

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Nation & Shewan store window

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14003>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.73

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1914

Physical Description: 6.5" x 4.5" (b/w)

Physical Condition: Top left corner is bent

History /

Biographical:

Erected in 1889, on the southeast corner of Rosser Avenue and 7th Street at 806 Rosser Avenue, this block was designed by Brandon architect W.H. Shillinglaw. At the time of its construction the structure housed the Nation & Shewan Department Store, one of Brandon's largest and most successful drygoods businesses, owned and operated by Fred Nation and Alexander Shewan.

Major improvements were made to the store and an annex was added in 1910. Some of the renovation additions included, but were not limited to, an updated frontage with new copper sash windows and prismatic glass tops, plate glass windows, new fixtures and carpet. With the renovations the floor space of the business was to be almost doubled. The stock of the business also increased, with the Brandon Weekly Sun reporting that when finished, Nation & Shewan would be a "store of which the citizens of Brandon will be justly proud." The drygoods firm operated until Nation's death 1926, when it became known as A. Shewan Limited. From 1933 to 1944, the business was known as Shewan and Son. Shortly thereafter, the Metropolitan Stores Ltd began operating out of the Nation & Shewan Block.

In 2000, the Town Centre prepared to knock down the Red Apple Building, formerly the Nation & Shewan Block. The demolition was to make way for the new atrium and entrance for the mall, and begin a new period of redevelopment at the downtown shopping centre.

[History/Bio written by Christy Henry (SJ McKee Archives) and Eileen Trott (Daly House Museum), researched by Morganna Maylon, for 2015 photographic exhibition "Gowen's Brandon: Then and Now".]

Custodial History:

Photograph was given to Fred McGuinness by Linda Bilkoski (nee Lepard) of Lac du Bonnet, MB.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a display of women's clothing and accessories in the window at Nation & Shewan. A sign reads: 1914 Spring Opening commences on Wednesday March 25th.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Mrs. E. Harden, 33-10th St., City. According to the Henderson's Brandon City Directories, Catharine "Kate" Harden (nee Chalmers) worked as a cashier at Nation & Shewan from 1913 to 1914.

Name Access: Nation & Shewan  
Kate Harden

Subject Access: building exteriors  
advertising  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Arrangement:  
McG 4.1 File 27

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## Coombs & Stewart Store

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9486>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E13

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1881

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

History /

Biographical:

This store, the first established in Brandon (June 12, 1881), was erected on the southeast corner of 6th St. & Pacific Avenue, facing Pacific.

Coombs and Stewart later opened a store on the northeast corner of 9th St. & Rosser Ave.

Billy Muir was Coombs & Stewart's first clerk. He later opened a store of his own on the west side of the 100 block of 6th St., which he operated for nearly 50 years. (I was often a customer as a kid - LAS). Billy Muir closed his 6th Street store June 1945 (Brandon Sun). [See E18]

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Coombs & Stewart Store

Name Access: Coombs & Stewart

Subject Access: businesses

dry goods

general stores

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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## Dry Goods Store

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9490>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E17

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1897

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Dry Goods Store

Notes: This store may be located where [Mr.] Crystal's New System Store was in 1981.

From Daly House Museum

Name Access: Dry Goods Store

Subject Access: businesses

dry goods

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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## West End Millinery & Dry Goods



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13815>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.125  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1922  
Physical Description: 5" x 7" (b/w)  
Material Details: reproduction  
Physical Condition: Photograph is overexposed

#### History /

#### Biographical:

The West End Millinery & Dry Goods shop appears in the 1914 Henderson's Brandon City Directory. The store was located in the Avenue Block at 1124 Rosser Avenue. Mrs. A. Barker was listed as the proprietor and milliner. By 1917, Mr. A.F. [Arthur Fred] Barker became the proprietor and Mrs. Barker remained the milliner. By 1919, the shop moved to 130-10th Street, across from the Strand Theatre, where it remained until c.1933.

#### Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by G. Baldock in 1971

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the store interior of West End Millinery & Dry Goods located on 130-10th Street. Coats are hanging from a rack, clothing is displayed on dress forms as well as on wooden tables that are lined up in the centre of the shop. The store's tin ceiling, light fixtures, and hardwood floors are visible.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Part of West End Millinery & Dry Goods 10th St across from Strand Theatre, 1922

Name Access: West End Millinery & Dry Goods  
10th Street

Subject Access: clothing  
store interiors  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940  
milliners  
dry goods

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

#### Arrangement:

From 2009 loose photos

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## West End Millinery & Dry Goods

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13816>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.126

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1922

Physical Description: 5" x 7" (b/w)

Material Details: reproduction

Physical Condition: Photograph is overexposed

History /

Biographical:

The West End Millinery & Dry Goods shop appears in the 1914 Henderson's Brandon City Directory. The store was located in the Avenue Block at 1124 Rosser Avenue. Mrs. A. Barker was listed as the proprietor and milliner. By 1917, Mr. A.F. [Arthur Fred] Barker became the proprietor and Mrs. Barker remained the milliner. By 1919, the shop moved to 130-10th Street, across from the Strand Theatre, where it remained until c.1933.

Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by G. Baldock in 1971

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the store interior of West End Millinery & Dry Goods located on 130-10th Street. A shelving unit lines the wall and is filled with boxes, bolts of cloth, and yarns. Displays can be seen on the top of the shelves as well as on wooden tables that are lined up in the centre of the shop. The store's tin ceiling, light fixtures, panelling, radiators, and hardwood floors are visible.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: 1/2 of West End Millinery & Dry Goods, 10th St across from Strand Theatre, 1922

Name Access: West End Millinery & Dry Goods  
10th Street

Subject Access: clothing  
store interiors  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940  
milliners  
dry goods

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Arrangement:  
From 2009 loose photos

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## Strome & Whitelaw (in Braeside Block)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9492>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E19

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [ca. 1907]

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

### Scope and Content:

Strome & Whitelaw, located in the Braeside Block

Notes: Located on Rosser Avenue between 13th Street and 14th Street

Feature carpets, tailoring & general merchandise

From Assiniboine Historical Society

Name Access: Strome & Whitelaw

Subject Access: businesses

general stores

dry goods

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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## Murdock Bros. Store

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9474>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E2

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [19-?]

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Murdock Bros. store interior

Notes: [Located at 886 Rosser Avenue; This negative was created using a pre-existing published image. The caption on the published image reads "Murdock Bros. Wholesale and Retail Furniture and Crockery Emporium". (P.E. 17/06/09)]

Name Access: Murdock Bros. Store

Subject Access: businesses

merchants

furniture stores

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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## Halpin's Drug Store

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9498>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E27

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [18-?]

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

N.J. Halpin's Drug Store

Notes: [This negative appears to have been produced using a pre-existing published image (P.E. 22/06/09).]

Name Access: N.J. Halpin's Drug Store

Subject Access: businesses

pharmacists

drug stores

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

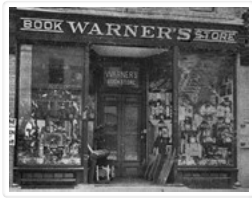
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## Warner's Book Store

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9489>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Creator: George H. Harris

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E16

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [ca. 1904]

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

### Warner's Book Store

Notes: Located in Syndicate Block

Name Access: Warner's Book Store

Subject Access: businesses

bookselling

booksellers

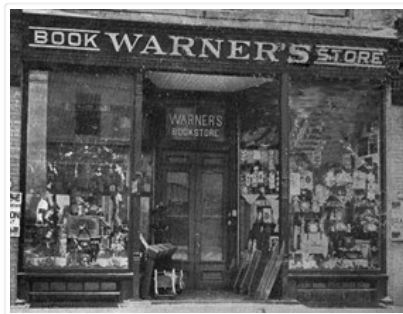
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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## Higginbotham's Jewellery Store

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9499>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E28

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [18-?]

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

J.F. Higginbotham's Jewellery Store

Notes: [This negative appears to have been produced using a pre-existing published image (P.E. 22/06/09).]

Name Access: N.J. Halpin's Drug Store

Subject Access: businesses

jewellers

jewelry

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## Wm. Muir General Grocer

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9491>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E18



Accession Number: 1-2002  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1888  
Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"  
Material Details: Negative

History /

Biographical:

Muir started as a clerk for Coombs & Stewart in 1882, went into business for himself 1888 and was still operating in 1938. He closed his 6th Street store in June of 1945 (Brandon Sun).

Muir was a good friend of my pioneer grandfather, Sam Gilmour, who lived a block up the street, and as a small boy I spent many nickels in this store (LAS).

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Wm. "Billy" Muir & grocery store

Notes: Located on the west side of the 100 block of 6th St.  
This photo presented by Wm. Muir to Martin Kavanagh and donated to collection of Assiniboine Historical Society.

Name Access: Wm. Muir General Grocer

Subject Access: businesses  
general stores  
grocery stores

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Coombs & Stewart general store c. 1881

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13756>



Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.67

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c.1881

Physical Description: 6.5" x 5" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

Physical Condition: Photograph is stained and water damaged. A newspaper clipping about William (Billy) Muir is glued to the top left hand corner of the mat. The image is exfoliated in the right hand corner. The negative has been reverse printed.

#### History /

##### Biographical:

Coombs & Stewart opened the first general store in Brandon in 1881, which was located on 6th Street and Pacific Avenue. According to G.F. Barker (Brandon: A City, 1977, 291), William (Billy) Muir worked at the store until he opened his own grocery store in 1888.

##### Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by Allena Strath (nee Coombs).

##### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Coombs & Stewart general store located on the corner of Pacific Avenue and 6th Street. A group of men pose in front of the wood-framed store.

Notes: Back of photograph reads: One of first stores in Brandon, Coombs...[?]

Name Access: Coombs & Stewart  
Pacific Avenue  
6th Street  
Wm. Muir General Grocer

Subject Access: Pioneers  
general stores  
building exteriors  
store exteriors  
horses  
grocery stores  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1E13

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## Johnsons Hardware

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9477>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E5

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [18-?]

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Johnsons Hardware: exterior and interior views

Notes: [This negative was created using a pre-existing published image. (P.E. 17/06/09)]

Name Access: Johnsons Hardware

Subject Access: businesses

merchants

hardware stores

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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## Rat Portage Lumber Co.

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9480>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E8

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [ca. 1914]

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Rat Portage Lumber Co.

Notes: Located at the northwest corner of 10th St. & Princess Ave.

Photo also shows Alexandra Block - built 1904, Strathcona Block - built 1905, streetcar rails and wires.

Name Access: Rat Portage Lumber Co.

Subject Access: businesses

merchants

hardware stores

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## Clement Block & A.E. McKenzie Building

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9502>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E22

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1912

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

### History /

#### Biographical:

Foreground: Clement Block built 1910.

Background: Original 6 storey McKenzie Bldg before upward extension of 1918.

#### Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

#### Scope and Content:

##### Clement Block & A.E. McKenzie Building

Notes: From Winnipeg Saturday Post June 15, 1912.

Name Access: Clement Block & A.E. McKenzie Building

Subject Access: businesses

drug stores

seeds

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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## Barclay & O'Hara Lumber & Coal

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9473>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E1

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [188-]

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

### Scope and Content:

Barclay & O'Hara Lumber & Coal - office and yard

Notes: [Mr. Stuckey] believes this to be the south side of the 700 block of Pacific Avenue.

To the left is the Western Canada Savings & Loan Co.

To the right, [Mr. Stuckey believes], is the Farmers Home Hotel.

Copy negative courtesy of Brian O'Hara.

Name Access: Private House

Subject Access: businesses

hardware stores

coal

lumber

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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## Christie's School Supply

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9497>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E26

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [18-?]

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

E.L. Christie building and store interior

Notes: [This negative appears to have been produced using a pre-existing published image (P.E. 22/06/09).]

Name Access: Christie's School Supply

Subject Access: businesses  
stationary stores  
school supplies

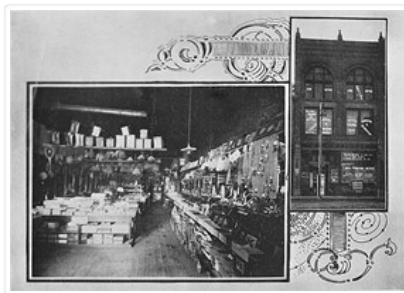
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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## Syndicate Block

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9475>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E3

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [ca. 1915]

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

History /

Biographical:

Built 1892

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Syndicate Block

Notes:

Located at the SW corner of 7th St. & Rosser Ave (former location of Eaton's store).

Tenants at time of photo: The Merchants Lt., McWhirter & Ball, Vincent & MacPherson. For history of Vincent & MacPherson see Brandon: A City, pp 125-126, by Barker.

Photo from Brandon Sun.

Name Access: Syndicate Block

Subject Access: businesses

merchants

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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## Wilson Rankin & Co.

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9476>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E4

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1896

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Wilson Rankin & Co.

Notes: Located in the west half of Syndicate Block (see E3)  
L to R: Pete Kennedy, \*H. Ball, S. Laughton, J. Irwin, \*C. McWhirter, R. MacPherson. (\*see E3, McWhirter & Ball)  
Photo courtesy of the Brandon Sun.

Name Access: Wilson Rankin & Co.

Subject Access: businesses

merchants

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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## Bijou Theatre

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9479>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1



Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E7  
Accession Number: 1-2002  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1912  
Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"  
Material Details: Negative  
History /  
Biographical:

Closed 1917

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Bijou Theatre

Notes: Located at 124 Ninth Street  
Photo can be dated by the advertisement for newsreel - funeral of Gen. Booth of the Salvation Army, London, England.  
Courtesy of the Brandon Sun

Name Access: Bijou Theatre

Subject Access: businesses

cinemas

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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