

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Van Camp, James Harrison Senator _____
Represents Muscatine County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 20 June 1860 Muscatine County, Iowa
near Sweethart, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Edith Louisa Mesick 16 May 1886 Highmore, South Dakota

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Modern Woman of America; Mason Iowa
Bureau; Orange, Mason, Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Jarmer

4. Church membership Withheld Episcopal

5. Sessions served 38th, 39th General Assemblies 1919; 1921

6. Public Offices

A. Local Township Assessor for 6 years; Township Board of Justice
member for 4 years; member of the Muscatine County Republican Committee;
president of the School Board

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 18 Oct 1937 Sweethart, Iowa, Muscatine County; buried Parker, Sweethart Cemetery

8. Children Alfred Earl; Harry Lawrence; Jacob Drew; Grace (died in
infancy); Walter (died in infancy) Sweethart, Iowa

9. Names of parents Kiple and Anna Maria (Voss) Van Camp

Van Camp, James Harrison

10. Education He was educated in the rural schools near his home in
Muscatine County, Iowa. He also attended Hilton Academy
for one year at Hilton Junction, Iowa

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

Republican

- His parents came from New Jersey in 1850, where they took
up land in Muscatine County. This is the county in which he was
born.

- His wife, Ethel, born 1865, died 19 Jan 1937, also buried Harker's
Sweetland Cemetery, Sweetland, Iowa

J. H. Van Camp of Sweetland Called in Death

James Harrison Van Camp, former state representative, died at 10:45 p. m. Monday at his home in Sweetland township, where he had resided all his life.

Mr. Van Camp was born June 20, 1860, the son of Kipple and Anna Voss Van Camp, in the same house in which he was reared and died. He married Edith Louisa Mesick on May 16, 1886 at Highmore, S. D., his wife preceding him in death on Jan. 19, 1937.

He served as a state representative in the Iowa legislature for two terms, in 1918 and 1920. Mr. Van Camp received the degree of Master Mason on July 31, 1885 at Ree Valley lodge, No. 70, Highmore, S.D., and later transferred to Iowa lodge No. 2, A. F. and A. M. in Muscatine, where he held membership at the time of his death. He was also a member of the Sweetland Methodist church.

Surviving are three sons, Earl, Vern, and Drew Van Camp, all of Sweetland, four brothers and one sister, W. O. Van Camp of Villisca, Ia., George of Greenfield, Ia., Frank K. of Denver, Colo., J. E. of Bradenton, Fla., and Mrs. Mollie Longstreth of Sweetland. Three grandchildren, Mrs. Myron Jacobs of Muscatine, Grace Louise and James Harrison Van Camp at home, also survive.

He was preceded in death by two children.

The body is at the George M. Wittich Funeral home, but will be taken to the residence in Sweetland township Thursday morning, where private rites will be conducted at 1:30 p. m. Thursday. Services will follow at 2 o'clock in the Sweetland Methodist church, with the Rev. C. H. Hiller, pastor, and the Rev. J. A. Worrell of North Liberty, former pastor, officiating. Burial will be made in the Harker cemetery.

try division: Alfred Wagner, C. D. Ager, F. W. Allen and George Zoller.

Funeral Rites for J. H. Van Camp Held at Sweetland Church

Funeral rites for James Harrison Van Camp, former member of the Iowa legislature, who died Monday at his home in Sweetland township, were conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Sweetland Methodist church. Private rites preceded at 1:30 at the Van Camp home.

The Rev. J. A. Worrell of North Liberty, Ia., and the Rev. C. H. Hiller, pastor of the Park Avenue Methodist circuit, officiated. Mrs. Cloyce Downer and Mrs. John McCullough sang, "In the Sweet By and By" and "No Night There," accompanied by Mrs. Ray Downer.

Iowa lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M., also conducted services in the church, rather than at the cemetery, because of the weather.

Flower attendants were Mrs. Erma Doerfer, Mrs. Elmer Chatfield, Mrs. Pearl McGillivray, Mrs. Pearl Martin, Mrs. Albert Kaufman, and Miss Isabelle Weikert.

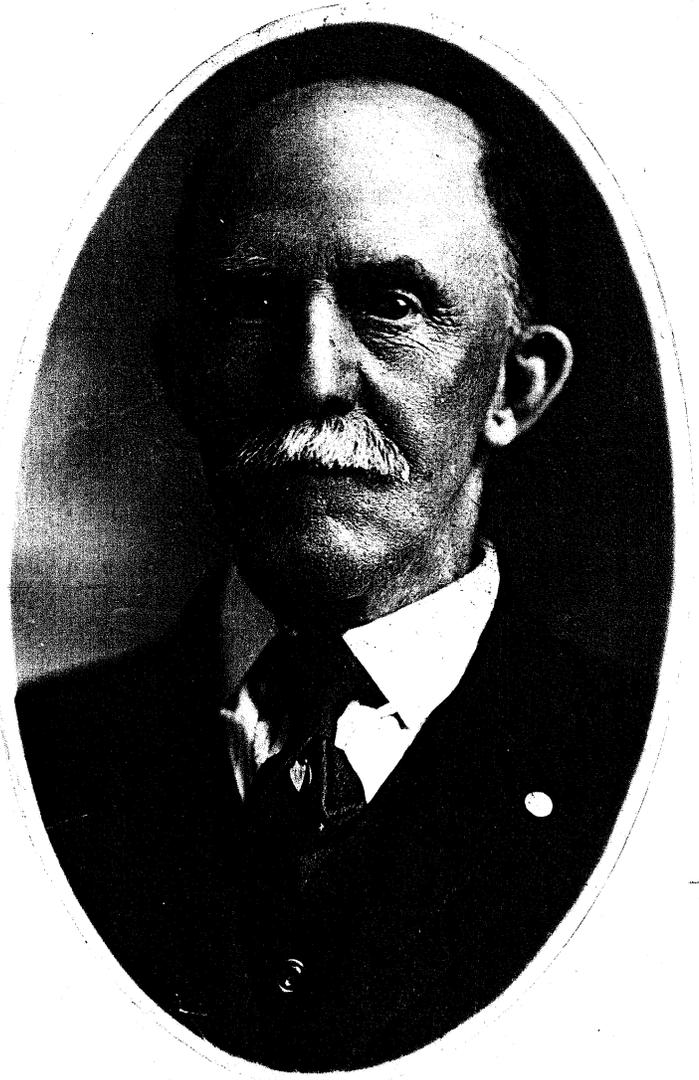
Active pallbearers were Elmer Chatfield, A. C. Kaufman, E. H. Pace, G. B. Potter, Clarence Raub and George Taylor. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Masonic lodge, Otto Sauer, Frank Wilford, Henry Otto, John Butler, Frank Holcomb and Frank Burnside.

The George M. Wittich funeral home was in charge of the service.

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1902, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. They were both members of the Evangelical church. Eight children constituted their family: Catharine, August, Henry, Theodore, Albert, Henrietta, Elizabeth and William. To Mr. and Mrs. Huttig three children have been born. Anna is the wife of Conrad Heney and they live at Newark, New Jersey. Nellie married Albert McDermid and is now deceased. She was the mother of one son, Harold. Harry married Kathryn Musser. He is a partner in his father's business, being treasurer and manager of the company, and is identified with a number of important enterprises in Muscatine and elsewhere.

Mr. Huttig holds membership in Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., and also in the Knights of Pythias lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are connected with the German Evangelical church and contribute liberally toward its support. Mr. Huttig has noted the disadvantages under which a young man labors who starts in his business career without adequate school training and has become a stanch friend of education, serving for about ten years as member of the Muscatine school board. Politically he is an adherent of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to the best interests of the country. He is a liberal contributor to all worthy causes, recognizing the obligation of large employers to assist in the advancement of the general good. For many years connected with important business interests, he takes a broad view of all subjects and his opinions have largely influenced others with whom he has associated. An honor to the city of his adoption, Mr. Huttig has performed a great work in building up its industries and it is doubtful whether any other man the city has known has ever contributed more toward its permanent prosperity than the gentleman whose name introduces this review.

JAMES H. VAN CAMP.

James H. Van Camp was born on the farm where he now resides, on section 4, Sweetland township, June 20, 1860. The father, Kiple Van Camp, was a native of Huntington county, New Jersey, born September 15, 1822. He lost his parents in his infancy and was reared in the family of David Armstrong, of New Jersey. At twenty-seven years of age, in December, 1849, he was married to Miss Anna Maria Little, and May 16, 1850, they came to Muscatine, Iowa, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 4, Sweetland township, where Mr. Van Camp lived for fifty-three years, passing away November 23, 1903. He built the family residence out of rough lumber made from trees which grew on the homestead and, being an industrious man, he succeeded as a farmer and acquired three hundred and twenty acres in one of the best farming districts of the state. He was public-spirited and enterprising and held a number of township offices. For many years he was an active member of the Methodist church, serving as steward and trustee and also as chairman of the board. Politically he was in thorough accord with the republican party.

James H. Van Camp was sixth in order of birth in a family of ten children, eight of whom are now living. He received his preliminary education in the district school and later was a student for one year at Wilton Academy. After completing his school training he returned to the home farm and is now the owner of one hundred and seventy-six acres, everything about the place giving evidence of progressiveness and enterprise which are marked characteristics of Mr. Van Camp. His success has been due to indefatigable industry and rightly directed methods. Each year increases his financial resources owing to the abundant crops which he raises.

On May 16, 1886, Mr. Van Camp was united in marriage to Miss Edith L. Mesick, a daughter of Jacob S. and Phoebe (Dorman) Mesick. Her father is still living and is a farmer of South Dakota, Mrs. Van Camp being the third child in a family of four children. To Mr. and Mrs. Van Camp have been born five children, three of whom are now living: Alfred Earl, Harry Laverne and Jacob Drew. Grace and Walter died in infancy.

Mr. Van Camp is a supporter of the republican party and his voice is often heard in the councils of its leaders in Muscatine county. For fourteen years past he has served as a member of the county committee. He filled the office of township assessor for six years and for many years was president of the school board, being secretary of that body at the present time. He is connected with the Sweetland Methodist Episcopal church, and is a member of the board of trustees and treasurer. He has for twenty-seven years past been identified with the Masonic fraternity, at present being a member of Lodge No. 2 of Muscatine. He is also a member of Camp No. 106, M. W. A., and for three years past has filled the office of master of Sweetland Grange. He is a man of broad outlook and one who has assisted very materially in advancing the interests of the township where he has spent his entire life. He is recognized as a man of strict integrity who never allows selfish considerations to color his opinions or to induce him to waver in his allegiance to any cause he has espoused. He is devoted to his family and his friends and stands very high in the regard of all who know him.

FREDERICK RINNERT.

Frederick Rinnert, whose well cultivated farm is located in Montpelier township, Muscatine county, is of good German ancestry and in his life has shown many of the worthy traits of the Teutonic race. He was born in the township where he now lives, December 15, 1854, being a son of Peter and Catherine Rinnert, both of whom were natives of Bavaria, Germany. The parents were married in the fatherland and came to America in 1852. Peter Rinnert, was not provided very abundantly with this world's goods at that time but he was an ambitious and industrious man of excellent character and in Muscatine county, Iowa, he found a field that it seemed to him would yield richly if well cultivated. Accordingly, after working for wages for one year and accumulating sufficient money, he purchased twenty acres of wild land, which he proceeded to clear and which became the nucleus of a farm of five hundred and twenty acres

Outline of Personal History of James Harrison VanCamp

RESIDENCE Muscatine, Iowa.

Kindly furnish on this sheet the necessary data for a personal sketch and return at your early convenience. Every question is important.

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR
The Historical Department of Iowa
DES MOINES, IOWA

(This form is for use in collecting data on deceased as well as living persons. Appropriate alterations may be made in matter below.)

1. **What is your name in full?** James Harrison VanCamp
2. **What is your present profession or occupation?** Farming
3. **Where and when did you begin?** Muscatine County, Iowa.
4. **What other occupation have you followed; where and when?** - - - - -
5. **What is your residence address?** Muscatine, Muscatine County, Iowa. RFD.
6. **What is your business address?**
7. **What is the date and the place of your birth?** June 20th 1860, Muscatine County, Iowa.
8. **If born abroad, when and where did you first settle in America?** - - - - -
9. **If you removed again before settling in your present home, where and when was such removal?** - - -
10. **What schools have you attended; if a graduate, when and with what degree?** Public schools and
Wilton Academy
11. **What was your father's full name?** Kiple VanCamp
12. **What was your father's occupation?** Farming
13. **What was your mother's full maiden name?** Anna Marie Little

14. Where did your parents reside at the time of their marriage? New Jersey
15. What military service had your father; give as complete as you can? None
16. What military service have you had? None
17. What political offices have you held; do not omit even the smallest, and give date and place of service, if you can?.....
Township assessor and township trustee from 1908 to 1918.
Member of the 38th and 39th General Assemblies of Iowa.
18. Of what financial, religious, or educational institutions are you a trustee or director; give dates if you can?.....
Director of school board. (Cannot give date)
19. With what political parties have you been affiliated; give dates? Republican
20. In what religious denominations have you a membership? Methodist Episcopal
21. If you have no church membership, to what sectarian faith do you incline?.....
22. In what societies of learning have you a membership?.....
23. Of what secular orders or secret societies are you a member? A F & A M and M W O and
P of H.
24. What honors or offices have you held in your society or lodge; give dates? Junior Deacon in A F
& A.M. and President of the P of H.
25. Of what social clubs are you a member?.....
26. Of what business firms have you been a member?.....
27. Please enclose both a business card and your photograph for permanent record in the Historical Department of Iowa
28. For which of your works (as writer, sculptor, artist, architect, politician or other constructive influence) have you the highest esteem?.....

29. Please supply for permanent preservation in the Historical Department of Iowa a list of all your works.....

 30. Will you attach your autograph to one or more of your works and present the same to the Historical Department of Iowa for permanent preservation?.....

 31.

J. H. Van Camp

DOMESTIC HISTORY OUTLINE

FIRST MARRIAGE.

32. With whom was your first marriage? Edith L. Mesick

 33. Where and what date was this marriage? May 16th 1886

 34. When and where was your wife (or husband) born? Michigan 1865

 35. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership? Methodist Episcopal

 36. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving, and where and when was the interment? - - - -

 37. What was the full name of the father of your wife (or husband) and where was he born? Jacob L. Mesick
New York

 38. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)? Phoebe Dorman

 39. Where and when was she born? Michigan

CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE.

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
1. Alfred Earl VanCamp	March 4, 1888	So. Dakota.
2. Harry Laverne VanCamp	April 11, 1893	Iowa.
3. Jacob Drew	August 5, 1895	Iowa.
4.
5.
6.

SECOND MARRIAGE.

- 40. With whom was your second marriage?
- 41. Where and what date was this marriage?
- 42. When and where was your wife (or husband) born?
- 43. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership?
- 44. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving, and where and when was the interment?
- 45. What was the full name of the father of your wife (or husband) and where was he born?
- 46. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)?
- 47. Where and when was she born?

CHILDREN OF SECOND MARRIAGE.

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
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STATE OF IOWA
1939

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OF THE

Forty-eighth General Assembly

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HONORABLE JAMES HARRISON VAN CAMP

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life service of the late Honorable James Harrison Van Camp, Muscatine county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

James Harrison Van Camp was born June 20, 1860, on a farm home in Sweetland township, Muscatine county where he spent his entire life. He received his education in the rural schools near his home and attended Wilton Academy one year.

He married Edith Louisa Mesich on May 16, 1886, at Highmore, South Dakota, his wife preceding him in death on January 19, 1937. Five children were born to them.

Mr. James Van Camp's chief occupation was farming. He served as township assessor for six years and was a member of the township board of trustees for four years. He also took an active interest in farm work and was a member of the Farm Bureau for many years. Mr. James Van Camp was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Muscatine having taken the degree of Master Mason on July 31, 1885.

In 1918 and again in 1920, he was elected as a state representative from his county to the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth General Assembly, respectively.

He sustained a paralytic stroke and complications which eventually caused his demise on October 18, 1937.

We suffer an irreplaceable loss with the passing of this son of one of Iowa's pioneer families. He was one of the men who helped to mold the future of Iowa in order that we of today might have a better place in which to live.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the passing of the Honorable James Harrison Van Camp, the state has lost a valuable and honorable citizen and the House would tender, by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow, and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

F. A. LATCHAW,
BERT E. DODDS,
F. J. PINE,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 12, 1939.

HONORABLE GEORGE L. VENARD

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare a resolution commemorating the life, character and public services of the late Honorable George L. Venard of Sioux county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

George L. Venard was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, August 7, 1860. He grew to young manhood in southeastern Iowa and on January



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State Representative
Republican

Standing Committee Assignments

Legislation Sponsored

- Bills
- Amendments

Other Information

District: 42

Biography:

VAN CAMP, J. H. Representative from the Forty-second district, was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, June 20, 1860. His parents came from New Jersey in 1850, taking up land in Muscatine county. Received his education in the rural schools and attended the Wilton academy one year. Since that time he has been actively engaged in farming. Served as township assessor for six years and on the board of trustees for four years. Member of the Farm Bureau. Member of Iowa lodge No. 2 A.F. & A.M. Member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Member of the M.E. church. Elected representative in 1918. Re-elected in 1920. A republican in politics.

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SWEETLAND TOWNSHIP CEMETERY RECORDS

MUSCATINE COUNTY, IOWA

1839 - 2002

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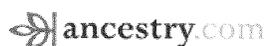
Eleanor B. McCleary

HARKER CEMETERY REGISTER

Block	Lot	Last Name	First Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Notes
M	7	Carl	Alice L.		6 Feb 1864	Age 2 yrs. 4 mos. 1 dy. - Dau of G. & F. Carl
M	9	Richardson	Charles T.		15 Feb 1864	Son of F.H. & I.M. Richardson - stone is broken and is leaning against F.H. Richardson's marker
M	9	Richardson	F.H.		15 Feb 1864	Age 62 yrs. 11 mos. 5 dys. - Father - WPA b. 1813
M	9	Richardson	Isabell		8 Sep 1892	Age 70 yrs. 7 mos. 24 dys. - Mother - Wife of F.H. Richardson - WPA b. 1822
M	9	Briggs	Emma V.	17 Jul 1852	23 May 1931	dau of Richardson
M	12	Franklin	Anna	25 May 1880	18 Feb 1920	Wife of F. Franklin
M	12	Stratton	William		12 Nov 1882	Husband - age 45 yrs. - WPA b. 1837
M	12	Stratton	Margaret	1800	23 Mar 1863	Mother
M	15	Brisbine	Clark	1851	26 Oct 1929	
M	15	Brisbine	James	11 Feb 1818	28 Jun 1900	Grave marker reads "Father" - son of I. & H. Brisbine
M	15	Brisbine	Family Monument			Infant, Lucinda R. and James Brisbine listed
M	15	Brisbine	Lucinda R.		7 Jan 1875	Grave marker reads "Mother" - age 53 yrs. - nee Swem
M	15	Brisbine	Infant	14 Sep 1860	14 Oct 1860	
M	16	McFarland	Harriet		1 Jun 1852	Age 3 yrs. 3 mos. 25 dys. - dau of S.& L. McFarland
M	17	VanCamp	Ann Maria	17 Jan 1828	25 Aug 1916	WPA
M	17	VanCamp	Family Monument			Kiple & Ann Maria VanCamp listed
M	17	VanCamp	Edith Louise	1865	19 Jan 1937	Mother - shares marker with James H. VanCamp - age 71 yrs. 5 mos. 12 dys.

HARKER CEMETERY REGISTER

Block	Lot	Last Name	First Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Notes
M	17	VanCamp	James H.	1860	18 OCT 1937	Father
M	18	Little	Catherine		5 Nov 1883	Age 79 yrs. 11 mos. 19 dys. - WPA b. 1804
M	18	VanCamp	Emma C.		30 Aug 1859	dau of K. & M. VanCamp
M	18	VanCamp	Marshall E.		7 Sep 1872	son of K. & M. VanCamp
M	18	VanCamp	Kiple	15 Sep 1822	23 Nov 1903	Grave marker reads "Father" - husband to Ann Maria VanCamp - b. NJ
M	19	Aldinger	John		8 Nov 1856	Age 41 yrs. 3 wks 1 dy. - shares marker with wife, Catharine Aldinger - Probate rec. stated d. Nov 1856 - WPA had d. 8 Nov 1859
M	19	Aldinger	Catharine		10 Feb 1893	Age 75 yrs. 2 mos. 16 dys.
M	19	Aldinger	Elizabeth M.	1857	1935	Mother - shares marker with John C. Aldinger
M	19	Aldinger	John C.	1853	20 Oct 1923	Father
M	19	Johanson	Arthur	28 Aug 1897	5 Jun 1948	
M	19	Domer	Alma May	1 May 1887	20 May 1960	Dau of John C. & Mary E. Johnson Aldinger
M	20	Good	Daniel L.		24 Aug 1852	Age 37 yrs. 9 mos.
M	20	Heil	Isaac		19 Feb 1851	WPA spelled Hill, Isaac - b. 1781
Road between Block M Lot 5 & N Lot 17		Davis	Mary P.		10 Apr 1863	Age 24 yrs. - dau of E. & S. Davis - marker was laying face down on ground



You searched for **J.H. Vancamp** in **Iowa**

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	J H Vancamp	
Birth Year:	abt 1861	
Birth Place:	Iowa	
Gender:	Male	
Race:	White	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1 Jan 1925	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Muscatine	
Locality:	Sweetland	
Relation to Head:	Head	
Mother:	Anna M Little	
Mother's Birthplace:	New Jersey	
Father:	Kiple Vancamp	
Father's Birthplace:	New Jersey	
Marriage Place:	NJ	
Spouse Name:	Edith Vancamp	
Roll:	IA1925_1864	
Line:	28	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Name		Age
Members:	J H Vancamp	64
	Edith Vancamp	59

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Description:
 This database contains Iowa state censuses for the following years: 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, and 1925. It also includes some head of household censuses and other special censuses from 1836-1897. Information available for an individual will vary according to the census year and the information requested on the census form. Some of the information contained in this database though includes: name, age, gender, race, birthplace, marital status, and place of enumeration.
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