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Next Newletter Deadline

May 3, 2008

President's Report

I hope everyone is in good health and doing well in this new year, and that at least one of your new year's resolutions includes increased involvement in Clan Johnston/e in America (CJA). We have many talented and active volunteers, but we could certainly use more, and in a variety of roles.

Two of our volunteers deserve special recognition at this time. One is Will Johnstone, our webmaster. Webmaster Will has spent many hours recently identifying and contracting with a new webhosting service for CJA, then transferring our many voluminous files. This is in addition to his continuous website maintenance and updating efforts. Please join me in thanking Will, and if you are a tent sponsor at an upcoming Scottish games or festival, please quickly send him the dates, location, and your contact information.

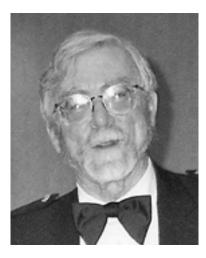
Another exemplary volunteer is Carol Koeslag, one of our at-large representatives on the CJA Council. Carol regularly contributes news from Canada to our newsletter, and coordinates our membership drive in Canada. But lately, she has also been making plans for our 2008 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Guelph, Ontario on August 9, in conjunction with the Fergus Highland Games that weekend. You can find details about our plans and how to make reservations elsewhere in this newsletter. We will be sending out the AGM agenda and proxy cards to all our members soon, but Carol and I would like to see most of you in person at Guelph for our lodging and AGM, and at Fergus for the games.

One of my goals in this new year is to build membership in CJA. I hope we can reverse the downward trend in membership in recent years, most of which has been the result of a "cleaning up" of our rolls (thanks, Margot!), and losses from deaths and people moving without providing us their forwarding address. To help in this effort, we need you to help us retain current members and to recruit new members. To help us retain current members, please let us know your new address if you're moving. If you're aware of other members who've moved, and you know their new address, please share that information with us too. On a related note, please inform us of any members you know who have passed away.

As for recruiting new members, I'd like for you to recruit *at least one* new member for CJA this year. We advertise in several publications, and at games and festivals where we sponsor tents, but none of these methods is as effective of word of mouth advertising by current members to their Johnston/e family and friends. And if you have any other ideas for increasing our membership (other than me being a televangelist for CJA, which I can assure you will fail), please share them with me at <u>sajscot@aol.com</u>.

Yours Aye,

Steve Johnston





A hundred thousand welcomes to our new members!

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Genealogy Corner



Barbara Hockman

Over the holidays I connected to a distant relative on one of my lines that I had quite despaired of ever finding anyone else doing research on. What ensued was

a flurry of emails, phone calls and exchanging of data. How invigorating! The New Year always brings the excitement of fresh beginnings and renewed commitments to our lives and passions and both of us had decided to reach out and see what new information we could find on our families. Carrying that momentum forward, I spent several days over the holidays editing the Clan database. In doing so, I see that there are many of you that may actually connect if there were more complete information on your family lines. So, many of you may hear from me over the coming year as I "flesh out" the info you have given me and try to connect more of the families in the database. I would love to bring that excitement to you that I felt when connecting to someone else who shares my own family history.

On my refrigerator hangs a cartoon referencing a lady buying a casket to bury her husband. She has asked how big the casket was and when questioned why that was important she replied that it needed to big enough to bury his bagpipes with him. Now I am not sure why she wanted to bury the bagpipes with her husband – because he loved them so much or because she didn't – but it brings to mind a problem that all researchers should be considering. What will happen to all your research when you are no longer able to continue doing it?

In my own family I am the only avid pursuer of ancient family history. Others like to hear the "family dirt" I dig up and any data that shows a family member was part of an important historical happening, but no one else has felt the bug to try and find every distant relative and their off-spring. So what is going to happen to all that info that is stored in filing cabinets and closets? Will someone just clean it out and throw it into the trash?????? (Just a minute – I have to get myself under control and my heart to stop racing after that thought.) Have you considered what will happen to your data? If not, do so and please consider making the Clan the recipient of your Johnston/e research.



Ever wonder what your ancestor's church looked like or if it is still standing? Check out <u>www.churches-uk-ireland.org</u>. The site says it has pictures of about 11,250 churches on the site. Their aim is to have at least one picture of every existing church in England, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands. For those churches no longer in existence they are trying to get either artwork or photos for them.

A fun website to give you a perspective of your ancestor's life is <u>www.ourtimelines.com</u>. You can plug in any name, birth date and death date and it produces a timeline listing important events within that range. Any event underlined in the timeline has a link to sites that give a more detailed data about the event.

Happy Hunting!

New website helps trace Angus & Dundee roots

You can enter dates from 1000 AD to the present.

Tourism agencies in Angus & Dundee have launched a new website to help people with ancestors from the area to trace their roots.

www.tayroots.com has been developed as the first port of call for people looking to research their family roots in the Angus & Dundee area. The site contains information about, and links to, detailed local family history research sources, archives offices, locally-based genealogists and others who can help with the family history search. Those planning a visit to walk in the footsteps of their ancestors will also find plenty of information and tips to help plan a visit, as well as information on events taking place across Angus & Dundee which will give a real feel for the places where their ancestors lived and their way of life.

Famous Johnstons Johnston Pettigrew: The Most Promising Man of the South

by Bart Johnston

When Civil War buffs discuss the famous generals named Johnston, they often include James Johnston Pettigrew in that elite circle with Albert Sidney and Joseph E. Johnston. Pettigrew was no less able or deserving of praise, but was in fact not a Johnston. He was named for his father's best friend, advisor and business partner, James C. Johnston.

The Pettigrews were Scots-Irish, originally of Huguenot stock, who left Ireland for Pennsylvania in the 1700s and moved on with the great Scots-Irish migration to Virginia and North Carolina. It was in northeastern North Carolina that James' grandfather and father acquired over 7000 acres. His father, Ebenezer, branched out from farming to other business ventures with James C. Johnston. They owned schooners and a canal boat, and built roads and canals.

James C. Johnston was one of the richest, most influential and important men in North Carolina. He was of Royal Governor Gabriel Johnston's family, rich with planters, politicians, judges and army officers. Johnston had no children of his own but looked on his namesake as a son. When young Pettigrew graduated from the University of



North Carolina, Johnston bestowed upon him \$50,000, a fortune in 1847.

Pettigrew entered UNC at the age of 14, a genius who set academic records not seen since. He was valedictorian of the class and became a professor at the Naval Observatory, newspaper editor, historian, lawyer and adjutant general of the South Carolina militia.

When war broke out he offered his assistance to North Carolina and became colonel of the 22nd NC Infantry Regiment. At this time, Colonel Pettigrew asked that he be addressed by his middle name, Johnston. The name Johnston was familiar to all in the south and particularly in the Confederate Army, which was led in the east by Joseph E. Johnston and in the west by Albert Sydney Johnston. One can imagine that any association with Johnstons in the Army of Northern Virginia had to be an asset in career building.

Although an untested young officer, he was promoted to brigadier general and given command of a brigade in Heth's Division. Pettigrew protested, arguing that an officer should lead troops in combat before becoming a general. The Army then ordered him to take the promotion, citing the need to promote the most qualified people for brigade commanders.

In a telling incident, a young relative asked the general if he could find him a 'nice safe place to serve' on his staff. Pettigrew replied that there would be no safe place around him because he intended to <u>lead</u> his troops into battle.

During the Peninsula Campaign in 1862 Pettigrew was severely wounded in the neck and shoulder, losing permanent use of his right arm. After ordering his men to continue fighting rather than evacuate him, he was captured. Upon recovery he was later exchanged for a Union general.

On June 1, 1863 his brigade joined General Lee in their march to immortality at Gettysburg. One month later, Pettigrew's brigade along with the rest of Heth's Division bumped into Buford's Union cavalry division just west of Gettysburg on Seminary Ridge and the ensuing skirmish began America's bloodiest battle in history. Buford was reinforced by Reynolds I Corp, including the elite Iron Brigade who formed up opposite Pettigrew's advance. The punishment was brutal as the two brigades slaughtered each other. The 26th NC lost 81.5% of their men, the 2nd Wisconsin 77% and the 24th Michigan 80%. (*continued on page 6*)

Gen. John Johnston Pettigrew, cont. from page 5

In that heavy fighting, General Heth suffered a head wound and Johnston Pettigrew took over the Division. He regrouped the division on the second day but on the third his men were the grey wave that crashed over the stone wall in the Union center which today is known as the high water mark of the Confederacy. He was the only general to cross the wall and return. Coming off the field with a mangled hand from artillery fire he was ordered by Lee to go to the field hospital, even before reporting on the battle. General Pickett was the other division commander in the assault but he never got near the Union lines, yet ironically we know it today as Pickett's Charge because he was the commanding officer.

When Lee began his retreat to Virginia, he placed Pettigrew in charge of the rear guard, which was constantly harassed by Union cavalry of Buford and Kilpatrick. Kilpatrick was known by his men as Killcavalry for his impetuous orders for saber charges into massed infantry. Seeing rebel troops behind barricades he ordered General Custer to send 200 men through the lines to rout the rebs. The blue cavalry charged as ordered and lost 30 men in the process but thought that they had inflicted no losses on the protected Southerners. Unknown to them was one irreplaceable loss. Johnston Pettigrew was the only mounted officer and was shot by a trooper of the 6th Michigan Cavalry in the side. The surgeon took a look at the wound and told the general that his only chance to survive was to be left behind to be cared for by Union doctors. This was unacceptable to Pettigrew who vowed never to return to a prison hospital. He was evacuated into Virginia, where he died three days later of peritonitis, shortly after his 35th birthday. As did his mentor, James Johnston, he died single and childless. North Carolina held a day of mourning and General Lee grieved the loss of such an accomplished officer. After a state funeral attended by a huge crowd in Raleigh the body of Johnston Pettigrew was returned to the family plantation in Tyrell County, NC.

A South Carolina friend wrote Johnston Pettigrew had believed "that to love liberty was an empty mockery unless that love was exhibited in sacrifice which its acquisition requires."

More on Archie Johnstone's Raehills article.

Wasn't the front page of the Winter 2007 issue of S &P interesting? I was so happy when Archie Johnstone contacted me and wondered about writing about his recent visit to Raehills. He certainly did an excellent job and the idea of Bed and Breakfasting at Raehills is a most tantalizing one. Thanks Archie. *Carol Koeslag*

Visiting Raehills

by Margot Johnston

In the Winter Issue of the Spur & Phoenix, you read an article by Archiebald Johnstone about his and his granddaughter's visit to Scotland and, especially, their stay at Raehills.

Arthur and I had a couple of opportunities to visit at Raehills in past years, as well. At the time, Raehills was occupied by Lord Annandale and Lady Susan. Raehills was not, at that time, open to various guests by appointment such as Lord David and Lady Penny Johnstone have done.

Archiebald asked if I might do a follow up since we had stayed there as well. I don't have a lot to add except to reaffirm Archie's words concerning the people and the place. It has always been a delight to visit with Lord Patrick and Lady Susan. Lord David and Lady Penny have followed along with the same openness and friendliness as their predecessors. You couldn't feel more welcome.

The folks that attended the 2004 Gathering had the opportunity to tour all of Raehills and, much to everyone's pleasure, were served lunch in the grand dining room. I am sure they all will agree with Archie and me on our comments.

Raehills has an old world charm and elegance that you would be hard pressed to experience anywhere, up close and personal. Walking in the door and down the hallway, you feel you have been transported back in time at least 150 to 200 years. It is of special interest to folks with Johnston/e ancestry to see the collection of items and portraits passed down through the years.

One thing to add to Archie's article is, if you don't have a computer or online service and you want to contact Lord David Johnston by regular post, concerning a visit and availablity you can write to him at Lord David Johnstone – Estate Office, St. Ann's Locherbie, Dumbriesshire DG11 1HQ, Scotland

If you are phoning from the U.S., you need to add some numbers before the ones listed by Archie. The full number is 011-44-5176-470-211. (Leave out the 0 before the 5176. 011 is the International code and 44 is the Country code for Great Britian.)

Other information connections are: <u>www.raehills.com</u> email: <u>raehills@annandaleestates.co.uk</u>

When the time comes for you to visit Scotland, we highly recommend a visit to Raehills and enjoying the "Raehills Experience." It is one you really don't want to miss.

Burns Night at the Stonehouse Grille in Ft. Collins, Colorado

by Diane Coblentz

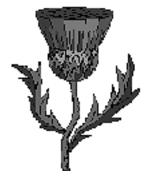
January 25th is a special day for Scots the world over. Celebrating the birthday of Scotland's bard, Robert Burns. This year CJA friends, Larry and Mary Edwards, invited us to join them at the Stonehouse Grille's celebration. JJ and Beverly Johnston filled out our table in this rather special place for a Scottish celebration. The Grille is owned by Thomas Sutherland's daughter, Kit.

Perhaps a bit of history is needed here. Thomas Sutherland is a Colorado "hero." A former professor at Colorado State University who was kidnapped and held hostage in Lebanon from June 19, 1985-1991. During his captivity he never lost his faith in America, and fell back on his Scottish heritage by reciting Robert Burns poems to help him survive that six-year ordeal. It was a special treat for all of us to have him give the "Selkirk Grace" before the delicious buffet dinner, and to deliver the always-amusing "Address to the Haggis."

When the hostages were released, just before facing the press at a news conference in Germany, Sutherland told his fellow captive, Terry Anderson (an AP correspondent), that he did not want to do as the others had done, and just thank the government, friends and family and then say goodbye. He wanted to talk to the people. But, he was not sure how to start. Anderson told him, "How a bout a bit of Burns?" In Scotland, Joe Campell was watching the news conference, and was so impressed he sent Sutherland a telegram saying that anytime he wanted to come to Scotland he would have a first class plane ticket waiting for him. Sutherland said it took him half a second to say "yes." Seventeen years later, a firm and lasting friendship still endures. They have visited each other's homes often, and Campbell flew in from Scotland with his wife and another couple, just for Burns Night. From that friendship came this opportunity for us to hear Joe Campbell speak.

Mr. Campbell is the Honorary President of the International Burns Foundation, and his rendering of the "Immortal Memory" was the highlight of the evening for many of us. He literally brought Roberts Burns to life for us. One of the things he mentioned was Burns reputation with the ladies. But, he said it was hardly his fault since he was such a good-looking young man, the lassies just flocked to him. What was he to do? Made me wonder if Bonny Prince Charlie had been as "bonny" as Rabbie Burns.....would that have altered the course of Scottish history in any way? Campbell also told about a time when he was addressing a Burns Night dinner in Russia. At the conclusion of the evening, a man came up to him and said, "You Scots may claim him as your own, but Robert Burns belongs to the *world*!"

"Canned Haggis" entertained us with traditional Scottish music, and one of the Stonehouse wait staff performed Highland Dances for us, too. Of course, it wouldn't be a true Rabbie Burns Supper without the traditional Toast to the Lassies, and Response to the Laddies. Always a source of merriment for the audience! The evening ended with a rousing sing-along of Auld Lang Syne. We tried to remember Joe Campbell's instructions to pronounce it, "sine," NOT, "zyne." But I think most of us failed.





Thomas Sutherland giving the toast "to the Haggis".

CANADA REPORTS

by Carol Koeslag

Greetings to all you winter weary Canadian CJA members. By the time you receive your S&P thoughts of spring gardens, seed catalogues and April flowers will hopefully be starting to replace hauling out that snow shovel one more time.

I was looking through some old photo albums – you know the ones, remember the books we put snapshots in before the advent of digital cameras and computers? – and it would seem that Peterborough had the same depth of snow in the winter of 1992-93 as we have had this year in December alone. Now we're into January thaw days and all the folks who work so hard to keep winter spirits up by putting on winter carnivals are beginning to rush around to make other plans without snow. Who knows perhaps by next week we'll have had another huge dump of the white stuff.

One of the ways I spend some of my time is to volunteer one day a week at an elementary school with a Gr.3 class, this is my sixth year and I thoroughly enjoy every Tuesday I spend helping the teacher. When I returned after the Christmas holidays one of the 8 year old boys confided with great glee that on Christmas eve, while his Dad had gone for a walk with the dog and he, Connor, was in bed with his mother beside him he 'heard footsteps on the roof, and he knew it was Santa and his reindeer and his heart starting thumping so hard'. The delight in his eyes as he was telling me this was lovely to behold!

I hope that your Christmas season was as wonderful as mine was. We enjoyed seeing so many friends and family members and of course it was fun opening different gifts chosen for us with love. One book my sister gave me was written by Liz Curtis Higgs, an author I'd not heard of before but perhaps many of you have. Evidently she has written 25 books, all set in the Dumfries and Galloway area of Scotland which she has a particular affinity for and the reviews by persons of the Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society, and treasurer of Clan MacLellan plus others speak highly of her writings. The particular book I was given "My Heart's in the Lowlands" was an interesting read, sometimes a bit too folksy, but as I'd personally driven through the exact area by myself in 1977 I found the places she presented a lovely "remember when".



In a recent edition of the Celtic Heritage magazine a number of Celtic music CDs were reviewed. Perhaps you received or bought yourself some new CDs for Christmas or have a gift card you're dying to spend on some new music The Barra MacNeils' Christmas Album 11 was highly reviewed as all the songs and tune medleys being treated with joy and passion befitting the season; Kevin MacLeod's Dorney Rock which provides the listener with a beautiful recording of a wide variety of stringed instruments by expert musicians and Kevin's particular mandolin expertise. These are just two CDs reviewed.

In another part of this issue you'll be reading about the CJA annual meting being held in Fergus, Ontario this year. It is certainly hoped that a lot of you who might be travelling to Ontario this summer will try and arrange your time to coincide with the Fergus Games and the AGM (August 8,9 &10^{th)} and those of you living in the province will make a real Johnston/e effort to attend and welcome our clan folk from the States.

Registration will be held at the hotel Friday afternoon and evening. The Games at Fergus commence at 9 am on Saturday and the tent will be a welcoming place for CJA members. It is hoped that CJA will be an honoured Clan with the Clans' parade commencing at 12 noon. We certainly hope to have many, many Johnstons in it. After 4 pm when the clan tents take down, we'll be going to the hotel in Guelph where the AGM and dinner will be held. On Sunday the Kirkin' of the Tartan service will be held at the Presbyterian church in Fergus. Guelph is a half hour drive away from Fergus and has been chosen because of the number of hotels it has compared with none in Fergus. So please check and mark your calendars, shake out your kilts or other paraphenalia, purchase some Johnston/e clothing item from Arthur and Margot as outlined in the S&P and start preparing to enjoy yourself at the Fergus Games as members/friends of Clan Johnston/e in America.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

August 9, 2008 - Guelph, Ontario, Canada

The Clan Johnston/e in America (CJA) Council has selected the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games to be host site for the 2008 Annual General Meeting (AGM) this coming summer. These games are held at the Fergus Fairgrounds, Fergus, Ontario August 8,9,10 2008. For more information about the Fergus Games, see their web site at: www.fergusscottishfestival.com

The CJA AGM and Banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn Wellington Room, Guelph. The banquet will feature a selection of foods from a delicious buffet . Hotel Accommodations: Holiday Inn Guelph, 601 Scottsdale Dr. Guelph.Ont.N1G 3E7

Phone 519-836-5329 www.holidayinnguelph.ca

A number of double rooms are available for August 8-9 at a special group rate. A weekend package of \$366.00 CAN\$ plus tax includes Friday & Saturday night stay

1)Standard room (queen or 2 double beds)

2)Two weekend passes to the Fergus Games

3) Breakfast for two on Saturday & Sunday

When you call or email, let the hotel know you are with Clan Johnston/e in America to receive these special rates. These rates and block of rooms are available until July 8th.

CJA AGM & Banquet 2008 Saturday August 9th 5pm to 9pm

Cost per person: \$50.00 (US and CAN) includes AGM Banquet & Admin.costs. Please register by July 8,2008

United States members & friends make cheques payable in US funds to Clan Johnston/e in America and mail with this form to: Margo Johnston, Box 71, Goffstown NH 03045-007 USA

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Pleasanton, California Scottish Gathering and Games

September 1-2, 2007



Special Guests

by Karen Klein

The guest chiefs are pictured here with young John Klein on the right. Left to right is The Right Honorable Lord Sempill who inherited one of Scotland's oldest titles and took his seat in the House of Lords in 1995. He was very nice. He kissed all the ladies hands.

The other guest Chief is Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross, CMG. (No information was given of the other two gentlemen in the photo).



John Klein and Kent Walker. The banner was made by Scott Klein.

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Karen Johnston Klein



John Klein



Diana Epler Freeland with her mother, Sally Johnston Epler.





Clan Johnston/e in America

Merchandise & Price List

Effective December 1, 2006

<u>**Please Note</u>**: Prices listed first in shipping column are for one item. Amount listed second is for each additional, "same" piece (e.a.p.) in one shipment</u>

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ROMANS IN SCOTLAND

Did you know that there were other countries besides Great Britain who tried to invade and conquer Scotland? Well, during prehistoric time (a word a Scot made up to tell about times before there was a "history"), there were folks who thought they might like to take Scotland over for themselves. The very first people who tried to claim Scotland were the Romans *way*, *way*, back in 80 AD. The Roman Governor of Britain, Julius Agricola, invaded Scotland (he named it "Caledonia" then.) Sadly, he managed to kill almost 10,000 "Caledonian" before he gave up.

For a Roman soldier to be sent to "Caledonia" was often a form of punishment. The harsh climate and threats from the warring tribes (clans) were bad enough, but it also meant that years of tough construction work lay ahead.

In 122 AD, Roman Emperor Hadrian had a 73-mile long wall built across Great Britain very near the now official border between England and Scotland. Why did Hadrian build this wall? Well, it wasn't to keep the English from running away ~ nope, it was built to keep the "wild and crazy" Scots (they called them "Picts" by now) from getting into Roman territory in England.

And in 137 they build another wall further North ~ this one actually on Scottish soil. It didn't keep the Scots out, either.

So, finally, in 211, the Romans give up trying to conquer the people living in Scotland, and go back to using Hadrian's Wall as their border. Guess we showed *them*, didn't we? Actually, the Romans taught the whole world a *lot*. We still use Roman words in legal and medical terms, and the Roman Numerals are still used in some very major ways ~ think about "Super Bowl XXII" and "Super Bowl XXIII" ~ both won by the Denver Broncos!

After that, in 806 AD, the Vikings came ashore in Largs, and were defeated as well. But, some of the Vikings really liked Scotland, and after the battle, decided to stay in Scotland. Every year, there is a big celebration in Largs, honoring the Scots victory over the Vikings. And, if you wander around in some of the smaller cemeteries, you will even find ancient Viking tombstones, in the shape of an overturned Viking boat.

And then there was the "friendly" invasion of the Celts from Ireland. But they came not to conquer, but to live a better life in Bonny Scotland.



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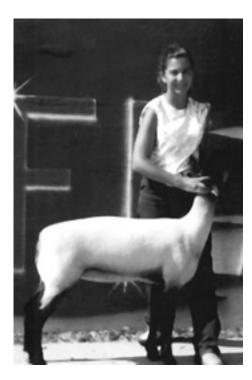
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HIGHLAND GAMES WORD SEARCH

How about another contest? Within the word search, are 15 things you would be able to see at a Highland Games festival. See if you can find all 16. If you do, you will receive a \$10.00 prize! **Send your entry no later than May 1, 2008** to: Billye Tellinger, 7473 Dale Court, Westminster, CO 80030. Good hunting.



Makalya Johnston

by Debra Johnston

Makayla Johnston, 13 years old, is showing her champion middle-weight lamb at the Jasper County Fair in Central Iowa on July 2007. Makayla is a junior member of Clan Johnston/e in America and regularly completes the youth page in the Spur and Phoenix.

Makayla is an 8th grader and an Honor Roll student at Baxter Community School. She is on the volleyball team and competes in track and field. She is also currently the secretary of Hominy Ridge Independence 4 H Club. She competes with her lamb and pony.

(Editor's note: We would like to hear about our young members and their accomplishments. We will print them when we have the space.)



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