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*Bear effigy in the W. M. Anderson collection  
at the Pickaway County Historical Society*

## *William Marshall Anderson:*

### *In Search of the Necessary*

by Donald M. Schlegel

(Concluded, from Vol. XXIX, No. 4)

The Andersons sold the house and ground at Glen Mary near Chillicothe to Fathers Edward Purcell, Michael Forde, and Philip Foley in 1854 to become St. Peter's College. In 1853 the couple moved to Circleville and in 1854 to Seven Oaks, a 514-acre farm west of that town (at the present Route 22 and Smith-Hulse Road) that Eliza had inherited from her father. Seven Oaks was named for a remarkable group of trees, seven in number and seventy or eighty feet tall, that seemed to have grown from one acorn, the bark being unbroken for the first four feet from the ground. Marshall managed this farm for twenty-five years. As a result of the legal contests over the McArthur

will, Marshall later in life managed over 1,100 acres in Wayne Township (including Seven Oaks) in which he had a life interest, which devolved on Eliza's children at his death.<sup>10</sup> He managed another farm near Portsmouth.<sup>11</sup>

Eliza died on Sunday, September 2, 1855. Archbishop Purcell, though he had recently been ill, traveled from Cincinnati to Chillicothe to attend her funeral, which was held at Fruit Hill, her late father's house, on Tuesday.<sup>12</sup> She was buried in the family cemetery plot at Fruit Hill but in 1863 Marshall had her remains and those of their four infant children moved to Forest Cemetery at

Circleville (section 27). On her monument are the words, "Sleep, Mother. But our love sleeps not. God grant you may be as happy with Him as you were good to us." She left four children: Thomas McArthur, Henry Reuben, Charles, and Mary. In time the boys rebelled against the strict discipline in the Catholic schools they attended and left the Church. Mary married Judge Joseph Olds of Columbus. One of her grandchildren is Sister Mary Olds, S.N.D. de N., of Cincinnati.

Archbishop Purcell introduced Marshall to Ellen Columba Ryan. She was born Nov. 20, 1820 and came to America from Londonderry, Ireland with her parents and sisters in 1833. Her father was Christopher Ryan of Urbana. She was educated at Nazareth, Kentucky and Sacred Heart in New Orleans and traveled extensively in the United States and in Europe. Marshall and Ellen were married in Urbana on April 21, 1857, before V. Rev. Edward Purcell, the Archbishop's brother.<sup>13</sup> They had four children of whom only one, Robert Marshall Anderson, lived to adulthood.

Marshall Anderson was a lifelong Democrat, opposed to the policies of Lincoln, Stanton, and Seward, but he saw no point in upholding the Constitution of the United States if the Union were to be destroyed. At the time of Morgan's Raid, when he was fifty-six years old, he was elected captain of a company of home guards in Pickaway County. A few days later he resigned this captaincy, claiming that he was too old to learn the drill well enough to manage the company, and instead served as sergeant for the thirty or forty days of the unit's service.

Early in 1865 Marshall went on his second "great adventure." The Civil War was not yet over when he went into southern Mexico and spent more than a year "in exploring the ancient cities and ruins in that part of the world."<sup>14</sup> The trip was something of a mystery then and for many years afterwards, but it is now thought that the real purpose was to assist in establishing a small colony of Confederates there. In December he was commissioned by Emperor Maximilian to survey

lands in northeastern Mexico for the possible use of the colony. The editor of Marshall's diary of this trip noted, "There is also reason to suspect that Church considerations may have influenced his decision to visit Mexico, where the Church was fighting to regain its position." Captured by Mexican rebels under Juarez, he avoided execution by making a daring nighttime escape. At the time of his departure from Mexico he came down with yellow fever (or a similar disease) for the second time in his life and nearly succumbed. He did not reach his family in Circleville until the summer of 1866. His diary of this adventure, in the style of a travelogue, was published in 1959 as *An American in Maximilian's Mexico, 1865-1866*, edited by Ramón Eduardo Ruiz.<sup>15</sup>

By the time of Marshall's return, the family had moved into Circleville, to the brick house at 131 West Union Street.

Marshall Anderson saw and explored many interests throughout his life. He was "in many ways a remarkable man. His love of study was directed more to the acquirement of classical and artistic knowledge than to the practical things of every day life, and the result was that while his mind was richly stored with all that appertains to culture and refinement he was not a man of affairs. His natural tastes and sensitive nature withdrew him from the ruder intercourse of the world, and directed him continually to the more congenial associations of books and letters, and the contemplation of the beauties of nature and works of art. He was a remarkable conversationalist, and had a command of language which, for exactness and beauty, we have rarely seen excelled. Possessing a remarkable memory, his mind was a rich magazine of tradition and anecdote, which he could narrate with a diction and interest which held the listeners with magnetic charm."<sup>16</sup> He spoke both French and Spanish fluently and owned one of the best private libraries in the country. In the period following his trip to Mexico he was president of the Circleville Board of Education and an organizer and president of the Board of the Circleville Public Library.

Beginning in the early 1830s he was an organizer or member of many local societies for the improvement of agriculture and for several years late in life he was a breeder of thoroughbred horses.

In 1840 he became interested in archaeology and made many excavations in the Indian mounds, from which he obtained a large and valuable collection of stone and copper tools and arms. Between 1850 and 1855 he traced out a line of ancient fire signal stations extending along the Scioto Valley, from the mountain across the Ohio River from the Scioto's mouth to a point twenty miles north of Columbus. In the winter of 1871-1872 he visited the Lake George area of Mississippi and explored the Indian mounds there, uncovering a valuable set of pottery similar in many respects to the Toltec pottery in Mexico.



*The Andersons' house on Union St. in Circleville*

In 1918 his heirs gave his remaining collection to The Ohio State University. In 1919 the university sold it to the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society, but before it reached that organization many of the best artifacts were stolen. A portion of the remainder was sold. About 1975 the items remaining at the Ohio Historical Society, including a rare effigy pipe of a bear, were placed on indefinite loan to the Pickaway County Historical Society.<sup>17</sup>

“Early in life he took up the study of art, and all that he could learn from books and the study of the best paintings brought to this country, interested and delighted him. He was the friend and companion of all of the artists who came

to the west in those days and kept an active correspondence with several of his old friends for years.”<sup>18</sup> At the time of his death four notable paintings were in his estate, valued at over \$400, a handsome amount for the time: Christ in the Temple, The Nun Theresa, Abraham & Isaac, and St. Peter's Procession.<sup>19</sup>

In 1878 Marshall was severely injured in a railroad accident and never fully recovered. He died peacefully at his residence in Circleville on January 7, 1881, of double pneumonia. He had received the sacraments a few days previously. The funeral was at St. Joseph Church, with Father A. O. Walker

officiating and Bishop Watterson delivering an eloquent sermon.<sup>20</sup> Ironically, Marshall took one last journey, to Oakdale Cemetery in Urbana, where he was buried on the Ryan family plot in section 45.

Ellen Ryan Anderson moved to New York City

about 1883, where she died on Apr. 28, 1898.

After a life of much travel and adventure, a career as a respected lawyer, contributor to and appreciator of the world of the human intellect and art, Marshall Anderson died insolvent. But he had found the one thing necessary for a truly successful life, a life of Faith. Late in his life his brother wrote to him, saying, “You were always endowed with that spirit of veneration and faith in and towards men and God, which has made you religious and a Christian. ...I really believe faith has made you a happier and a better man...”<sup>21</sup>

### Robert Marshall Anderson

Marshall and Ellen's son, Robert Marshall Anderson (1862-1940) grew up in Circleville and spent many happy hours as a youth in a foundry, of which his best friend's father was proprietor, building engines. He attended the Circleville public schools and graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1883 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He graduated from the Stevens Institute of Technology in 1887. He was a mechanical engineer, working in industry and teaching at the Stevens institute until his retirement in 1930.22 Upon his retirement he returned to Circleville, where in the north end of town he constructed one of the most modern houses in the county. He was a member of St. Joseph Parish, the Rotary Club, and the Elks. He died in Berger Hospital after a few days' illness on June 3, 1940; burial was with his parents in Urbana. He had never married.23

### NOTES

- 10) *Circleville Democrat and Watchman*, Jan. 14, 1881
- 11) Ruiz, Ramon Eduardo, ed., *An American in Maximilian's Mexico, 1865-1866*; San Marino: The Huntington Library, 1959; xxix
- 12) *Chillicothe Gazette*, Sept. 3, 1855; *Catholic Telegraph*, Sept. 8, 1855
- 13) *Catholic Telegraph*, April 25, 1857;

Champagne County marriage record

- 14) Anderson, Charles, *Ye Andersons of Virginia and some of their Descendants*, [Santa Barbara?, Cal., 1908], p. 32
- 15) See note 10.
- 16) Circleville's *The Union Herald*, Jan. 13, 1881
- 17) *Pickaway Quarterly*, Spring, 1975 and Winter, 1975
- 18) *Ye Andersons*, 30
- 19) Pickaway Co. Probate Court, estate number O-2909
- 20) *The Union Herald*, Jan. 13, 1881; *Democrat and Watchman*, Jan. 14, 1881; *Circleville Herald*, Jan. 19, 1881; *Catholic Columbian*, Jan. 13, 1881
- 21) Morgan, p. 66
- 22) *The Link* of Stevens Institute of Technology, 1923, contains a detailed chronicle of his work until that time.
- 23) *Circleville Union-Herald*, June 5, 1940

Morgan, pages 393 and following, contains an extensive Anderson bibliography. Anderson's own papers are preserved at the Filson Club in Louisville, in the Draper Collection of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, and at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California. The Ohio Historical Society recently acquired the papers of Marshall's brother, Ohio Governor Charles Anderson, and his family.

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### Abstracts from *The Catholic Telegraph*

(Continued from Vol. XXIX, No. 4)

July 9, 1853 continued...

ST. MARY'S, (Deipra) at Marges, Carroll Co., is not quite completed. It is quite a creditable structure--of brick, with frame steeple. There were 19 confirmed--one, a widow lady of upwards of sixty years of age, who had been baptized in infancy, in her native State, Virginia, but who had never before enjoyed the advantage of instruction and suitable preparation for the reception of the Holy Sacraments. Some of her numerous descendants already belong to the Church, and there now is hope for all.

LODI, CARROLL CO. -- 23 confirmed.

ST. PETER'S.--This little chapel, on the top of

a breezy hill, five miles from Dover, is regularly attended by a small, but fervent flock. It was the first built in this part of the country.

Rev. F. X. Wenniger gave a mission a few days in every one of the four last mentioned places. It was successful and its fruit will, we trust, remain. All these congregations are crying out for an English priest, whom we hope soon to be able to send to them.

The death of V. Rev. Mr. De Goesbriand, Vicar General of the Diocese of Cleveland, at his residence in Brittany, France, on June 6 is announced.

### July 16, 1853

Celebration of the Fourth of July at Mount St. Mary's, Noble Co., O. Laying of a Corner Stone. -- Near to the old log chapel of St. Dominics, one of the oldest Catholic Churches of the diocese, on the banks of Beaver creek, is the beautiful place where the Catholics of Beaver Township will build the new church of Mount St. Marys. The building will be of brick, 75 feet long and forty four wide, better adapted for the service of the Most High, and more convenient for the faithful, who desired long since to receive a more suitable place of worship. The corner stone was laid on that remarkable day... Though the air was cloudy in the morning, it became quite clear towards noon. At 10 o'clock High Mass was sung by the Pastor of the congregation, Rev. T. [J.] W. Brummer; after Mass the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary was recited, and a procession took place from St. Dominics Church to Mount St. Marys. All the Catholics of the congregation and some of the German congregation of St. Johns, also several respectable Protestants of the neighborhood joined the procession and witnessed the ceremony with the greatest respect. Rev. T. [J.] C. Kræmer of St. Johns also assisted at the laying of the corner stone. ....All felt delighted at the ceremonies, and went back in good order, while the priests recited the "Te Deum" to the old church lot where a good dinner was prepared by the ladies of the congregation, the proceeds of which, as well as of the fair recently held, are sufficient to buy a new church bell to sound for several miles and invite the people to the house of God, and to announce three times a day the great mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God. We must give due credit to John Jeffries, Nicholas Gallagher, John Armbruster and the workmen of the railroad; one of whom had come 23 miles to witness the ceremony, because they tried everything in their power [to] make this day a splendid and most glorious Fourth of July.

### July 23, 1853

St. Mary's, Somerset, June 5th, 1853.  
After a refreshing rain the morning of the 5th was clear and cool, even the bright red cherries, as

they gleamed in the parlor windows of St. Mary's, seemed expectant of the enjoyment that all shared who had the happiness with myself of receiving the hospitality of the kind Sisters. At an early hour a large and respectable audience assembled in the spacious apartment allotted for the distribution of premiums to the pupils. ...

Every department is sustained by efficient teachers. The silent labor of love is conspicuously demonstrated by the accomplishment and polite deportment of the pupils of St. Mary's. I pause to gaze on the young ladies of the senior class, clad in the usual white drapery, with an additional ornament--the azure bertha. ...adopted as a veil of modesty. What Christian mother would not be ambitious to place her daughter under the vigilant care of the humble daughters of St. Dominic? With whom virtue is insensibly imbibed, and by whom all the embellishments of a polite education are added. ...One of the young ladies of the first class addressed the audience on the beauties of monastic life...

....Then again we were addressed by a bright eyed daughter of an Irish emigrant,--Erin, bright gem of the sea, that theme of never ceasing sorrow. She spoke with the talent of a Grattan or a Sheridan; her plea for the railroader brought tears to every eye... Then the valedictory, by a young lady who has been a pupil since her infancy. Her tribute of love and reverence was overpowering,--it was just. ...

A SPECTATOR

### July 30, 1853

Somerset, July 22, 1853

MESSRS. EDITORS: The morning of the 7th instant opened with unclouded brilliancy on the picturesque hills of Perry... This was the day appointed for the second annual Exhibition at St. Joseph's new and promising College... From an early hour in the morning the most respectable and intelligent residents, not only of the immediate vicinity, but also those interested in the College living at a distance, began to crowd around the place of exhibition. At 10, A.M. , the Professors and students, accompanied by the brass band from Somerset and Pleasantville,

moved in procession to [the] platform erected for the occasion in a neighboring road. The healthy and cheerful countenances of the young men gave sufficient testimony to the kindness they had experienced from their protectors during the scholastic year. ...As soon as they halted at the place of exhibition, the exercises commenced. The high attainments of the students in language, natural science, history and mathematics, being evidenced by the proceedings of the day, was matter of surprise and admiration to all present. ..But what seemed to enlist in a more particular manner the admiration of the audience were the displays of elocution given through the course of the exercises by twelve different pupils.... [*The accomplishments of the pupils are laid at the feet of the Dominican Fathers; the prosperity of the college is hoped for. The letter comprises an entire column in the Telegraph. It is signed "Stephanus."*]

#### **August 6, 1853**

The order of exercises at St. Joseph's College is given. See the Bulletin of August, 1978.

#### **DIED**

At his residence in Chillicothe, Ohio, on the 26th instant, after a lingering illness, Mr. Walter Walsh, a native of Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary, Ireland. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

Subscriptions in this and following issues:

Aug. 13 - Mrs. Postlewaite, Homer P.O.

Aug. 20 - St. Mary's Academy, Somerset

Sept. 3 - Cornelius McCarthy, Newark; Morand Bushna and Michael Dittoe, Somerset

#### **August 27, 1853**

Archbishop Purcell will administer Confirmation on Sunday, Sept. 11 at St. Mary's, Lancaster, on the 18th at "St. Francis of Sales, Mount Vernon," and intermediate stations during the week.

#### **September 3, 1853**

Episcopal visitation schedule: 1st Sunday of Sept., Oxford; on Monday, Circleville. 2nd Sunday, Lancaster; 2nd Wednesday, Chauncey. 3rd Sunday, Mt. Vernon

#### **September 10, 1853**

Episcopal visitation schedule: 4th Sunday of September (25th), Columbus

A pastoral letter on Marriage from Archbishop Purcell is printed.

SENSIBLE.--The people of Mt. Vernon, in this state, have refused, by a great majority, to establish the so called graded school.

#### **September 17, 1853**

##### **INFORMATION WANTED**

Of Mary Mee, county Galway. Some months ago she followed her husband to America, and was seen about Cincinnati. Any information respecting her will be thankfully received by her brother John Cuddehy, Jackson, in Jackson Co., Ohio.

On page 6 is an advertisement for St. Mary's Female Academy in Somerset.

#### **September 24, 1853**

An editorial on the Vices of the Irish appears in this issue (balanced by one on their Virtues on October 15).

EPISCOPAL VISITATION.--There were ninety seven persons confirmed by the Most Rev. Archbishop on Sunday the 11th., in St. Mary's Church, Lancaster, Ohio. On Monday thirty were confirmed in the Church of St. John Baptist, Circleville, and on Tuesday eleven persons received confirmation in the new Church of St. Joseph [the Phillips church, predecessor of Sugar Grove St. Joseph], which was also dedicated on that day. This church is about 8 miles from Lancaster. On Wednesday the Archbishop visited the Church of our "Lady of Good Hope," where Mr. Burgess [Borgess] preached in German, situated within ten miles of Lancaster [at Pine Hill].

Subscriptions: Simeon Archer, Carlisle; St. Joseph's College, Somerset; Michael McNemara, Lancaster

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# Chapel Hill, Perry County

Baptismal Records 1840-1850

(Continued, from Vol. XXIX, No. 4)

**1844** continued...

May 9 [SC], William Braden, son of James and Ann Haket; spon. Jesse and Ann Drusella Charpenter Aegidius Olivetti  
May 12 [SC], Catharine Ann, daughter of James and Jane Lavin; spon. Andrew Masterson and Catharine Mallen AO  
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May 19, Rebecca Jane, daughter of Michael and Mary Ann Trenah?; spon. Mathias and Mary Walpol AO  
May 30, John, age 5 years, son of James and Mary Ann Burgoon; spon. John and Mary Skantlon AO  
same day, Thomas, 4 years old, son of James and Mary Ann Burgoon; spon. John and Mary Cahill AO  
same day, William, age 3 years, son of James and Mary Ann Burgoon; spon. Thomas Colman and Priscilla Burgoon AO  
same day, James Ruben, age 5 months, son of James and Mary Ann Burgoon; spon. Ruben and Cecilia Burgoon AO  
June 9 [D], Ann Betman, age 25 years; spon. John Geiger and Mary Jane Flowers AO  
same day, Ann, daughter of Anthony and Bridget Kilkenny; spon. Thomas and Elizabeth Hokran AO  
June 15 [MC], Elizabeth, age 34 years, wife of Mr. Miscol; spon. Ml. Olivetti and Ms. Monaghan AO  
June 17, Thomas, son of Thomas and Bridget Sweeney; spon. Bernard Mccabe and Helen Miskel AO  
July 21 [SC], Magdalen, daughter of John and Susanna Gosman; spon. Joseph Gosman and Catharine Pearl AO  
same day, Thomas, son of Patrick and Rose Walpole; spon. Thomas and Mary Walpole AO  
same day, Andrew Du, age about 45 years; spon. Michael Collins and Catharine Thompson AO  
July 27 [D?], Bernard, son of Ely Whise and Johanna; spon. John and Catharine Wise AO  
Aug. 8 [A], James, son of Paul and Teresa

Longnekar, age 10 years; spon. James Nintselin? and Margaret Writs? AO  
same day, Eliza, daughter of Paul and Teresa Longnekar, age 8 years; spon. Peter and Mary Fitzpatrik AO  
same day, Catharine, daughter of Paul and Teresa Longneker, 6 years old; spon. Michael Smith and Mary Krim AO  
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Aug. 8, Mary, daughter of Paul and Teresa Longnekar, 9 years old; spon. Michael Smith and Mary Krim AO  
same day, Joseph, son of Paul and Teresa Longnekar, age 3 years; spon. John Herts and Catharine Nintselin AO  
Aug. 10, Charles, son of Charles and n. Masterson; spon. Thomas Coghlin and n. Welch AO  
Aug. 14 [SC], Jeremy, son of Peter and Mary Curren; spon. Michael Mallan and Mary Feagan AO  
same day, Peter, son of Peter and Mary Curren; spon. Michael Mitchel and Ann Kilkenny AO  
Aug. 18, William James, son of George and Catharine Powel; spon. John and Susanna Gosman AO  
same day, John, son of Edward and Bridget Mooney; spon. Hugh Mooney and Helen Mallan AO  
Sept. 7 [D], Laurence, son of Joseph and Mary Ann Pearl; spon. William Hughran and Bridget Duffy AO  
Sept. 25 [SC], James, son of Thomas and Mary Duffy; spon. John and Mary MCGovern AO  
same day, Catharine, daughter of John and Ann Curren [marginal note: "Mallan, see page 29"]; spon. John Mallan and Helen Mourtah AO  
Sept. 28 [SC], Thomas, son of Edward and Bridget Malany; spon. William Haughran and Ann Carroll AO  
Oct. 1 [SC], Agnes, daughter of Michael and Ann Curren; spon. Michael Mitchell and Ann Mourtah AO  
[Oct. 2, 1844 -- see entries following May 14, 1845]

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Jan. 15 [SC], Mary Elizabeth, daughter of James Martin and Ann McNally; spon. George Thompson and Mary Petid T. O. Farrell

Jan. 19 [D], Daniel, son of Daniel Dickas and Mary Pesor; spon. Catharine Perl and Andrew Gosman TOF

Jan. 23 [SC], Mary, daughter of Michael Hays and Mary Mintagh; spon. Bernard Mintagh and Alas Mintagh TOF

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Jan. 26 [MC], Catharine, daughter of Michael Bowe and Mary Keenan; spon. Edward Grogan and Ann Keenan TOF

Feb. 9, Sobieski E. Jones, convert, age 18; spon. T. O. Farrell TOF

Feb. 12 [SC], Mary, daughter of William Goulden and Elizabeth -pum; spon. Andrew Liddi and Phoebe Cumman? TOF

Feb. 16 [D], Andrew, son of Charles Winer and Trina Gosman; spon. Andrew Gosman and Catharine Schwall TOF

Feb. 16, Ann Elizabeth, daughter of Stephan Johnson, protestant, and Catharine Lusy?; spon. Tilman Deawin? and Catharine Perl TOF

same day, Thomas Wildmon, age 18 years; spon. Xavier Geiger TOF

same day, Joseph Petid, age 18 years; spon. John Geiger TOF

Feb. 23, Mary Alalaman, daughter of Francis Donaldson, protestant, and Rachel Griffin; spon. Patrick McDonnell TOF

same day, [MC] John, son of Philip Littel and Ann Leonor; spon. Thomas Grogan and Judith Bowes TOF

same day, William, son of John Clarke and Eleanor Robertson; spon. Michael Curren and Margaret Breen TOF

Feb. 27, Hanna, daughter of Isaac Wise and Catharine Richard; [page 23] spon. Joseph Rhy and Hanna Massa TOF

same day, Catharine, daughter of Isaac Wise and Catharine Richard; spon. Eli Wise and Margaret Schönberger TOF

[March?] 22 [A], Mary, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hofman; spon. John and Mary Lens TOF

[March?] 26 [MC], Peter, son of Dominic Galaher and Bridget Ferru; spon. Laurence Duffy and Catharine McGuith TOF

April 8? [SC], Hugh, son of Hugh Fitzpatrick and Margaret Brady; spon. George Thompson and Rose Masterson TOF

Mar. 15 [D], Rev. Mr. O'Brien baptized Henry Rehart, son of Joseph Rehart and Agatha Gosman; spon. Andrew Gosman and Margaret Freal. TF

same day, he baptized Michael Hofer, son of Henry Hofer and Margaret Freal; spon. Joseph Rehart and Agatha Gosman TOF

May 4 [SC], Joseph, son of Nicholas Keily and Mary Barnett; spon. Andrew Masterson and Ann Murtagh TOF

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