## **Sons of the American Revolution**



# Cead mile Failte A hundred thousand welcomes

Dominic Cronin Colm Brennan Tony Murphy



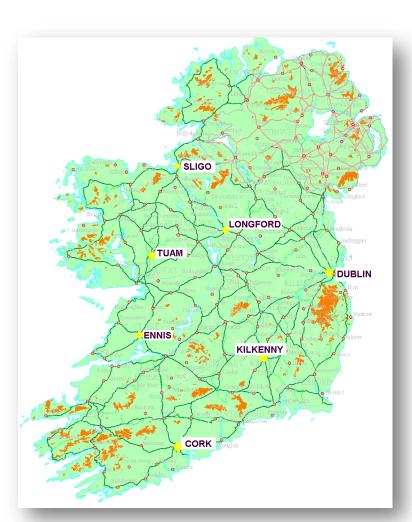
## **Topics**

- Who we are
- History of Ordnance Survey Ireland
- How can we help Genealogists?
- New technology that may help
- Q&A



## Who are we?

## OSi – Irish National Mapping Agency



- Established in 1824
- Established as a State Body in 2002
- Advisor to Government on matter relating to spatial data
- •HQ Phoenix Park
- 6 Regional Locations
- Commercial & Public
   Mandate
- Web/Ecommerce



# OSi - part of Ireland's new Land Management Organisation

New State body currently being formed from the merger of Ordnance Survey Ireland, the Property Registration Authority and the Valuation Office.

New Organisation will be called Tailte Éireann

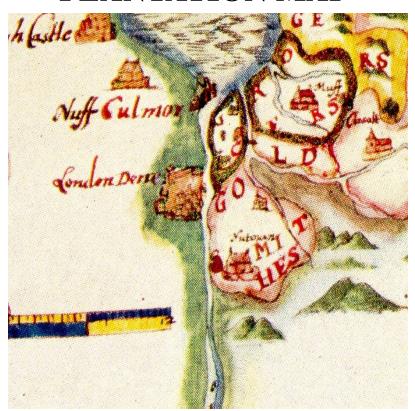




## But where have we come from?

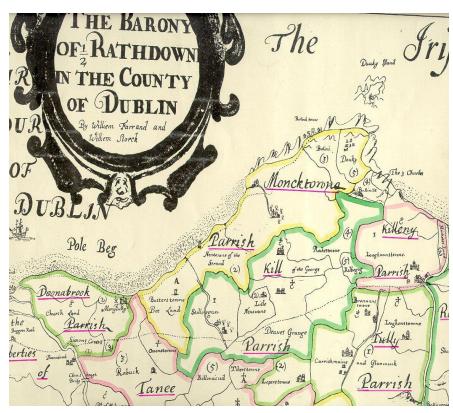
## Some early Irish mapping

#### PLANTATION MAP



During the Plantation (16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Century) many maps were made to mark out the extent of lands

#### **DOWN SURVEY 1655**



This is a portion of a Down Survey map County Dublin 1655 (hand coloured) The Down survey was carried out by William Petty during the years 1654-1658



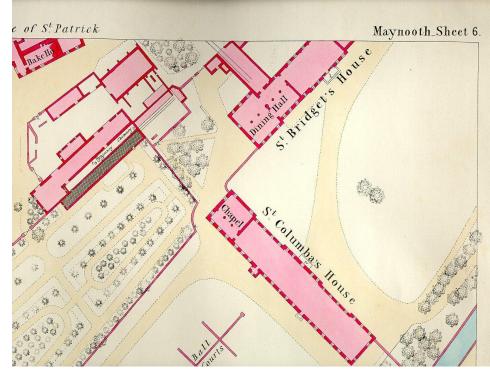
#### First edition 6 inch

# C.Tyrone

This is a portion of an original print of a 6inch to 1 mile map.

All of Ireland was surveyed and the maps published (1824-1842) by the Ordnance Survey

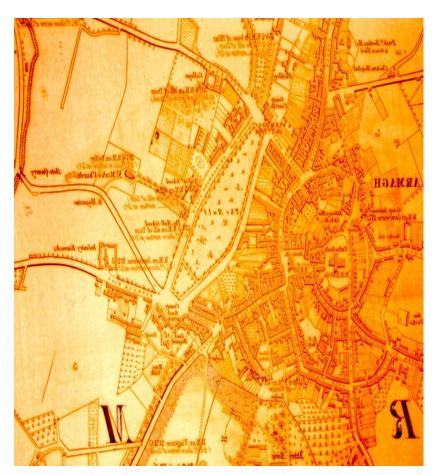
#### **TOWNPLANS 1:500 (Maynooth)**



In the 1840's the Ordnance Survey produced maps of cities and towns at a larger scale. This map shows a portion of Maynooth at a scale of 1:500, published in 1874( hand Coloured)



## **COPPER PLATE PRINTING**



Permission and finance was given to publish the first OS map series 1824-42. The method used was to engrave the maps in reverse on a flat rectangular sheet of copper.



Ink was rolled into the grooves on the plate and surplus ink was wiped off. The plate was then passed through a printing press. This press dates back to the 1800



# LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING STONE



The first colour printing was produced using lithographic stone.
On the stone you see a reverse reading image of the map

## ORDNANCE SURVEY IN IRELAND

- Spring Rice Committee
  - Named after Thomas Spring Rice (1791-1866) MP for Limerick
- Board of Ordnance set up in 1791
- Founded 1824
- To Enable Grand Jury's create an Equitable Local Taxation System
- First Country in the world to be mapped at such a large scale



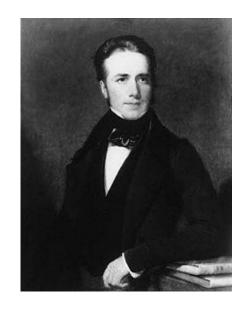
## Key personnel in the first Survey



**THOMAS COLBY** 



JOHN O'DONOVAN



**THOMAS DRUMMOND** 

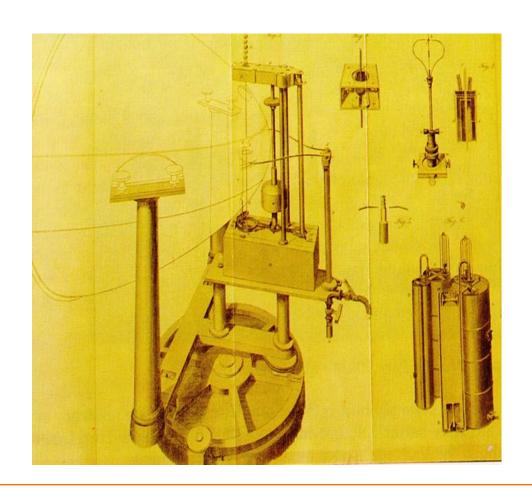


**THOMAS AISKEW LARCOM** 

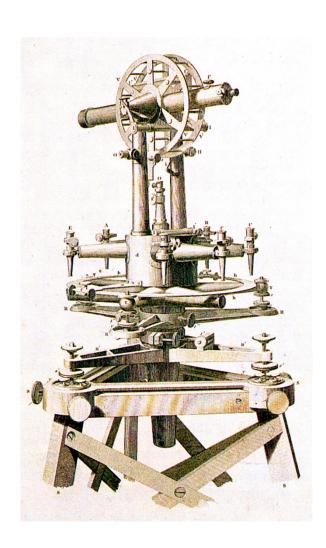


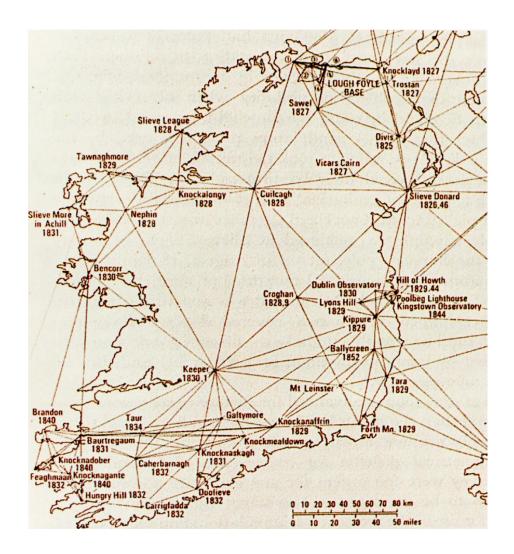
## Thomas Drummond -Surveyor, inventor and politician

## 'Step into the Limelight'



## **TRIANGULATION**

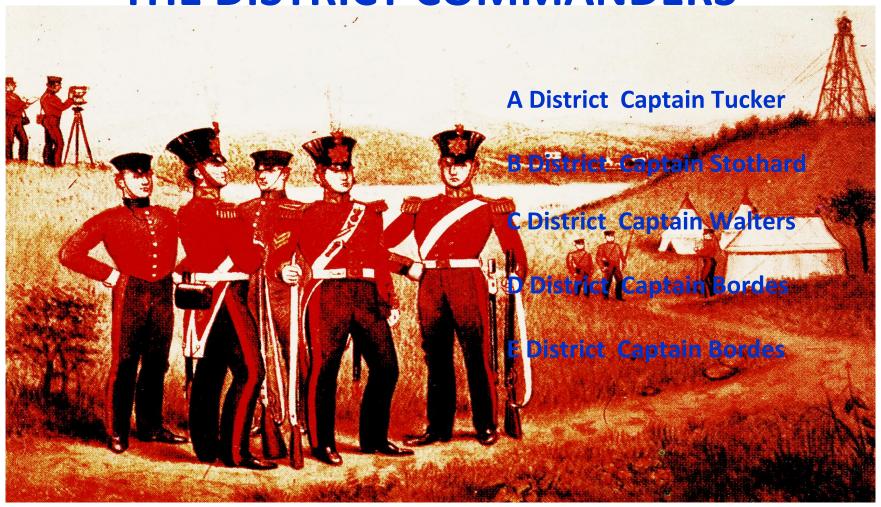




## **LOUGH FOYLE BASE LINE**



## THE DISTRICT COMMANDERS



## RICHARD GRIFFITH

#### General Valuation of Breland.

Made in pursuance of 9 & 10 Fig., Cap. 110.

#### COUNTY OF DUBLIN.

#### BARONY OF CASTLEKNOCK.

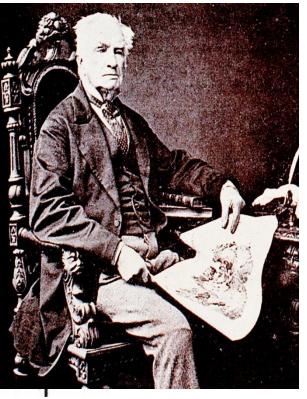
#### NORTH DUBLIN AND CELBRIDGE UNIONS.

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4100	9	ASHTOWN. John Croker, Esq.,	House valued at 400, raised to 450.  House valued at 540, raised to 650.  House valued at 540, raised to 650.  Valued at 540, now divided into:—Enliway, 272 lineal peaches, value-3046-20; no beaks, 273 lineal peaches, value-3046-20; no
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## Valuation of Ireland

## PLANT GEOGRAPHY

Copperplate print from the Templemore memoir 1837



EARLY
PROMOTION
MATERIAL



#### DUBLIN ENVIRONS

In 4 colours with Grid reference and index to Streets and Public Buildings

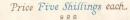
SCALE \_ 1: 20,000 (3168 MORES TO 1 MILE)

Price 2/- Linen-backed 6<sup>d</sup> extra.



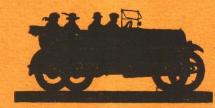
## ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPS

On a Scale of Twenty-five Inches to One Mile Show the acreage of every field Senclosure





### ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPS.



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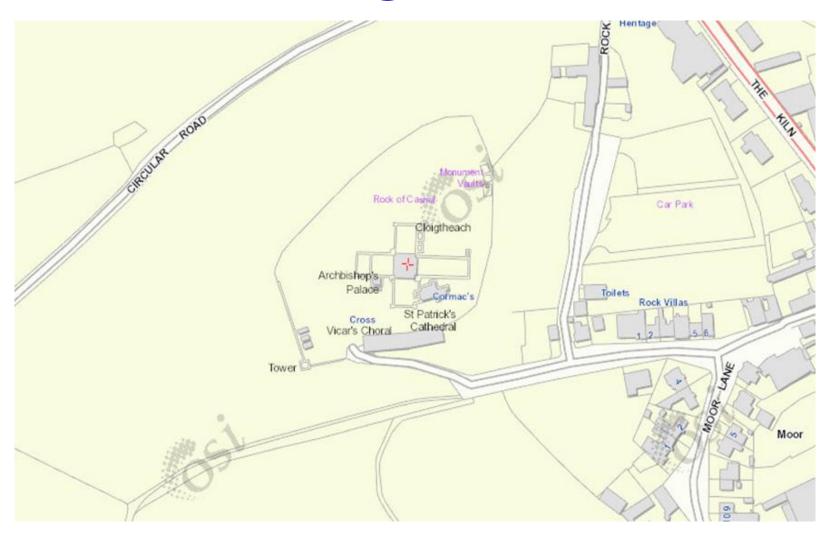


½-Inch Scale, or 2 miles to 1 inch. Each sheet measures 27 inches by 18 inches and contains 1,944 Square miles. For cycling.

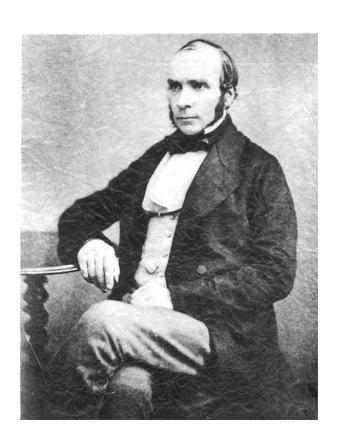


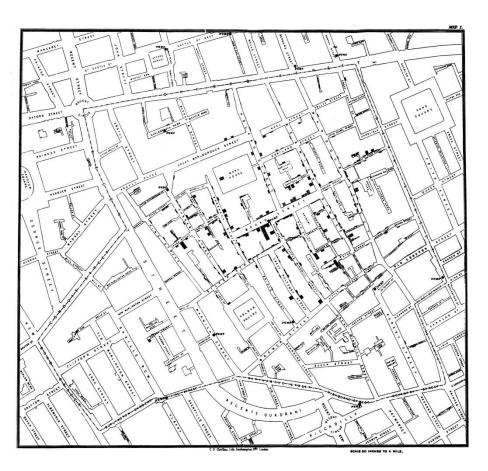
1-Inch Scale, or 1 inch to 1 mile. Each sheet measures 18 inches by 12 inches and contains 216 Square miles. For walking.

## We have gone from....



## **Using GIS**





Used a map to track instances of Cholera in London – managed to identify the source as one particular water pump



## How can we help Genealogists?

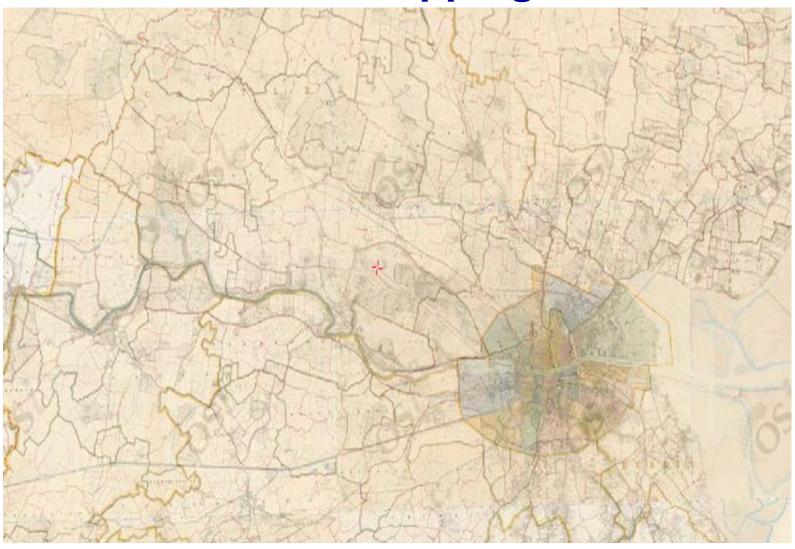


## Historic Mapping

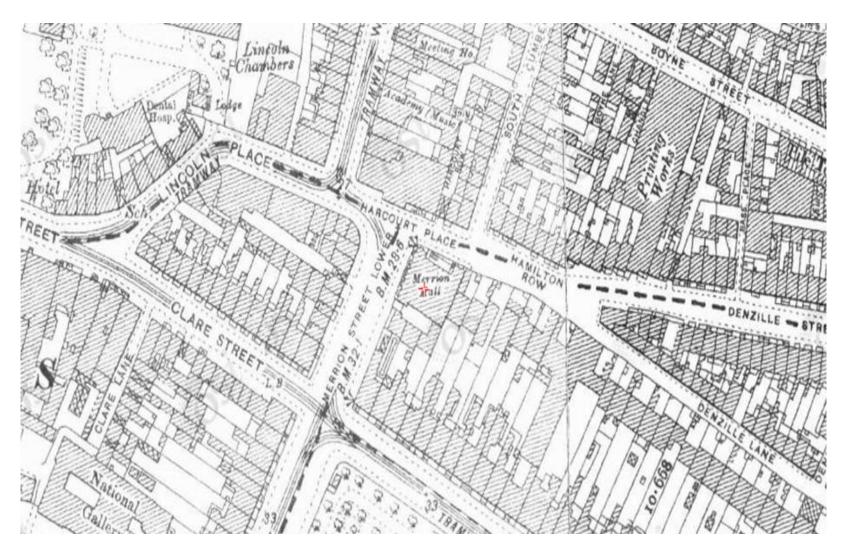
- 1st Ed 6 inchMapping
- 1<sup>st</sup> ed 25 inchMapping
- Geographic location
- Townland Boundaries
- Placenames
- Free online Viewer



## 1<sup>st</sup> edition 6 inch Mapping 1824 - 1842



## 1<sup>st</sup> Ed 25 Inch Mapping 1893 - 1913





#### Townland Boundaries

- Approx 63,000 townlands within Ireland
- All listed on our Historic Maps

#### Placenames

- Valuable record of placenames of Ireland for the period
- Can help find locations where the name no longer exists

## Online Viewer <u>www.osi.ie</u>

- Free to use
- Can zoom to street level (1:2000)
- Shows the environment our ancestors lived in
- Allows search using
  - Street name
  - Townland
  - Sheet number
  - Co-ordinate

## Why are these important?

- 6 inch Survey coincides with the Great Famine in Ireland 1840's
- 25inch survey coincides with the census 1901 and 1911
- Detailed Mapping showing Townlands, field boundaries and dwellings for the periods



## Geocoding

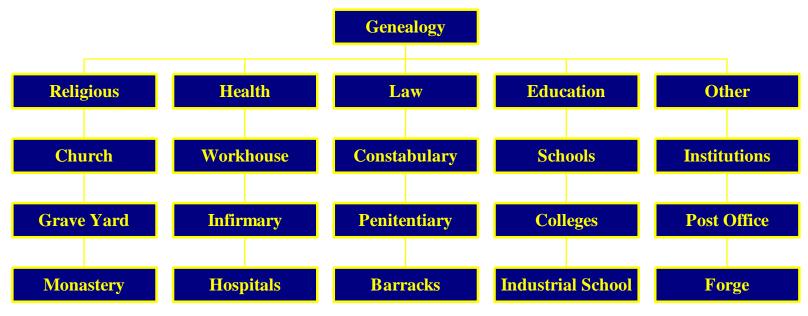
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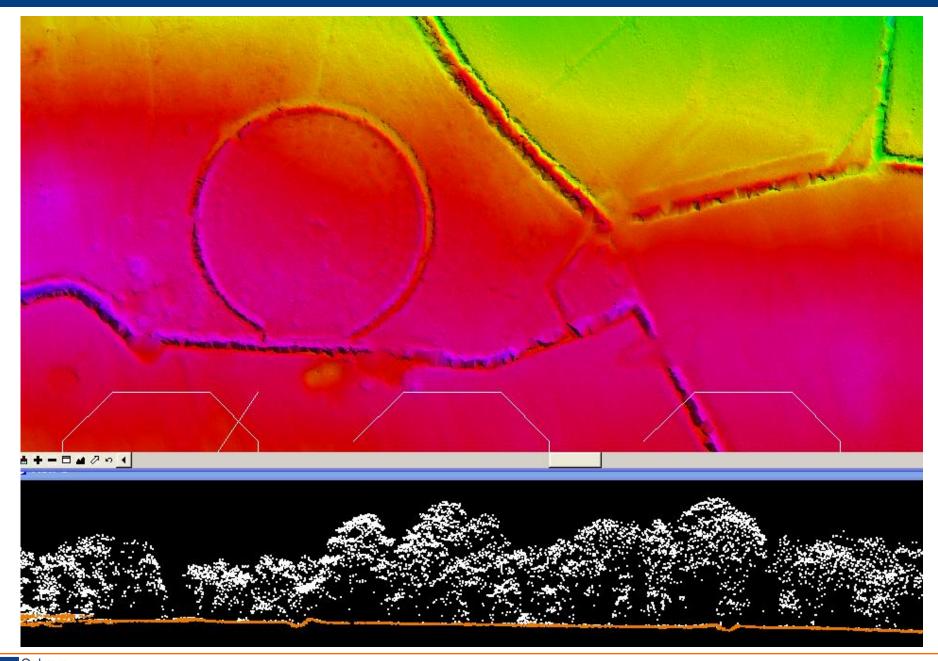


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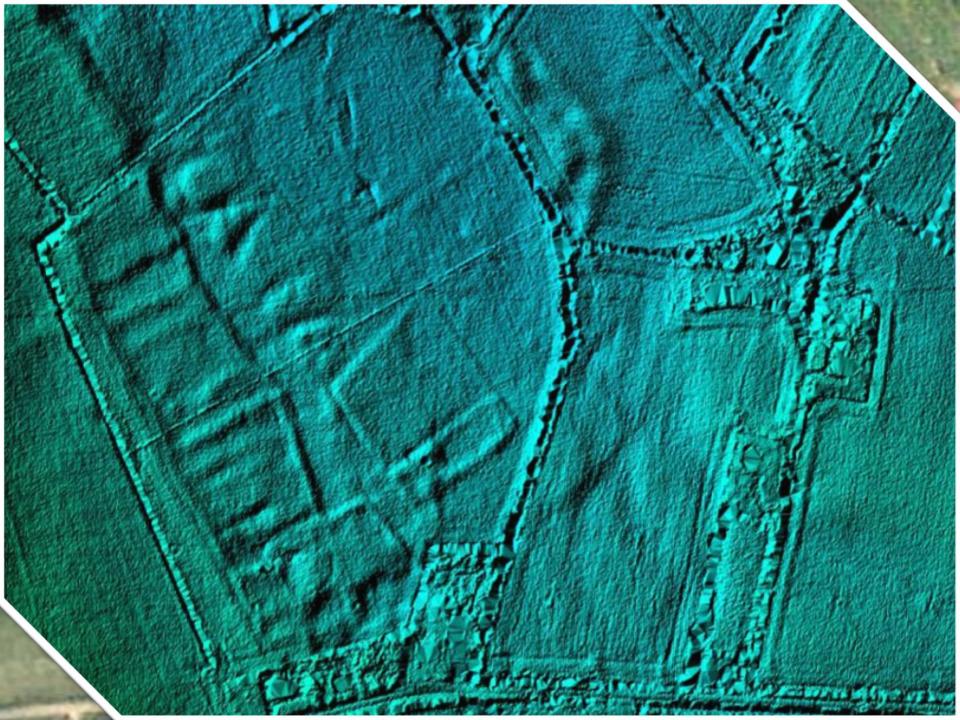
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## New Technology that may help! LiDAR







## **Tracking Change through time**

http://maps.osi.ie/publicviewer

## **Social Media**



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https://twitter.com/osireland

http://www.linkedin.com/company/ordnance-survey-ireland



## To Conclude!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=playerembedded&v=ZCp-JSVSNZM

## **Any Questions?**

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