



41st Annual Convention Antique Doorknob Collectors of America

Albany, New York
September 8-11, 2021
Theme: “New York Hardware”

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ADCA, 1608 Osage Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72116

If you are **NOT ATTENDING**, please fill in the **PROXY** (page 13) and return to:

***Mike Smith
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North Little Rock, AR 72116***





WELCOME TO ALBANY

GREETINGS TO ADCA MEMBERS 2021 ANNUAL ADCA CONVENTION

It has been a long dry period since our last real Convention. So here we are at the 2021 Convention (or, perhaps, the 2020.2 one). Last year's virtual Convention worked out remarkably well, but it was no substitute for real people. And equally important, one where we can handle the knobs and actually talk to our friends.

The Convention will be held in the Albany Hilton, which was extensively renovated 2 years ago. Albany is a hilly town, and the Hilton is half way up the hill, a handy location. This year's activities are perhaps less definitive than in prior years. For example, Oleanna, Fredrick Church's Morish house is nearby and wonderful, and we expect it to be fully open for tours by September, but at this point, nothing is guaranteed. But we will do the best we can.

Another fantastic building is the State Capital, a few steps from the Hilton. If it seems somewhat of a *mélange*, it is. During its period of construction, they say, the Governor did not have a lot of moxie, but he did have exclusive power over construction and decoration. So, in the course of three Governors, each tried to put his stamp on the building. You will be able to study the results.

Albany was also the starting point for one of the country's most important infrastructure works, the Erie Canal. Albany is near where the Mohawk River flows into the Hudson. The Mohawk Valley, which stretches to Buffalo and environs, is one of the few breaks in the Appalachian Mountain range North of Alabama, and the concept of a canal was long a subject of discussion. New York requested Federal funds to build it, given the beneficial impact it would have on the nation but was turned down. So the Governor of New York, Dewitt Clinton, decided that the State of New York would build it, beginning in 1817. Where the Mohawk River petered out, the Canal builders took over, digging over 350 miles of canal through New York's wilderness and locks to raise and lower the canal. When necessary, the canal was built on high bridges to span valleys (like in downtown Rochester).

When completed in 1825, it opened the way for midwestern products to reach the East, hence to New England, the Atlantic Coast, and to Europe. Traffic went both ways. With further canals, shipping could reach from Lake Erie to the Mississippi River. It cemented New York City's position as the center of commercial and financial activity.

In the 1820-30s however, railroads were being developed, and by the 1850s steam engines had been developed to carry heavy cargos up inclines. They were faster, not limited in terrain, did not require a constant flow of fresh water and did not have to close down in

the winter. So canals gradually fell out of use. The Erie is still there (unlike most former canals elsewhere), occasionally carrying some freight. It also has canal boats which you can rent and tour with.

A final point: this year the Convention is around the dates for the Brimfield Show. To be precise, Brimfield largely opens on September 7, and continues to the 13th. So Convention goers can search Brimfield for four days (7-8th and 12-13th) without missing any of the Convention.

We hope to see all everyone who can possibly make it there, September 8-11, 2021.

Allen Joslyn and Sandra Stern

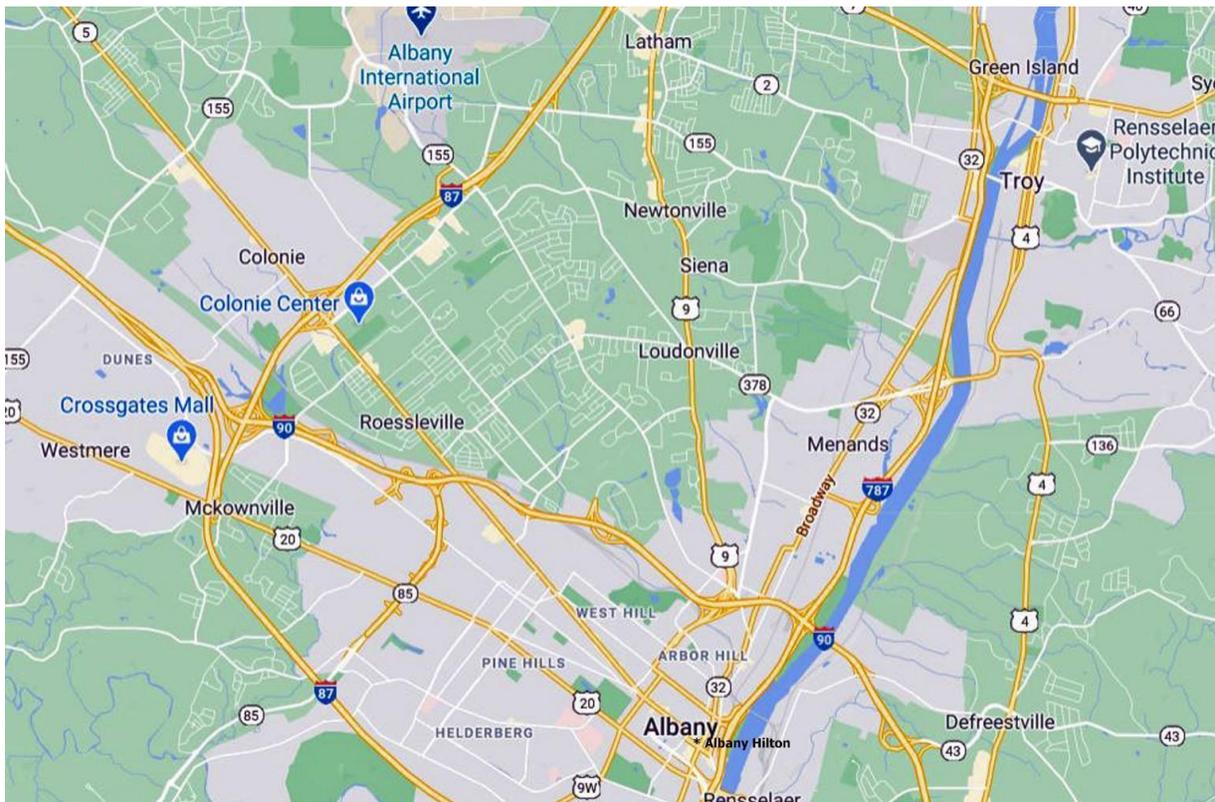
Hotel Information

Albany Hilton Hotel

40 Lodge Street
Albany, NY 12207
(518) 427-3018

The Hilton Albany in downtown Albany, NY offers recently renovated guest rooms and comforting amenities. Please contact the hotel if you need any special accommodations, and visit our website to see our features.

- On-line reservations are available at <http://group.hilton.com/3n9st>
- When making a reservation by phone, call (866) 691-1183 and mention **4DOOR**. The convention rate is \$119.00 plus tax per night, and includes free parking in the adjacent garage.
- Cutoff date for hotel reservations is July 31, 2021. Albany Hilton Hotel's cancellation policy is 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival without penalty.



2019 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

(If there is a chance of rain, remember to bring your umbrella)

Wednesday September 8th (Arrival)

Check in and visit with members

6:00 pm Hospitality Room is open

Thursday September 9th (Tour Day)

9:00 am Depart Hilton Hotel for Frederic Church's Olana, near Hudson, NY

9:45 am Arrive, and tour Olana in groups

11:45 am Lunch in Hudson, NY

2:00 pm Tour New York State Capitol

3:30 pm Tour New York State Museum

Return to Hotel – Dinner on your own

6:00 pm Hospitality Room is open

Friday September 10th

8:00 am Setup displays

9:00 am Buy/sell/trade all day

4:00 pm Return contest votes to Mike Smith

4:00 – 6:00 pm Open to the Public (TBD)

Dinner on your own

6:00 – 9:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting

6:00 pm Hospitality Room is open

Saturday September 11th

8:00 am – 11:30 am Buy/sell/trade and tag items for Auction

8:46 am Moment of silence to remember the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks

11:30 am Remove hardware and displays from Convention Hall

Lunch on your own

1:30 – 3:00 pm Auction (get tickets Thursday afternoon or Friday morning from Paul)

6:00 – 8:00 pm Banquet followed by Annual Business Meeting

Guest Speaker: TBD

6:00 pm Hospitality Room is open



HOW TO GET TO ALBANY

There are several possible ways to get to Albany (some more interesting than others). Here are the alternatives:

1. By Air: Albany has an airport, but you may have to change planes to get from your home to there. But airplanes are (sush, a secret) boring if convenient. You can also fly into New York and use one of the other means to get up to Albany.

2. By Train: The train to Albany starts at the Pennsylvania Station in New York. If you land in Newark, there is public transportation from that airport to New York Penn Station. (Be aware, Newark also has a Penn Station, which won't help you get anywhere). La Guardia and JFK have buses to midtown, but you may want to take a taxi or Uber. The train ride is about 3 hours to Albany. If you get a widow seat on the left side (facing forward), you will have the best views and sometimes may believe that the train is actually on the Hudson river. Part ways up, you will see what appears to be a ruined castle on an island. It is Bannerman's Castle built in 1901. The island it is on was the site of some of the defenses (never completed) intended to stop the British from sailing up the Hudson during the Revolutionary War. A chain across the Hudson a little further north, near West Point, was successful.

Francis Bannerman VI immigrated with his family from Northern Ireland. The family began a military supply business by purchasing surplus equipment at the end of the Civil War. They outfitted volunteers for the Spanish-American war, and when that was won, purchased military equipment from Spain, before it evacuated, and then 90% of that captured by the United States. Their illustrated catalogue filled 300 pages.

Bannerman purchased the island in 1900, and built an arsenal on the it (having decided that it was not a good idea to store a vast munitions dump in the middle of New York City.) It is the arsenal that you see as the now-ruined castle; there was a smaller castle nearby used as his residence. Further construction was halted in 1918 upon Bannerman's death. Two years later an explosion destroyed a portion of the complex, and in 1969 a fire consumed much of the Arsenal. The island was purchased by New York State, but in 2009 large portions of the castle collapsed. So the Castle is now a picturesque ruin. If you get off the train (or car) in Beacon, boat trips or kayak tours are available to Bannerman's Island

West Point is also on the opposite shore of the Hudson. You will also pass through some charming Hudson River villages. You arrive across the river from Albany and take a taxi to the hotel. This is a very scenic mode of travel.

3. By Car: Bring your own or rent one and drive up the Hudson. You can visit a number of cool sites but it may take more than a day. My advice: if you are flying in, try to land at Newark and rent your car there. Getting to the Hudson River will be somewhat simpler than from JFK or La Guardia on Long Island. There are a number of places you should consider visiting on your **way to, from, or while in** Albany. Note, however, to coordinate your trip with the days the sights you wish to see are open, particularly in post-pandemic times. For example, in pre-COVID times Lyndhurst was closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays, so if you planned to see it and yet arrive for tour day on Thursday, you would have to hit it on Monday or earlier. Purchasing tickets in advance may be a good idea, particularly because it gives you time to pick among various possible tours. It also may not be easy to predict waiting times, given that this will be at the height of the tourist season. So don't expect whirlwind tours. What follows is a simple list; please refer to Wikipedia entries and websites for more details.

Detailed Driving Directions to Albany Hilton Hotel

So, assuming you drive, set forth below are detailed directions to the hotel, Please note that if you are using a GPS, for best results enter this address: **40 Lodge St, Albany, NY 12207**

FROM ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

Follow the All Traffic signs to Airport exit. Turn left at the traffic light and follow the Interstate 87/90 signs for 1 ½ miles, and take the Albany exit(2E) onto NY 5/Central Avenue. Continue on Central Avenue for I-87 for 5 miles, which then becomes Washington Avenue. Continue east on Washington Avenue past the Capitol. Then turn right on Eagle Street and then immediately turn left onto State Street. The Hilton is on your left at the next traffic light (Lodge Street).

FROM SOUTH AND EAST (New York City & Boston) From I-90 take exit 111 (US-9/20) and turn left at the Stop sign. Continue northwest on US-9/20 (Columbia Street) for 7 miles, and cross the Hudson on Dunn bridge. Take exit for South Pearl Street, and turn right at the traffic light onto South Pearl street. Continue for 3 blocks, then turn left onto State Street. The Hilton will be on your right at the Lodge Street traffic light.

FROM WEST (Buffalo) Continue on I-90, then take exit for I-87 towards New York and Boston. Continue 9 miles on I-87, then take Exit 23 onto I-787 for Albany. After 2 miles take Exit 4 onto US-9/20. Turn left at the traffic light onto US-20/Broadway. At the next light continue straight onto Broadway. At the second traffic light turn left onto State Street. At the second traffic light (Lodge Street) the Hilton is on your right.

THINGS TO VISIT ON THE WAY

Lyndhurst: In Tarrytown, New York. This is on the East side of the Hudson River, so cross on the “Mario Cuomo Bridge”. It is a magnificent Gothic mansion, whose most famous owner was Jay Gould. It is relatively close to New York city. www.lyndhurst.org

Kykuit: In Pocantico Hills, near Tarrytown, an Historic House Museum built for John D. Rockefeller (the Patriarch), vastly improved by his son (John Jr.) and contains the art collection of Nelson Rockefeller, Governor of New York and Vice President of the United States. www.hudsonvalley.org/kykuit

FDR Hyde Park Home & Presidential Library: The tour includes Springwood (his family home) and the adjacent Presidential Library. www.fdrlibrary.org.

Vanderbilt Mansion: In Hyde Park, built between 1896 and 1899 for Fredrick William Vanderbilt and his wife, is a magnificent example of Beaux-Arts architecture and American Renaissance interiors. By guided tour only, 9:15 and every hour thereafter until 4 PM. The Herter Brothers executed many of the interior designs. www.nps.gov/vama

Eleanor Roosevelt Home: in Hyde Park, guided tours with the last one at 4 PM. www.nps.gov/elro

Culinary Institute of America: In Hyde Park, with several restaurants offering lunch and dinner, but check dates. www.ciachef.edu

United States Military Academy (West Point): On the West bank of the Hudson River. Bus tours are available upon presentation of proper identification – this is, after all, an active military base. Check its website. www.army.mil/WestPoint

Norman Rockwell Studio and Museum, Stockbridge, MA. About 40 minutes east of Albany off of I-90, this tour includes Rockwell’s studio where he painted many of his famous paintings over several decades (and you see many of the props used in his paintings). The museum includes many of his famous works, along with all of his magazine covers. www.nrm.org

Conference Materials Shipping Instructions



Please Label Each Box as Follows: US Postal Service, Fed Ex or UPS

(Example)
Send to:

*Attn: Tara Rhodes
Hilton Albany
For ADCA / Your Name
40 Lodge Street
Albany, NY 12207*

Shipping to Your Home After the Convention:

The Albany Hilton Hotel will allow you to leave packages for which you have scheduled USPS/ Fed Ex/UPS pickup in an unsecured location for shipment to your home. There are a Post Office, UPS Store, and Fed Ex in within 3 miles of the hotel.

US Post Office
747 Broadway
Albany, NY 12207
(800) 275-8777
Open until 1 pm Saturday

UPS Store
Westgate Plaza
911 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 418-8181
Open until 5pm Saturday

Busy Day
Fed Ex Authorized Dealer
350 Northern Blvd,
Albany, NY 12204
(518) 650-7465
Open until 2 pm Saturday



On Friday, if you wish to set up your Table and Display yourself BEFORE others begin to visit your table, please put this sign on the top of your table. All ADCA members will have the courtesy of allowing you to set up your table.

**IF THIS SIGN IS
DISPLAYED ON MY
TABLE, PLEASE GIVE
ME THE COURTESY
TO ALLOW ME TO
SET UP MY TABLE.
ONCE I REMOVE THIS
SIGN FROM MY
TABLE, I AM OPEN TO
BUY, SELL, OR
TRADE. THANKS!**



2021 Convention Registration Form

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Name _____ Membership No. _____ Exp. Date: _____
 (see your newsletter mailing label for Membership No. and Date)

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Will this be your first ADCA Convention? Yes No

*Please note that the club will be requiring all attendees to be vaccinated for Covid 19 and wear masks around unrelated club members. Guests/additional member dates are next to their names(s) below.

Date when vaccination completed or will be completed? * _____

Please register by July 31, 2021.

The registration fee includes one display table in the Exhibit Hall, use of the Hospitality Room, Saturday Night Banquet, and the Auction.

	Until July 31	Amount
Member(s) registration fee	\$140	\$
Additional member(s) and/or guest(s)	\$125	\$
First time attendees discount rate	\$0	\$
Thursday Tour	\$45	\$
Additional Display Tables	\$25	\$
TOTAL:		\$

	Date Vaccinated *	
Name(s) of additional member(s) and/or guest(s):	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____. Please indicate “**Registration**” on check. Please return this Form and the Banquet Registration completely filled out, along with your check or money order, **payable to ADCA**, and mail to:

ADCA, 1608 Osage Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72116

You may also register and pay online at www.memberplanet.com/adca and Sign In.

CONVENTION PROGRAM ADS

All members (whether you are attending or not) are invited and urged to contribute to the Souvenir Program booklet this year. This is yet another way to support your club. Create an interesting entry relating to knobs, hardware, collections, your business, etc.

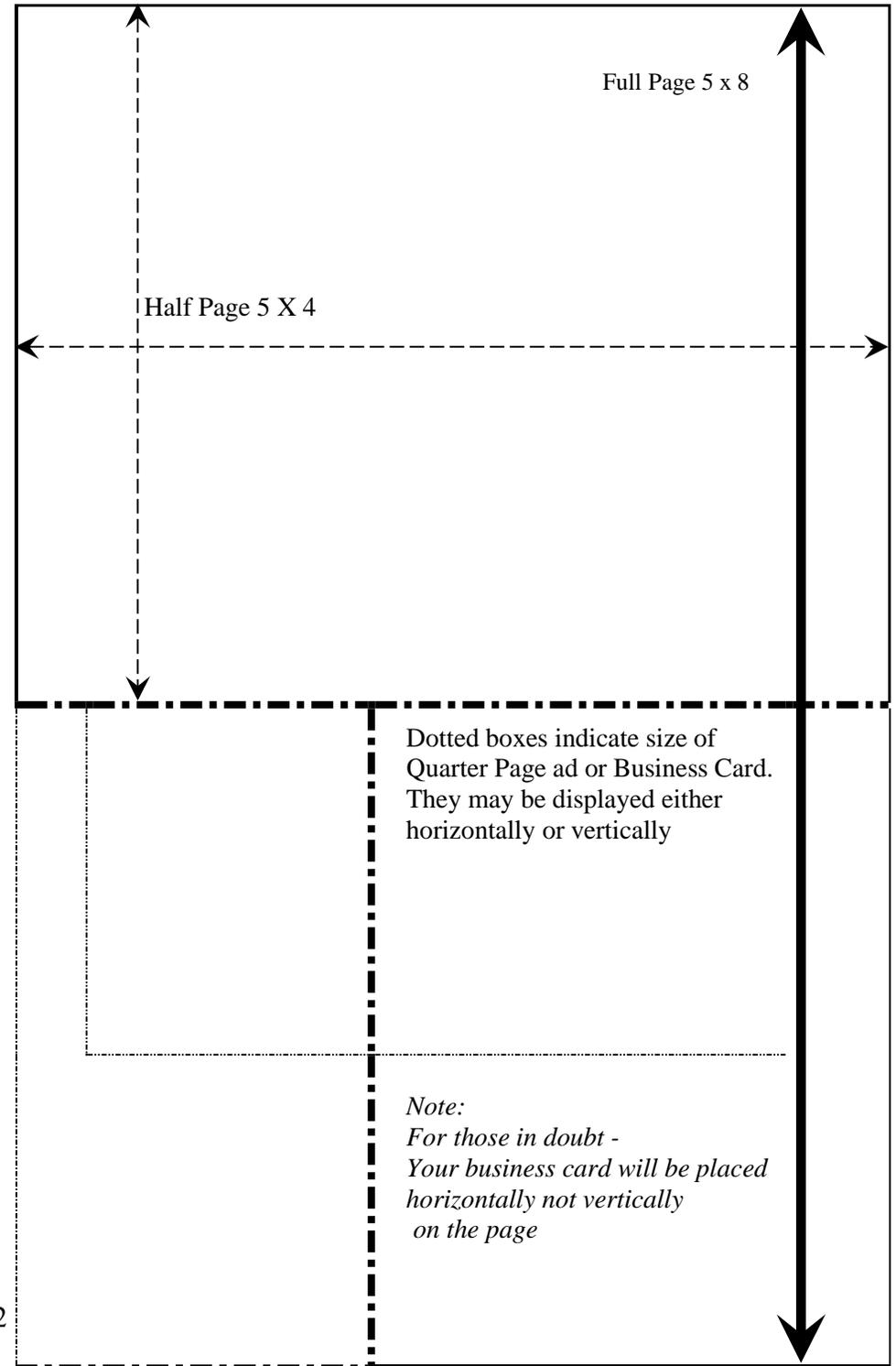
Please use the following guidelines to submit copy for inclusion in the souvenir program.

The preferred method is via email to rhattbutler@erbutler.com. All copy must be complete and ready to be scanned. It may be an ad you have used before in a publication of any sort. If so, we need the ad itself, taken from the publication. Cut it out of the page and send it in.

We can't use a hand drawn sketch or a rough copy of something unless that is exactly the way you want it to appear in the booklet. If you want your business card reproduced, we can handle that. The same applies for greetings or well wishes.

Hand written copy is fine, typed is better. We will put it in final form for the printer. Ad copy cannot be returned to you unless absolutely necessary. If the copy is to be returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Payment is to be made at the time of submission, personal check or money order (NO CASH).

Make check or money order payable to ADCA and send to:



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Antique Doorknob Collectors of America will be held at the Albany Hilton Hotel at Albany, NY on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm for the election of Directors to serve two-year terms, and the election of officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) to serve one-year terms, and for such other business as may come before the meeting.

If you **cannot attend**, you may give your proxy to another member of your choice to vote at the meeting on your behalf. A form of a proxy is printed below. Just fill in the name of the member you want to vote on your behalf and either return it to Mike Smith on or before August 15, 2021, or have the member you have named present it at the meeting. If you **do attend**, there is **no** need to send in a proxy.

Dated: April 15, 2021

William M. Smith
Secretary

PROXY

Mail to Mike Smith by August 15, 2021

I, the undersigned, a member of the Antique Doorknob Collectors of America (“ADCA”), hereby appoint William M. Smith or _____ as my proxy, with full power of substitution to each, to attend the annual meeting of the ADCA to be held in the Albany Hilton Hotel at Albany, NY at 7:00 pm on Saturday, September 11, 2021, and any adjournment(s) thereof, and to vote upon all matters that may properly come before said meeting, including the election of Directors and Officers, as fully and with the same effect as I could do if I were personally present at said meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

I hereby revoke any proxy or proxies previously given by, or on behalf of, me to vote at said meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

Dated: _____, 2021

(Signature)

(Please Print Name & Member #)

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Return Address:

Stamp

**Mike Smith
1608 Osage Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72116**

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