 3, OR; Narcissa I, 10/12, OR, b. June; Andrew H., 36, farmer, \$1,000 \$2,000, KY

1880: Little Butte, Jackson County, Oregon, June 2, 1880; James Simpson, 53, father, farmer, KY KY KY; Catherine, 36, wife, keeping house IN KY OH; Sarah F., 19, OR KY IN; Mary C. Foster, 17, dau, house keeping OR KY IN; John Foster, 21, son in law, farm laborer, OR; Maria B. Simpson, 13, dau, attending school, OR KY IN; Daisy, 10, dau, attending school, OR KY IN; Marget R, 7, attending school, OR KY IN; James F., 3, son at home, OR KY IN; Wm J., 1, son, at home, OR KY IN; George Sly, 27, servant, OR; James Short, 36, servant, KY KY KY

1898: Siskiyou County, California Voter Registration; James Walter Simpson, age 71, b. 1827 Kentucky

1909: Siskiyou County, California, James W. Simpson, b. c 1827, d. 31 Jan 1909, age 82

Children of James Simpson and Catherine Connett:

- i. Sarah Frances Simpson (1861-1949)
- ii. Mary Catherine Simpson (1863-1950)
- iii. Maria Belle Simpson (1867-)
- iv. Daisy Narcissa Simpson (1869-1955)
- v. Margaret R. Simpson (1872-1943)
- vi. James Francis Simpson (1876-1938)
- vii. Jasper William Simpson (1878-1945)
- viii. Bertha Ann Simpson (1882 -)

3. William Henry Simpson

b. 17 Jun 1833 Coles County, Illinois

d. 12 Nov 1882 Jackson County, Oregon

buried [Jacksonville Cemetery](#), Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon

m. 06 Sep 1864 Jackson County, Oregon

Mrs. Priscilla Maria Rosella Johns Dyer

b. 1837 Ohio

d. 24 Aug 1897 Lewis County, Washington

buried [Jacksonville Cemetery](#), Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon

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1870: Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, June 30, 1870; William H. Simpson, 36, farmer, \$5,000 \$1,000, IL; Mariah, 36, keeping house, IN; Francis J., 5, OR; Andrew H., 3, OR; Eliza J., 4/12, OR, b. Oct; James Dyer, 14, at school, IA

1880: Butte Creek, Jackson County, Oregon, July 27, 1880; W. H. Simpson, 27, farm laborer, \$1500 \$600, IL; Catherine Walker, 22, KY; Grace J. Simpson, 21, KY; A. H. Simpson, 12, MO; Ada Flora Walker, 2, OR; Grace Simpson, 6/12, OR

Children of William Simpson and Priscilla Johns:

- i. James H. Simpson (1861-)
- ii. Francis Ignatius Simpson (1865-1949)
- iii. Andrew H. Simpson (1867-1954)
- iv. Eliza Jane Simpson (1869-1962)
- v. Mary Elizabeth Simpson (1872-1960)
- vi. Sarah Margaret Simpson (1874-1926)
- vii. Viola Flora Simpson (1876-1968)
- viii. Walter V. Simpson (1880-1970)
- ix. William Percival Simpson (1882-1927)

4. Catherine "Kitty" Simpson

b. 1836 Kentucky

d. 22 May 1862 Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon

buried [Jacksonville Cemetery](#), Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon

m1. 12 Feb 1857 Jackson County, Oregon

James William Walker

b. 08 Feb 1836 Missouri

d. 15 Sep 1910 Clatsop County, Oregon

buried [Jewell Cemetery](#), Jewell, Clatsop County, Oregon

m2. 25 Jun 1861 Jackson County, Oregon

Stephen Lafayette Cantrall

b. 09 Apr 1815 Warren County, Indiana

d. 23 Nov 1911 Valley County, Idaho

buried [Alpha Cemetery](#), Alpha, Valley County, Idaho

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Children of James Walker and Catherine Simpson:

- i. Ada Flora Walker (1857-1921)

Children of Stephen Cantrall and Catherine Simpson:

- i. William F. Cantrall (1862-1862)

5. Grace Jane Simpson

b. 27 Aug 1839 Nelson County, Kentucky

d. 24 Jan 1924 Toledo, Lincoln County, Oregon

buried [Laurel Cemetery](#), Cave Junction, Josephine County, Oregon

m. 1860 Jackson County, Oregon

Isaac Goodman Skeeters

b. 19 Dec 1823 Hardin County, Kentucky

d. 14 Aug 1908 Josephine County, Oregon

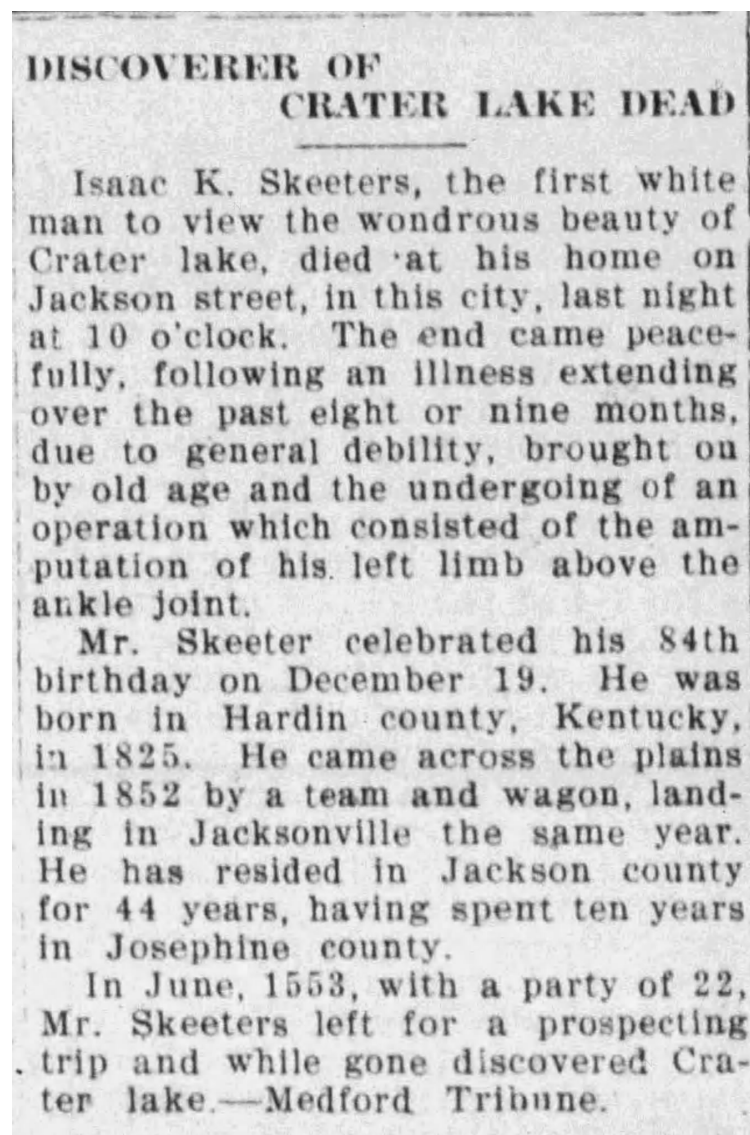
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s/o Abraham Skeeters and Margaret Goodlin

m1. 1848 Lydia Margaret Clift

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[The Twice A Week Guard, Eugene, Oregon, Thursday, August 28, 1908 p.3]

MRS. SKEETERS' FUNERAL HELD

**Mother of Eleven Children, Born
in 1839, and Crossed Plains.
at Tender Age.**

Toledo, Or., Feb. 2.—The funeral services of Mrs. Grace Jane Simpson Skeeters, 84, were held in St. Anne's church, Monday, January 28, followed by interment in the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Kerby. Mrs. Skeeters died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leo M. Martin of Toledo Thursday, January 24. She was born in Nelson county, Kentucky, in 1839. She lived in Missouri when a child and crossed the plains with her parents when she was very young.

She lived in Portland and later in Jackson and Josephine counties. Her husband was Isaac Skeeters, one of the discoverers of Crater lake. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Leo M. Martin, Mrs. Sarah Sowell of Kerby and Mrs. George Yarbrough of Marshfield, two sons Charles Skeeter of Medford and Joseph Skeeters of Talent. She was the mother of 11 children, the grandmother of 19 and the great grandmother of 26.

[The Oregon Daily Journal, Sunday, February 3, 1924 p. 15]

Children of Isaac Skeeters and Grace Simpson:

- i. Viola Flora Skeeters (1860-1921) may be from first marriage based on birth date
- ii. Sarah Margaret Skeeters (1862-1936)
- iii. Joseph Skeeters (1864-1943)
- iv Charles Francis Skeeters (1866-1962)
- v. Mary E. Skeeters (1869-1940)
- vi. Ida May Skeeters (1872-1873)
- vii. Robert Isaac Skeeters (1874-1875)
- viii. John Walter Skeeters (1874-1875) or (1876-1876)
- ix. Issie Agnes Skeeters (1877-1878)
- x. Addie Nora Skeeters (1881-1966)
- xi. Ottie Leo Skeeters (1884-1895)

6. Margaret Frances Simpson

b. 31 Mar 1842 Adair County, Missouri

d. 22 Sep 1912 Medford, Jackson County, Oregon

buried [Eastwood IOOF Cemetery](#), Medford, Jackson County, Oregon

m. 12 Feb 1857 Sterling, Jackson County, Oregon

Martin Floyd Hurst

b. 11 Oct 1830 Harrison County, Indiana

d. 23 Sep 1907 Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon

buried [Eastwood IOOF Cemetery](#), Medford, Jackson County, Oregon

s/o Nimrod and Mary (Pennington) Hurst

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1860: Butte Creek, Jacksonville PO, Jackson County, Oregon, July 26, 1860; Martin F. Hurst, 30, farmer, \$1000 \$500, IN; Margaret F., 19, MO; Mary A., 2, OR; Sarah G., 4/12, OR; Samuel Crosian, 26, farm laborer, KY

1870: Jacksonville PO, Jackson County, Oregon, June 30, 1870; Martin F. Hurst, 39, farmer, \$1000 \$875, IN; Margaret, 28, keeping house, MO; Mary F., 15, OR; Sarah G., 10, OR; Ada F., 6, OR; Woodford F., 3, OR; James A., 6/12 (Dec), OR; Florence M., 6/12 (Dec), OR

1880: Litte Butte Pct, Jackson County, Oregon, June 3, 1880; Martin F. Hurst, 49, husband, farmer, MO KY KY; Margaret, 37, wife, keeping house, IN KY KY; Sarah, 20, dau, at home, OR MO KY; Ada F., 16, dau, attending school, OR MO KY; Woodford, 13, son, attending school, OR MO KY; James W., 10, son, attending school, OR MO KY; Florence, 10, dau, attending school, OR MO KY; Alsa M., 7, dau, attending school, OR MO KY; Clara, 4, dau, at home, OR MO KY

1900: West Medford Pct, Jackson County, Oregon, June 11, 1900; Martin F. Hurst, Oct 1830, 69, m-43 years, IN unk unk; Margaret, wife, Mar 1842, 58, m-43 yrs, 16 children-11 living, MO KY KY; Mary F. Charley, dau, Nov 1857, 42, m-22 yrs, 3 children-2 living, OR IN MO' Florence M. Hurst, dau, Dec 1869, 30, s, OR IN MO, cook-restaurant

1910: North Medford, Ward 3, District 0108, Jackson County, Oregon, April 25, 1910; Margaret Hurst, head, 65, widow, MO MO MO, proprietress-lodging house; Flora Jackson, dau, 40, m, MO MO MO; Myrtle Hurst, dau, 31, s, OR MO MO, waitress-restaurant; Fredrick Hurst, son, 25, m-3/12 yrs, OR MO MO, bar tender saloon; Georgia A, dau in law, 17, m-3/12 yrs, OR MO MO; Frank M., son, 29, s, OR MO MO, stone cutter-granite worker; Claude, son, 27, s, OR MO MO, sawyer-saw mill; + (4 boarders George Sheriff, Wesley McKay, Theo B. Cox, James C. Argyle)

Children of Martin Hurst and Margaret Simpson:

i. Mary Frances Hurst (1858-1900)

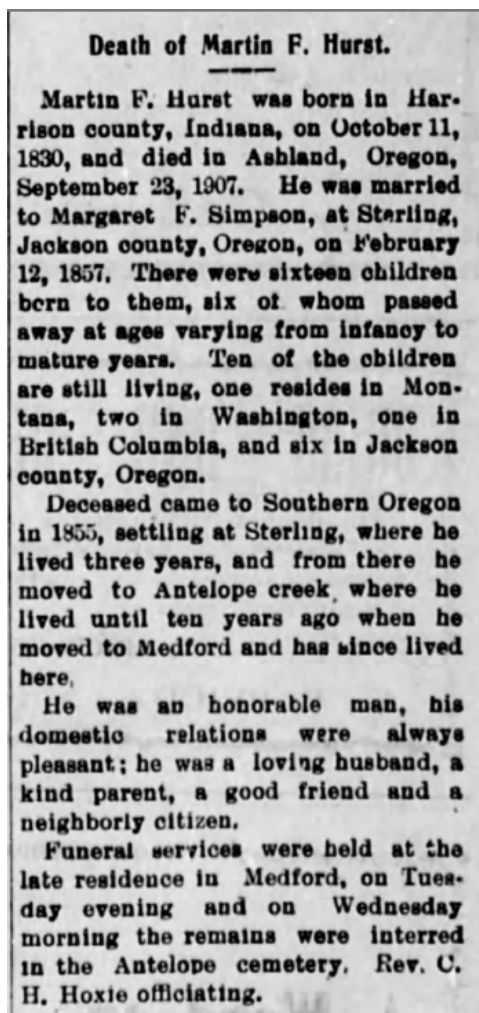
ii. Sarah Grace Hurst (1859-1859)

iii. Eva Alice Hurst (1862-1869)

iv. Ada Flora Hurst (1864-1939)

v. Amy Hurst (1865-1865)

- vi. Woodford Floyd Hurst (1866-1894)
- vii. James Walter Hurst (1869-)
- viii. Florence Mae Hurst (1869-1961)
- ix. James Walter Hurst (1869-1870)
- x. Alicia Meda Hurst (1872-1956)
- xi. Alsa M. Hurst (1875-)
- xii. Twin boys died at birth (1874 -)
- xiii. Clara Lily Hurst (1876-1945)
- xiv. Myrtle Maud Hurst (1878-1969)
- xv. Francis Martin Hurst (1881-1958)
- xvi. Claude Martin Hurst (1883-1977)
- xvii. Frederick William Hurst (1885-1923)



[The Medford Mail, Medford, Oregon, Friday, September 27, 1907 p.1]

- 7. Narcissa Maria Simpson
- b. 10 Nov 1848 Missouri
- d. 15 Jun 1867 Butte Creek, Jackson County, Oregon
- buried [St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery](#), Takima, Josephine County, Oregon

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