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# **Guide to the Steuart Family Papers**

#### **OSB MSS 341**



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**CREATOR:** Steuart family, author

TITLE: Steuart family papers

**DATES:** 1511-2011

**BULK DATES: 1511-1920** 

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 25.3 linear feet (49 boxes) + 5 roll, 4 broadside

LANGUAGE: In English and Latin.

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of correspondence, legal and financial papers,

military orders and commissions, printed material, and a small amount of

photographs by or relating to the Steuart family of Scotland.

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b. box

f. folder

## **Administrative Information**

## **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Purchased from Bob Hower and Alison Hein on the James Marshall and Marie-Louise Osborn Collection Fund, 2018.

## **Conditions Governing Access**

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## Steuart family

The Steuart (or Stewart) family is descended from the Stewarts of Auchingown, Blackhall, and Ardgowan in Scotland. The family primarily lived in Steuarthall estate near Stirling, Scotland, and included attorneys, merchants, and soldiers. Walter Stewart was born circa 1671 to Anne Crawford (1635-1680) and Sir Archibald Stewart (circa 1635-circa 1722). Walter, who served as Solicitor General of Scotland, changed the spelling of the family surname to Steuart. He married Barbara Kae (or Kay), and they had at least four children, including Archibald (1701-1779), Barbara (1702-1737), John (1704-), and Ann (1706-). Archibald's oldest son, Walter, died in 1764. His sons Charles (-1784), a London merchant, James (-1798), John (-1789), Alexander (-1799), and David (1744-1823), a Writer to the Signet, owned a coffee plantation in Dominica, also called Steuarthall, that enslaved up to 100 people; another son, Archibald, was captain of the ship Warren in service to the British East India Company and died in Mumbai, India, in 1778. David's children included Archibald (-1823), an officer in the British Army who fought in the War of 1812; Robert (1776-1844), a solicitor and sheriff of Renfrewshire, Scotland; and George Mackenzie (1786-1855), a lieutenant general who worked for the East India Company. Robert's son Captain David Steuart (1830-1890) was deployed to India with the British Army's Regiment of Foot following the Indian Rebellion of 1857. George's ten children included Alice, who married the Reverend T. B. W. Niven.

## **Scope and Contents**

The collection consists of correspondence, legal and financial papers, military orders and commissions, printed material, and a small amount of photographs by or relating to the Steuart family of Scotland. Early vellum and parchment documents with wax seals pertain to land owned by the Kae, Crawford, and Stewart families and Walter Steuart. Later materials concern Steuarthall estate in Scotland and the personal and business activities of Archibald Steuart and his sons Archibald, Alexander, Charles, David, James, John, and

Walter; Robert Steuart, an attorney and sheriff, and his son Captain David Steuart, who served the British East India Company; and other Steuart descendants. Included are letters, appraisals, accounts, inventories, and mortgages related to lands and a coffee plantation in Dominica owned by the family, and people they enslaved there. The collection also documents the military career of Major General Archibald Steuart, including letters from Prince Edward Augustus, Duke of Kent, and accounts of the Battle of Lundy's Lane and other conflicts with American and Indigenous soldiers during the War of 1812; and a book of general orders for British soldiers and sailors serving under the command of Prince Frederick Augustus, Duke of York, during the Napoleonic Wars.

### Arrangement

Organized into four series: I. Family Papers, 1511-1936. II. Dominica Plantation and Slavery Records, 1756-1815. III. Military Papers, 1799-1819. IV. Other Papers, 1679-2011.

#### **Collection Contents**

## Series I: Family Papers, 1511-1936

17.8 linear feet (17 boxes) + 5 roll, 2 broadside

This series consists of early vellum and parchment deeds and legal documents pertaining to land owned by the Kae, Crawford, and Steuart families, correspondence, wills and estate papers, inventories, accounts, contracts, family histories, and other materials related to personal and business matters and people enslaved by the Steuarts. A number of materials concern the establishment and operation of Steuarthall estate in Stirling, Scotland, and the family's Dominica plantation, as well as David Steuart's claim to freeholder status.

Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

#### Kae, Crawford, and Stewart families

Primarily legal documents in Latin on vellum or parchment with wax seals attached. Included are deeds, accounts of land accumulated by the families, and marriage contracts.

b.1	Vellum document signed by John Maston, with two hanging wax seals affixed to strips of vellum	circa 1500s
b. 2	Vellum document, with hanging wax seal affixed to strips of vellum	1548 March 8
b. 3	Vellum document, with hanging wax seal affixed to strips of vellum	1569 May 20
b. 4	Vellum document, with two hanging wax seals affixed to strips of vellum	circa 1588 February 22
b. <b>5</b>	Vellum document, with hanging wax seal affixed to strips of vellum	1588 February 24
b. 6	Vellum document, with two hanging wax seals affixed to strips of vellum	1607 April 6
b. 7	Vellum document, with hanging wax seal affixed to strips of vellum	1607 May 12
b. 8	Vellum document, with hanging wax seal affixed to strips of vellum	1528 September 7
b. 9	Vellum document, with hanging wax seal affixed to strips of vellum	1588 July 21
b. 10	Vellum document, with two hanging wax seals affixed to strips of vellum	1613
b. 13 (Oversize), f. 12-15	Vellum documents	circa 1500s-1632
b. 23, f. 21-27	Vellum and parchment documents	1511-1696
b. 15 (Roll)	Scroll related to the Kae family	circa 1500s
b. 24, f. 28-36	Vellum and parchment documents	1569-1632
b. 25, f. 37-47	Vellum and parchment documents	1599-1679
b. 11 (Oversize), f. 1-4	Vellum and parchment documents	1615–1699

#### Kae, Crawford, and Stewart families (continued)

b. 14 (Oversize), f. 17-20	Parchment documents	1615–1670
b. 50 (Broadside)	Parchment documents, 1615–1670	
b. 16 (Broadside)	Parchment scroll	1632 April 18
b. 17 (Roll)	Parchment scroll related to Anna Kae, Mathew Stewart, and Cannonsgate	circa 1600s
Steu	uart family	
b. 28, f. 57	Alexander Steuart death and funeral costs	1799
	Archibald, Captain Archibald, David, and Robert Steuart	
	Lease agreements, lists of land owned, promissory notes, wills, and correspondence. Some materials relate to the lands of Dullatur and Todsbought. Includes an memorandum to David Steuart related to tax duties payable for his freehold in the parish of Mairns and shire of Renfrew.	
b. 28, f. 58-60	Correspondence and documents	1778-1844
b. 26, f. 48	Duplicate of the latter will of the recently deceased Captain Archibald Steuart	1778
b. 28, f. 61-64	Captain David Steuart	1842-1889
	Includes Steuart's early letters and a notebook, copy of his birth certificate, military papers related to his service with the 34th Regiment in India, inventories, accounts, bonds, and correspondence related to his financial affairs.	
b. 12 (Oversize), f. 5	Captain David Steuart	1860-1889
b. 28, f. 65-66	Captain David Steuart accounts	1860-1874
b. 28, f. 67-68	Charles Steuart of Kirkwood	1722-1779
	Documents related to the land and titles of the Kirkwood estate, correspondence, and other papers. Includes agreement of Charles to sell his share in Steuarthall plantation in Dominica to Alexander Steuart.	
b. 28, f. 69-70	Charles Steuart of Kirkwood death/Kirkwood estate final accounts	1777–1781
	David Steuart, Writer to the Signet	
b. 29, f. 71-73	Papers	1758-1768
	Indentures, certificates, commissions, accounts current, and other papers.	
b. 29, f. 74-78	Statement of accounts	1770-1812
b. 29, f. 79-81	Papers, freeholder	1800-1821
	Correspondence, accounts, contracts, and other papers. Includes a letter from John Steuart in Dominica discussing business matters and people enslaved by the family.	

#### Steuart family > David Steuart, Writer to the Signet (continued)

b. 29, f. 82-83	David Steuart and Robert Steuart Inventories, claims of enrollment on the roll of freeholders in the	1823-1826
	county of Stirling, receipts for legacies, annuity payments, and other papers.	
b. 29, f. 84	Miscellaneous	1801–1823
	Correspondence, accounts, exchange notices, and other papers related to land transactions in Scotland and Dominica. Letters from John Steuart in Dominica reference his work as a manager on several Dominica plantations and England's abolition of the slave trade.	
b. 29, f. 85-86	Valuation of lands of Steuarthall	1758-1904
b. 30, f. 87-89	Family history	1799–1936
	Correspondence, memorials, lists, memoranda, and printed material documenting the history of the Steuart and Niven families.	
b. 12 (Oversize), f. 6	Family history	1890
b. 30, f. 90	Gartmore case	1826-1846
b. 30, f. 91-95	James, David, and Archibald Steuart	1769–1817
	Correspondence, memoranda, receipts, and charters. Included are documents concerning the lands of Todsbaught and Balcastle and letters to Steuart family members from John Maxwell, Thomas Brisbane, W. F. Elphinstone, Lord Keith, Robert Boyd, and Robert Calder.	
b. 30, f. 96-97	John, James, and David Steuart	1776–1798
	Correspondence, accounts, and other papers related to land transactions, ships, and the family's Dominica plantation.	
b. 30, f. 98-103	John Steuart and Charles Steuart of Kirkland Primarily bonds.	1767–1804
b. 31, f. 104-108	John Steuart of Dalry, John of Dominica	1764–1829
	Includes bonds, receipts, accounts, and correspondence primarily related to land annuities.	
b. 31, f. 109-110	John Steuart of Dalry and David Steuart accounts	1775–1783
	John the Younger, Walter Steuart, and others	
	Papers related to Walter Steuart and his brother John Stewart the Younger (1680-1713), such as correspondence, legal and financial documents, and a vellum-bound volume. Included are articles and conditions of roup, assignations, discharges, tailzies, marriage contracts, wills and estate documents, and materials related to tenants on land owned by the Steuarts. Among the correspondence is a copy of a letter from Queen Elizabeth I to Lady Elizabeth Drury.	
b. 31, f. 111-119	Correspondence and documents	1700-1745, 1800s
b. 12 (Oversize), f. 7	"Account of charges and discharges betwixt Archibald Stewart of Stewarthall and Ensigne Alexander Stewart"	1728

#### Steuart family > John the Younger, Walter Steuart, and others (continued)

b. 18 (Broadside)	Scroll document related to Barbara, William, and Anna Kae	1700
b. 19 (Roll)	Will of John Stewart Younger of Blackhall	1704 October 10
b. 20 (Roll)	Will of Walter Steuart	circa 1720-1721
b. 21	Vellum-bound volume with copy of Walter Steuart's will and accounts related to land (tête-bêche)	1721–1726
b. 22 (Roll)	Legal document related to Kae and Stewart families	1708
b. 12 (Oversize), f. 8-9	Miscellaneous family documents	1719–1920
b. 32, f. 120-123	Robert, Helen, Anne, and David Steuart	1778-1864
	Baptismal certificate of Anne Steuart, daughter of David Steuart, Writer to the Signet, and Margaret Ramsay; correspondence; inventories of household furniture; and documents related to stocks and bank accounts.	
b. 32, f. 124-127	Robert Steuart, son of David	1778–1857
b. 12 (Oversize), f. 10	Robert Steuart, son of David	1823
b. 26, f. 49-51	Robert Steuart, son of David	1828-1839
b. 32, f. 128-129	Robert Steuart estate and Steuarthall trustees	1846-1849
b. 32, f. 130	Robert Steuart final accounts	1841–1859
b. 33, f. 131	Robert Steuart final accounts	1841–1859
b. 33, f. 132-137	Sir Michael Steuart and David Steuart, Writer to the Signet Primarily accounts.	1763–1796
	Steuart brothers	
	Correspondence, financial documents, resolutions, and other materials primarily related to land. Includes a translation of the chop from the tsontoe (viceroy) of Canton to commanders of the ship Elphinstone of the East India Company and copy of their 1808 response, and a sketch of a theater in Greenoch, Scotland.	
b. 33, f. 138-139	Correspondence and documents	1711–1833
b. 27, f. 54-55	Summons (letter press copies)	1803
b. 13 (Oversize), f. 16	Plan of a theater for the town of Greenoch	1802 June
b. 27, f. 56	Reclaiming note for William Cunninghame Graham, Gartmore, against Charles Ferrier	1831
b. 33, f. 140-144	Accounts	1764-1784
b. 26, f. 52	Resolution of Steuarthall annuitants	1777
b. 34, f. 145-147	Steuarthall accounts	1843-1865

#### Steuart family (continued)

b. 34, f. 148-149	Steuarthall assets	1870-1941
b. 26, f. 53	Steuarthall assets - Section of Steuarthall minerals, sketch	1875
b. 34, f. 150-151	Steuarthall drains	1853-1889
	T. B. W. Niven	
b. 34, f. 152	"To the Very Reverend T. B. W. Niven, D.D., moderator of the Church of Scotland" [congratulatory signature book]	1906
b. 12 (Oversize), f. 11	Photograph	1906
b. 35, f. 153-157	Walter, Charles, and David Steuart	1720-1779
	Correspondence, bonds, and other papers related to land transactions and receipts for schooling and clothing of the children of Walter Steuart. Letters include references to the East India Company and people enslaved by the family in Dominica.	

#### Series II: Dominica Plantation and Slavery Records, 1756-1815

4.54 linear feet (7 boxes) + 2 broadside

This series contains correspondence, financial and legal records, and other papers related to the Steuarthall plantation on Dominica, managed by Alexander Steuart, as well as other properties owned by the Steuart brothers in Dominica and Tobago. Included are inventories of people enslaved on Steuarthall, noting their names, ages, and health, and documents concerning a legal dispute arising from the sale of Steuarthall and Palmist plantations by David Steuart to Governor Andrew James Cochrane Johnstone. Other materials relate to plantations in Dominica owned by the Greg family, such as Hillsborough and Belfast, and management of the estates after the death of John Greg.

Materials maintain order found at time of acquisition.

	David Steuart [Writer to the Signet]-Governor Johnstone dispute, Dominica	
b. 36, f. 160	Accounts of people enslaved and buildings on Steuarthall Estate, lands for sale by David Steuart	1792
b. 36, f. 161	Agreement with Gov. Johnstone for the purchase of Steuarthall & Palmist, copy of terms of purchase	1798
	Documents note the enslavement of 100 people and size of Steuarthall (320 acres) and Palmist (127 acres) estates.	
b. 36, f. 162	James Fraser correspondence	1801
b. 36, f. 163	William Pagan correspondence	1801
b. 36, f. 164	Affidavit against Gov. Johnstone	1801
b. 36, f. 165-170	Alexander Mundell correspondence	1801–1804
	Mundell was apparently Steuart's agent or legal representative in the Johnstone matter.	
b. 36, f. 171	John Lundin letter to David Steuart	1804
b. 36, f. 172	David Steuart letters to Crawford Tait (copies)	1805–1806
	James Steuart, Dominica	
b. 39	Leather wallet/pouch	1756 February 26
	"James Stewart 26 Feb 1756" printed in gold on the outer flap.	
b. 36, f. 173	Correspondence, accounts, and other papers	1763–1795
	Includes letters referencing slavery, a document listing "Words of Command" and steps for a platoon exercise, and a ticket to a lecture on Scottish law at the University of Edinburgh.	
	Alexander Steuart & brothers, Dominica	
b. 36, f. 174	Dispositions and receipts	1766-1770
b. 41, f. 225	Appraisement of Steuarthall Estate, Dominica	1771
	Includes names of 18 men and 19 women enslaved by the Steuart family at their plantation.	

#### Alexander Steuart & brothers, Dominica (continued)

b. 40 (Oversize)	Land grant for 234 acres of woodland in Parish of St. Paul, Dominica Oversized land grant to James Steuart, with insignia of King George III and ceramic seal attached to the document by a linen ribbon.	1771 June 15
b. <b>36</b> , f. <b>175</b>	Receipts and bonds	1772-1773
b. 36, f. 176	Accounts and bills	1773–1776
b. 42 (Oversize), f. 231	List of debts	1776 May 1
b. <b>36</b> , f. <b>177</b>	Letter of attorney	1775 March 25
b. <b>41</b> , f. <b>226</b>	Lease of land from Alexander Steuart to James Steuart  One year lease for a parcel of land on Steuarthall Plantation. Document lists 39 people enslaved on the plantation.	1775 November 22
b. 36, f. 178	Documents related to land	1777–1779
b. 36, f. 179	Inventory of papers	1782
b. 36, f. 180	Alexander Steuart letters to James Steuart	1782–1785
b. 42 (Oversize), f. 232	Account of Thomas Nuckle with John Steuart for rental payments	1784-1790
b. 36, f. 181	Bills of lading	1797–1799
b. 36, f. 182	Alexander Steuart letter to David Steuart	1798 November 1
b. 41, f. 227	Will of Alexander Steuart	1798 November 9
b. 36, f. 183	Reid Irving & Co. correspondence, bonds, and notes	1799
Jam	nes, Charles, Alexander Steuart, Dominica	
b. 42 (Oversize), f. 233	Mortgage of plantation Indenture for one-third of a plantation in Charlott Town, Dominica, purchased by James, Charles, and Alexander, on which were enslaved Tom, Bristol, Igniace, Adam, Imali, Rose, and Judith.	1766 April 5
b. 36, f. 184	Note of prices paid for woodlands in Dominica by James and Alexander Steuart	1768-1772
b. 43 (Broadside)	Bond of indemnity, Alexander Wilson to Charles Steuart	1768 December 22
b. 36, f. 185	Receipts	1769-1771
b. 41, f. 228	Certificates	1771
b. 42 (Oversize), f. 234	Commissions appointing James Steuart to Major and Adjutant of the Summer Troop of Light Dragoon Militia in Dominica	1771
b. 42 (Oversize), f. 235	Letter of attorney	1771 May 25

#### James, Charles, Alexander Steuart, Dominica (continued)

b. 36, f. 186         John Heard indenture and bond Heard was a carpenter and sawyer employed by the Steuarts in Dominica.         1771–1772           b. 42 (Oversize), f. 237         Indenture for sale of Steuarthall land Record of the sale of Charles Steuart's share in Steuarthall Plantation and approximately 50 enslaved people.         1772 July 29           b. 44 (Roadide)         Indenture concerning Steuarthall Plantation approximately 50 enslaved people.         1772 December 20           b. 36, f. 187         Memoranda from David Steuart to John Steuart regarding bonds and land sales         1774–1775           b. 36, f. 188         List of bonds due by Charles Steuart of Kirkwood         1775–1776           b. 36, f. 189         Accounts current between John Shaw Stewart and David Steuart         1776–1777           b. 37, f. 191         References to the Plan of the Island Dominica, as surveyed from the year 1765         1777           b. 37, f. 192         Letters to James Steuart         1777           b. 37, f. 193-195         James Steuart, London         1777           b. 37, f. 193-195         James Steuart, London         1778–1775           b. 37, f. 196-200         Primarily correspondence related to business in Dominica, including Steuart's attempts to sall the family's plantations and his arrest for an unpaid debt, as well as Lord Advocate Henry Dundas, J. P. Smyth, James Maxwell, and Philip Stevens. Topics include business related to Dominica, alsayery, sale of Inal, and government appointments for the Steuart brothers on the	b. 42 (Oversize), f. 236	Articles of agreement between Alexander, James, and Charles Steuart	1771 May 25
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b. 37, f. 204	Lists of debts due to Alexander Steuart	1799
b. 37, f. 205	"List of articles the property of A. Steuart left with Nancy Steuart [and] left at Hillsborough sundry" $$	1799
	List includes Jean, an enslaved boy aged 14 years, who was to be sold, as well as enslaved persons already sold. Steuart returned to Great Britain with	
	Frank, a 25-year-old enslaved man who achieved freedom in London in 1799.	
b. 37, f. 206	List of 90 people enslaved on the Belfast Estate	1799
b. 37, f. 207	John Lundin correspondence	1799
	Includes a letter from Alexander Steuart informing Lundin that his son John Steuart will be taking over management of the Hillsborough plantation	
	owned by the Greg family, and Catherine Greg wished to purchase 10 or 12	
	enslaved children aged 12 to 15 years.	
b. 37, f. 208	Other correspondence	1799
b. 37, f. 209	Letters of attorney	1799
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	Topics include sale of the Steuarthall and Palmist estates to Governor Johnstone, slavery, and valuation of lands owned by the Steuart brothers in Dominica.	
b. 37, f. 210	John Lundin correspondence	1800-1801
b. 41, f. 230	John Lundin correspondence	1800
b. 37, f. 211	John Lundin accounts	1799-1803
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b. 37, f. 213	Maxwell family	1800-1801
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b. 38, f. 221	Financial records and power of attorney	1805–1815
b. 38, f. 222	Memoranda	1805-1810
b. 38, f. 223-224	David Steuart letters to John Lundin, 1799-1805 (copies)	undated
	Primarily concerns Steuart's inheritance and the Dominica estate and debts left by Alexander Steuart after his death.	

#### Series III: Military Papers, 1799–1819

0.83 linear feet (3 boxes)

This series contains correspondence, commissions, and other papers related to the military career of Archibald Steuart, particularly during the War of 1812, and a book of general orders for British soldiers and sailors during the Napoleonic Wars. Correspondents include Prince Edward, Duke of Kent and Strathearn.

Materials maintain order found at time of acquisition.

b. 45, f. 240-242	Major General Archibald Steuart	1802-1823
	Correspondence; military resumes; commissions promoting Steuart to colonel and major general; roster for the 1st Battalion of Royal Scots in 1813; and an account of troops under Steuart's command stationed at Fort Niagara, Fort George, Fort Mississauga, and Fort Drummond during the War of 1812. Letters describe a voyage to Madras, India, and British army engagements with American and Indigenous soldiers in Upper Canada, including the Battle of Lundy's Lane.	
b. 45, f. 243-250	Duke of Kent letters to Archibald Steuart	1806-1819
b. 46, f. 251-257	Duke of Kent letters to Archibald Steuart	1806-1819
b. 47	General Orders - Duke of York	1799-1804
	Leather-bound volume with orders related to the Napoleonic Wars, health of British troops, protocol, and conduct at ports. Includes references to the Anglo-Russian invasion of the Netherlands, Battle of Abukir, and the Royal Navy's Egyptian campaign. Among the commanders giving orders are Prince Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, Lieutenant General Sir Ralph Abercromby, and Lieutenant General Sir Charles Stuart. Ships referenced include the HMS Kent and HMS Renown.	
b. 46, f. 258-261	Colonel Archibald Steuart, War of 1812, Canada	1813-1814
	Correspondence, general orders, and accounts of casualties of British soldiers and their Indigenous allies. Includes letters from Major J. B. Glegg, Major General John Vincent, and Lieutenant Colonel John Tucker.	

## Series IV: Other Papers, 1679–2011

1.59 linear feet (2 boxes)

This series contains documents unrelated to the Steuart family and twenty-first century materials concerning Steuarthall and the Steuart family papers.

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b. 48, f. 262-263	Miscellaneous non-family documents	1679-1832,
	Correspondence, receipts and accounts, and printed material related to merchant and passenger ships and patents for products like medicine and yeast.	undated
b. 49, f. 268	Miscellaneous non-family documents - "True Scots Pills," broadside	circa 1750
	Advertisement titled "True Scots Pills, by His Majesty's authority, faithfully prepared by Dicey and Company, in London, left to posterity by Dr. Patrick Anderson, of Edinburgh, physician to His Majesty King Charles I, and constantly used as his ordinary physic by King Charles II."	
b. 48, f. 264	Inkjet photographs of Steuarthall	circa 2011
b. 48, f. 265	"The Steuarts of Steuarthall" collection description	circa 2011
b. 48, f. 266	Steuarthall photocopies of images and printouts of maps	2011, undated
b. 48, f. 267	"The true History of the [Fox] Who would not go into his Box," autograph manuscript poem in an unknown hand	1868

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