



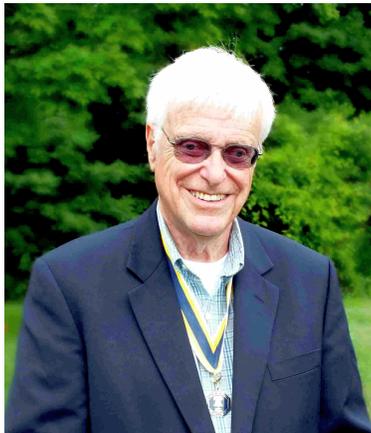
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Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Preserving the Past, Forming the Future

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Duane Booth

President's Message

Greetings Compatriots:

The Atlantic Middle States Association Conference we hosted at the Radisson Hotel in Albany in August was, by all accounts, a success. The event had better than average attendance, members and guests had a great time and we made a profit! The planning and preparation by the committee and the many volunteers who helped throughout the weekend made the task enjoyable. It was a real pleasure to see everyone working together. Thanks to all of you!

At the Saturday morning meeting the members of the Atlantic Middle State Association voted to pledge \$10,000 toward a pilot digitization project that National is starting.

This project is important in that it will help us decide if the project should remain "in house" or be outsourced. We have a lot to learn in this area and the pilot project will guide us in making correct decisions. At the September Board meeting we voted to donate \$2,500 of the \$3,608 profit from the conference to the project. Additionally, two chapters (Saratoga Battle and Walloomsac Battle) have already voted to donate to the project. I am hoping that more chapters and individuals donate. Checks should be made payable to the SAR Foundation, Inc. and sent to 809 West Main Street, Louisville KY 40202. Please be sure to note that the check is for the digitization project and is to help meet the \$10,000 Atlantic Middle States Association pledge.

Additionally, the committee's planned fundraiser that was intended to help offset any loss turned into a fundraiser for charity once we saw profit a coming. Seven-hundred seventy dollars was divided among four deserving charities.

By now most of you have your 2017 dues bill and we hope that you continue your membership as it is important to us and very much appreciated. I want to take the opportunity to thank Doug Gallant for taking charge of getting the 2017 billing printed, and mailed where necessary - it is very much appreciated.

Our November 5th meeting will be held at Coxsackie and it is hosted by the Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter. The reservation form is on our website www.ess-sar.org. Please consider coming and know members are welcome at all of our meetings.

Fraternally,
Duane

Duane Booth
President
Empire State Society
Sons of the American Revolution

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Upcoming Events

November 5, 2016

ESSAR Board of Managers Meeting
hosted by Columbia-Mid Hudson
Chapter
Pegasus Diner
Coxsackie, NY.

March 25, 2017

ESSAR Board of Managers Meeting
hosted by Saratoga Battle Chapter
Pegasus Diner
Coxsackie, NY.

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Atlantic Middle States Association Annual Meeting



Arrival of the colors led by Joseph FitzPatrick(r.) at the Atlantic States conference dinner.



ESSAR Pres. Duane Booth (3rd r.) introduces the Head Table.

(photo by Mrs. Kathleen Davyes)



Some of the ESSAR Members and spouses at the formal Dinner

(photo by Mrs. Kathleen Davyes)

The Empire State Society Sons of the America Revolution hosted the Atlantic States Association - SAR Annual Meeting on August 12-13, 2016 at the Radisson Hotel Albany, Albany, NY. Eight-eight members representing seven states attended the meeting. There were approximately 120 members and guests at the gala Saturday evening banquet. Guest speaker was Mr. Larry Arnold, local historian and author. Among the dignitaries were NSSAR President General J. Michael Tomme Sr.; NY State C.A.R. President Abbie Mosher, and her mother Mrs. Mosher, the Senior Leader, as well as several candidates running for SAR national offices.

Some photos from the Friday evening events.



Social Hour -- ESSAR Pres. Duane Booth and his lady Joyce C. Armstrong (r.)



Ladies Program -- about women in the Revolution.



Business meeting -- Opening of the official meeting.



Candidate Mark Anthony speaks

Meeting attendees had the chance to hear and meet several candidates for national office, one of whom, Compatriot Mark Anthony, is a dual member of the Saratoga Battle Chapter.

The business meeting concluded on Saturday, followed by an optional bus trip and guided tour of the Saratoga National Battlefield. Mr. Larry Arnold our Guest Speaker and a guide at the Battlefield, accompanied the tour group.

The conference closed with a gala dinner. Many in attendance dressed in Colonial period attire.

Following Saturday dinner was a historical presentation by the Guest Speaker, Mr. Larry Arnold.

No relation to Colonel Arnold, Larry Arnold's topic was "Arnold on Arnold, May 18, 1775: Benedict Arnold Saves American's Revolution." He highlighted Colonel Arnold's naval initiative on Lake Champlain that slowed the British encroachment on Northern New York's frontier. This little known action by Colonel Arnold was significant in giving more time to Patriots to organize, fight, and ultimately win the Revolution.



Guest Speaker Mr. Larry Arnold

And more photos from Saturday's events



Period attire added to the festivities -- Karl Danneil (l.) and Steve Gallant (r.).



President General J. Michael Tomme Sr. speaking at dinner.



Awardees receive their certificates from ESSAR Pres. Duane Booth (2nd r.).

September ESSAR Board of Managers Meeting

The Empire State Society Fall Board of Managers Meeting, hosted by the Valcour Battle Chapter, was held on Saturday, September 17, 2016, in Plattsburgh, NY, at the Valcour Brewing Company in "The "Old Stone Barracks." The facility is a renovated 1838 former barracks, on what was more recently the Plattsburgh Airforce Base.

During the meeting the NSAR Patriot Grave Marking medal and certificate was awarded in abstantia to Compatriot Robert J. Gang III.



"The Old Stone Barrack"



President Duane Booth opens the meeting



Robert Gang's Award

Next Empire State Society SAR Board of Managers Meeting

The Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter will host the next Empire State Society Board of Managers Meeting on November 5, 2016 at the Pegasus Restaurant in Coxsackie, NY. Coffee and danish will be available at 10 AM during sign-in. The business meeting will begin at 11 AM with a buffet lunch following.

Reservation must be received no later than Oct. 28, 2016.

The meeting is open to the general membership. Detailed information and reservation form is available at

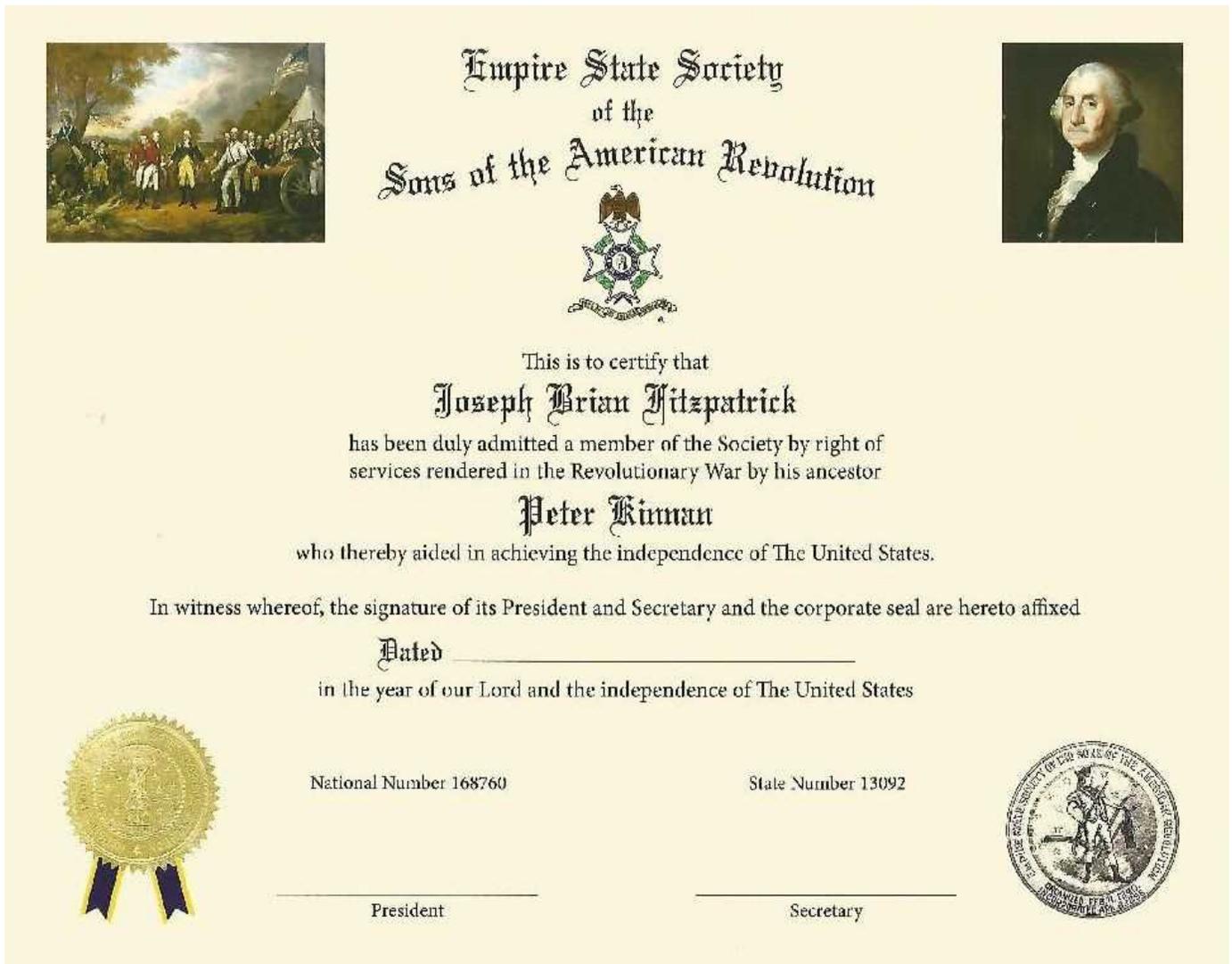
our website: www.ess-sar.org

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State Number _____

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Chapter Name _____

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C/O Joseph B. Fitzpatrick
PO Box 193
Esperance, NY 12066

A Good News Story

Compatriot Richard H. Trout, WWII Veteran, and a member of the Withlacoochee (Florida) Chapter SAR wrote the following letter to a school in our Metropolitan Region. For once something good made news.

*A Withlacoochee Visit to Brewster New York
On September 22, 2016*

“ Thank You For Your Service”

The Letter by Compatriot Richard H. Trout :

*Principal
H. H. Wells Middle School
Brewster, New York*

Dear Sir:

On April 28th of 2016, I was on a trip with my wife to show her our nation's capital. There were many school children also attending. I heard one time about 400,000. That does seem a bit large; however the hotel we were staying at had eight busloads of students. As elderly people sometimes dread coming into contact with our younger generation due to lack of discipline, your group did not fit that preconceived idea. I was tired, sort of angry with what I felt had become of our country.

I was at President Kennedy's burial ground, it was raining, cold, etc., when suddenly a young lady in a group walked up to me and thanked me for my service, then all of the students followed with the same thank you. They were the only group we witnessed that day who seemed to have respect for themselves in dress and demeanor. After this encounter, the coach came over to me and asked where I was from. I told him I was originally from Mt Vernon and he told me his group was Brewster which is just a few miles up the road. We had a small chat and I was totally impressed with his friendliness and being in control of his young adults.

Prior to this encounter we were in the Smithsonian, and in the World War II exhibit a young Filipino boy came up to me and asked if I was a WWII Veteran. I said yes and he asked if I served in Europe or in the South Pacific. I replied South Pacific, he suddenly beamed and ran to his grandparents who were standing in the background and said Grandpa I found one of the men who saved us. The rug fell out from under me; I had never felt so humble.

That day brought my life full circle, here in front of me were young people my age when a scared boy who had just turned 17 two days before, quitting high school and became a sailor in the U.S. Navy. A young boy thanked me for saving him and now I was in the presence of where it had all started and your students suddenly became full circle. I would appreciate it if the students are made aware of what their kindness has done for an old soldier.

Thank you for teaching your students respect.

*(signature)
Richard H. Trout
11565 SW 75th Circle
Ocala, Florida 34476*

Compatriot Richard Trout was at the Arlington Natl. Cemetery and a Class from Brewster Middle School, NY, were there in the rain, saw Richard with his WWII hat on and stopped him and thanked him for his service. Not just one child but at least 50 took the time to shake his hand and thank him for his service. He wrote a letter to the school and they replied to him (above). SAR Withlacoochee President Johnson, in consultation with some of the board members, felt they wanted to give them the "Outstanding Citizenship Certificate" and pin. Jack Townsend got busy and placed the pin and certificate on a board and laminated it.

President Johnson also contacted Ken Stevens, NY State SAR RVP for that area, and asked if he would like to be at the presentation and he said he would. Ken also asked if he could invite the local DAR regent for that area, Jennifer Pollack of the Enoch Crosby Chapter (NY). Jennifer was included.

August 8th President Johnson contacted Withlacoochee Past President, Charlie Day, who was vacationing in Connecticut to bring him up to date on the project and ask if Charlie and his wife Dorothy (a Withlacoochee auxiliary member), would be able to drive to Brewster, NY to make the presentation. (this would be an hour and 50 Minute ride each way for the Days). Charlie said he and Dot could do that, he was given school contact information and Charlie contacted the School and agreed to a date of of September Sept. 22 at 12:45 Pm for the presentation to the School. Jack Townsend created the Laminated presentation board and sent it along with the Trout Letter to the Days.

Ken Stevens, Jennifer Pollack, Dot and Charlie Day all arrived on the 22nd, on time at the H H. Wells Middle School. The School Principal, John Clark, met us at the door, introduced himself, and acted as host and guide. Things ran along on time, the auditorium was filled with about 275 middle school children along with a few of the 9th graders who were actually on the trip from the school last April. Dot requested a seat in the audience to take pictures, Charlie Day, Ken Stevens and Jennifer Pollack were seated on the Stage. The JROTC Color Guard from the High School presented the Colors. We pledged to the Flag and Annie Sullivan from the High School sang a great, traditional rendition, of God Bless America. Jennifer Cormier, School Secretary read the very moving Richard H Trout letter. Compatriot Charles Day was asked to speak for the Withlacoochee Chapter SAR and present the SAR Outstanding Citizenship Award to the Henry H Wells Middle School Principal, John Clark. Mr. Clark talked to the assembly about patriotism and RESPECT. He made a real point of wanting the children to understand that sometimes small actions could have very positive results. It was an occasion everyone was very pleased with.

There was local news media there and many local pictures were taken.



Dot Day Withlacoochee Auxiliary



Charlie Day at Henry H Middle School, Brewster



Webster High JROTC Color Guard presenting Colors



Charlie Day reading/presenting the Withlacoochee SAR Outstanding Citizenship Award.



Ms. Jennifer Pollack, DAR Regent NY, Ken Stevens, SAR President Westchester Putnam Chapter NY, Charlie Day, Withlacoochee SAR presenter, and John Clark Principal of Henry H Middle School, Brewster



John Clark Principal

The full auditorium of Middle School Students,(275 plus guest from High School, were extremely courteous and polite throughout this celebration time!
[compiled by Charlie Day]

Chapter News

Capital Region Chapters

- **Columbia - Mid Hudson Chapter**

On October 1st, Columbia -Mid Hudson Chapter SAR held a Grave Marking Ceremony at the Stoutenburgh Family Cemetery in Hyde Park. This cemetery dates back to the beginning of Hyde Park, founded by the Stoutenburgh Family, and is still privately owned and maintained by them. Markers were placed on the graves of 13 Revolutionary War Soldier and one War of 1812 Seaman. State President Duane Booth participated as well as Tim Middlebrook, Chapter President, and members of the Stroutenburgh Family. DAR and C.A.R. families were also in attendance..



- **Saratoga Battle Chapter --**

- The Saratoga Battle Chapter participated in the 13th Annual Citizenship ceremonies on the Fourth of July, held at the Saratoga National Historical Park.
- Chapter President, George Malinoski, resigned his position due to family health needs. First Vice President/Treasurer Douglas M. Gallant has succeeded George as President.



photo by Tina Post

The chapter marching in the annual Turning Point Parade on 7 August in Schuylerville, NY.

The chapter participated in the annual wreath laying at the Saratoga Battlefield National Park on 18 September.



- **Schoharie-Leatherstocking Chapter**

- The members of the Schoharie L-S NSSAR and Mason member of Schoharie Valley Lodge #0491 worked on the restoration project of Patriot George Zimmer's Cemetery. The clean up took three weeks. A new headstone was requested from the Veterans Administration and was received and placed on Patriot George Zimmer's grave. A ceremony was held and attended by several descendants of George and Adam Zimmer. Present were the members of the Stolzenburg family who presently own the farm where the cemetery is located and gave permission to the Schoharie L-S Chapter to restore the cemetery.



Some Zimmer Descendants at the cemerery.

Members of the Schoharie Chapter present for the ceremony were Compatriots James Buzon, Jeremi Sherman and Stanley Frank. After the dedication ceremony was held for Patriot George Zimmer the Chapter and the Zimmer descendants proceeded to the grave site of Compatriot Adam Zimmer, the brother of George and placed a NSSAR marker on his grave and held a moment of silence. There were four Zimmer brothers who served in the Albany 15th Militia and their father served on the Committee of Safety. One brother Jacob was killed and scalped during a raid on the Zimmer home. The location of his grave is unknown.

- Joseph FitzPatrick presented the NSSAR Eagle Scout award to Scout Anthony DeNucci of Middleburgh, NY.



(l - r) Mr. and Mrs DeNucci, Scout Anthony DeNucci, and Joseph FitzPatrick.

- **Stone Arabia Chapter** -- The Stone Arabia Chapter Militia commanded by Col. James Morrison provided the Honor Guard for the dedication ceremony at Patriot George Zimmer's restored Cemetery
- **Valcour Battle Chapter** -- the chapter hosted the September 17, 2016 ESSAR Board of Managers meeting.



(l-r) ESSAR Pres. Duane Booth and Valcour Pres. Craig D. Russell.



Three generations of Winglers

- **Walloomsac Battle Chapter** -- Members of the Walloomsac Battle chapter, together with the Saratoga Battle Chapter, participated in the annual Turning Point Parade held in Schuylerville, NY on August 7, 2016.

Central Region Chapters

- **Binghamton Chapter** -- The chapter had one fantastic event on Saturday, August 27th as we hosted a colorful and dignified ceremony honoring one of America's first veterans, Revolutionary War soldier William MacClure, by installing a memorial SAR marker at his Broome County grave in McClure, NY. Around 75 guests, including descendants of MacClure from Broome and Delaware Counties, as well as from Manhattan, Vermont and Texas. The Honorable Clifford Crouch, NY State Assemblyman for the 122nd District, provided some remarks on the service of early members of the military. Participants included a six-man color guard from the Broome County Veterans Memorial Association presenting the US flag along with the colors of the Army, Navy and Marines. The guard was joined by re-enactors in the uniforms of the Continental Army, and the Black Powder Guild from the Newark Valley Historical Society provided a musket man for the event. Two Rochester Chapter SAR members came down to provide 13 period flags and a second musket man. Boy Scouts from BSA Troop 83 in Conklin also participated. The Tuscarora Chapter DAR laid a wreath, and the Koo Koose Chapter DAR and the McClure United Methodist Church provided refreshments and drinks on a beautiful, sunny (and warm), late summer morning that was enjoyed and appreciated by all.



Participants at the McClure Cemetery



William McClure Monument

Western Region Chapters

- **Rochester Chapter** -- Photos of recent Chapter activities



Rochester Honor Flight, September 11, 2016



Dick Bean, receiving his 40 year membership certificate



SAR Annual Picnic, Martin Rd Park, September 10, 2016



Daniel Shays Grave Dedication, August 12, 2016

Metropolitan Region Chapters

- **Westchester-Putnam Chapter** - Chapter President Stevens attended the dedication of the Washington - Rochambeau Revolutionary Route historic marker at Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park in Yorktown Heights on August 22. United States Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell did the honors, celebrating the 100th anniversary.

sary of the National Parks Service and the 235th anniversary of the American-French march to Yorktown, Virginia to engage Lord Cornwallis and his army. Colonel (Ret) Jim Johnson who was the driving force behind the W3R project from its beginning in 1999 also gave remarks and thanks for the many groups public officials and individuals that had been involved in 17 year effort including the SAR and DAR. U.S. Congresswoman Nita Lowey who co-sponsored the bill authorizing the W3R National Historic Trail, signed into law by President Barack Obama in April 2009, also spoke.

History Corner

The Spanish Connection -- "...a debt we should not forget."

225th Anniversary of Spain's Entry into the Revolutionary War.

by Granville W. Hough, Ph.D. gwhough@earthlink.net

Somos Primos, June 2004

On 21 June 1779, King Carlos III of Spain declared war on England and thus made official his support of Americans in their struggle for independence. Clandestine support had already been provided for three years, but afterwards support was open and direct.

In the past few weeks, my daughter and I have been studying documents of the Continental Congress looking for names of American mariners. We found the reports of Arthur Lee, and the 1777/79 manifests of twelve vessels which were loaded out from Cadiz, Spain, with war supplies headed for Boston and Philadelphia. (Papers of the Continental Congress, Records Group M0247, Item #83, Roll 110, "Letters Received from Arthur Lee, 1776-1780,"). This was pre-war, but vital to the American effort.

Records such as these have rarely been studied by American historians, as emphasis has been on French support and participation. Few Americans know that:

1. Early French support included fifty/fifty Spanish/French participation, with Spain as a silent partner, so any so-called French support received before June 1779 should be reanalyzed.
2. Francisco Saavedra de Sangronis was personal representative for King Carlos III, and he negotiated the de Grass/Saavedra Accord in Jul 1781 which governed Spanish/French conduct of the war in the Western Hemisphere.
3. Saavedra was personally responsible for arranging the financing for the Chesapeake Bay operations which resulted in Yorktown. (Yorktown was thus the result of Spanish financing of cooperative efforts of the French Expeditionary Force, the de Grasse Fleet, and the American forces.)
4. The victory at Yorktown was made secure by the West Indies strategies of Spain and France. England was forced into a defensive strategy, as Jamaica was the big target for Spain. The French Expeditionary Force was moved in 1782/83 from North America to Venezuela to participate in the invasion. Spanish General Bernardo de Gálvez gathered in Haiti a 10,000 man force waiting to invade.
5. For two years, England held on, negotiating for the best possible peace terms. She held four invasion bases in North America (Charleston, New York, Penobscot Bay, and Detroit); but it was to no avail. She was out of manpower. The focus in the Western Hemisphere became holding Canada and the West Indies.

It can be accurately said that what put us over the top at Yorktown was Spanish money, as de Grasse told Saavedra plainly that he could not sail there without it.

It can also be accurately stated that what made Yorktown significant and secured it as the last great land battle in America was the British preoccupation with defending the West Indies (particularly Jamaica) against Spanish and French invasion. So we owe the Spanish people for their contributions to our freedom. It is a debt we should not forget.

Source: <http://www.somosprimos.com/hough/hough.htm>

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