

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 100-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Prettyman-Carey House

other names/site number Delaware CRS #S-04517

2. Location

street and number DuPont Highway (U.S. Route 113) not for publication

city or town Georgetown vicinity

state Delaware code DE county Sussex code 005 zip code 19947

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other, (explain).	_____	_____

Prettyman-Carey House
Name of Property

Sussex County, Delaware
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: three bay I-house

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE
walls ASBESTOS

roof ASPHALT
other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1890

Significant Dates

c. 1890

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) See Continuation Sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one (.24)

UTM References (NAD 83)

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>18N</u>	<u>468792</u>	<u>4277157</u>	3	<u>18N</u>	<u>468790</u>	<u>4277113</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<u>18N</u>	<u>468811</u>	<u>4277131</u>	4	<u>18N</u>	<u>468770</u>	<u>4277139</u>

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name/title _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Sussex County, Delaware

Narrative Description

The property, located on the southwest side of U.S. Route 113, consists of a late nineteenth-century dwelling on a parcel with four outbuildings. The outbuildings are excluded from the National Register boundary. Set back from the roadway about 300 feet amongst fallow agricultural fields, the house faces northeast. A driveway lies to the north side of the dwelling.

This c. 1890 two-and-one-half-story, wood-framed, L-shaped house has a three-bay façade. A full-width, hipped-roof porch stands across the front sheltering the side-hall entrance and two windows. Fenestration of all sides consists of single, one-over-one, double-hung sash windows. Peaked double-hung sash windows are featured centered within the attic level of the gable ends. A two-and-one-half-story gabled ell extends from the south corner of the main block. Attached to the rear of the ell is a one-and-one-half-story gabled former summer kitchen. A centralized entrance pierces the front, southeast façade. A one-story, one-room hipped-roof addition extends from its southwest wall. Along the northwest side of the ell stands a full-width, one-story, shed-roofed enclosure that extends from the rear of the main block to the northeast wall of the kitchen. A modern wood deck lies to the northwest side of the former kitchen and accesses a secondary, rear entrance that pierces the center of the wall. The entire house sits on a rusticated concrete-block foundation and is clad in cement-asbestos shingles. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. Three brick chimneys rise from the house, one from the center interior of the main block and one each from the interior gable-end of the ell and the former kitchen.

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Statement of Significance:

The house is a good example of a late nineteenth-century, three-bay, side hall plan house with associated rear ells. It is eligible for the National Register because of local significance under Criterion C for its architecture. The house possesses substantial integrity. The rear additions do not detract from its integrity, and represent a typical means of enlarging a building to accommodate growth in families and need for larger living quarters. Of particular note in the design of the dwelling is the three-bay, hipped roof front porch, an older front door, and brick chimneys with corbelled caps. Windows appear to be original for the most part, and the rear ell may incorporate a summer kitchen.

Historic Overview

In 1903, William H. Prettyman, executor of the estate of Nehemiah W.B. Prettyman, sold the 99-acre parcel on which the house sits to Anne Davidson for \$275 (Sussex County Deed Book 170:120, August 8, 1903). The parcel, designated in Orphans' Court documents as Parcel #7, was described as:

All that certain other tract, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Dagsboro Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, adjoining lands of Thomas Phasey, Gardner R. Marvel, and others containing 99 acres more or less, with a dwelling house, barn and other outbuildings thereon (Sussex County Orphans' Court, Case Files, Prettyman, Nehemiah W.B., 1903).

In 1930 Anna and William S. Davidson sold the parcel, then measured at 91 acres, to Charles W. Carey for an undisclosed amount (Sussex County Deed Book 278:427, February 26, 1930). Charles W. Carey owned the property until his death in April 1982. Ownership then passed by will to Mildred D. Carey, who died in November 1991. It then passed to her heirs, J. Wayne Howard and C. Carey Howard (Sussex County Deed Book 3276:103, February 24, 2006).

An interview was performed with Wayne Howard, the grandson of the owner of the property in the 1930s and current owner of the parcel. Mr. Howard's mother was raised on the property. He remembers making visits to the farm when he was young. His grandparent's surname was Carey. Their farm spanned both sides of U.S. 113, and still does.

The dwelling is believed to have pre-existed his grandparent's acquisition of the property. Mr. Howard remembers that the back portion of the dwelling was used primarily for everyday living because the front part of the house was poorly insulated. It has a centrally located, narrow spiral-like staircase. The front part of the house was believed to have been a later addition and was only used on special occasions, such as Christmas. The small, one-story rear portion housed his grandparent's freezer, but was never really used as part of the living area. Outbuildings that sit to the rear of the dwelling included a one-car garage, a barn, two corncribs, and a chicken house (now demolished). The garage was built in the late 1950s or early 1960s. The barn has an upper level loft, dirt floor, and artesian well water pump. The barn was used to house goats and was sectioned off with pens. Mr. Howard remembers that his grandparents raised goats for their milk, largely because his grandmother believed that goat milk was healthier than cow milk. The chicken house sheltered chickens that were raised for selling eggs. Farmland and a pond situated on the opposite of U.S. 113 were also owned and used by the Carey's as part of their farm. Mr. Howard remembers pigs were raised near the pond. All the surrounding farmland was, and continues to be, harvested for corn and soybeans. In 1975, Mr. Carey swapped some of his less tillable land with Melvin Joseph for use as an airplane landing strip.

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Statement of Significance (cont.):

Historic Overview (cont.)

Mr. Howard's grandfather passed away c. 1983 at the age of 96. Shortly thereafter, in the late 1980s, his grandmother moved to Maryland. The dwelling has been rented out to different tenants over the years, up until about 2003. The property is currently vacant and has been subject to vandalism (Howard 2006).

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Major Bibliographical References

Howard, Carey C.

2006 Current property owner. Oral interview on 3 November 2006 with Courtney L. Clark, John Milner Associates, Inc.
Notes on file, John Milner Associates, Inc., Philadelphia, PA.

Sussex County Deed Books

v.d. Sussex County Recorder of Deeds. Administration Building. Georgetown, Delaware.

Sussex County Orphans' Court

1903 Nehemiah W.B. Prettyman Case File. Delaware Public Archives, Dover.

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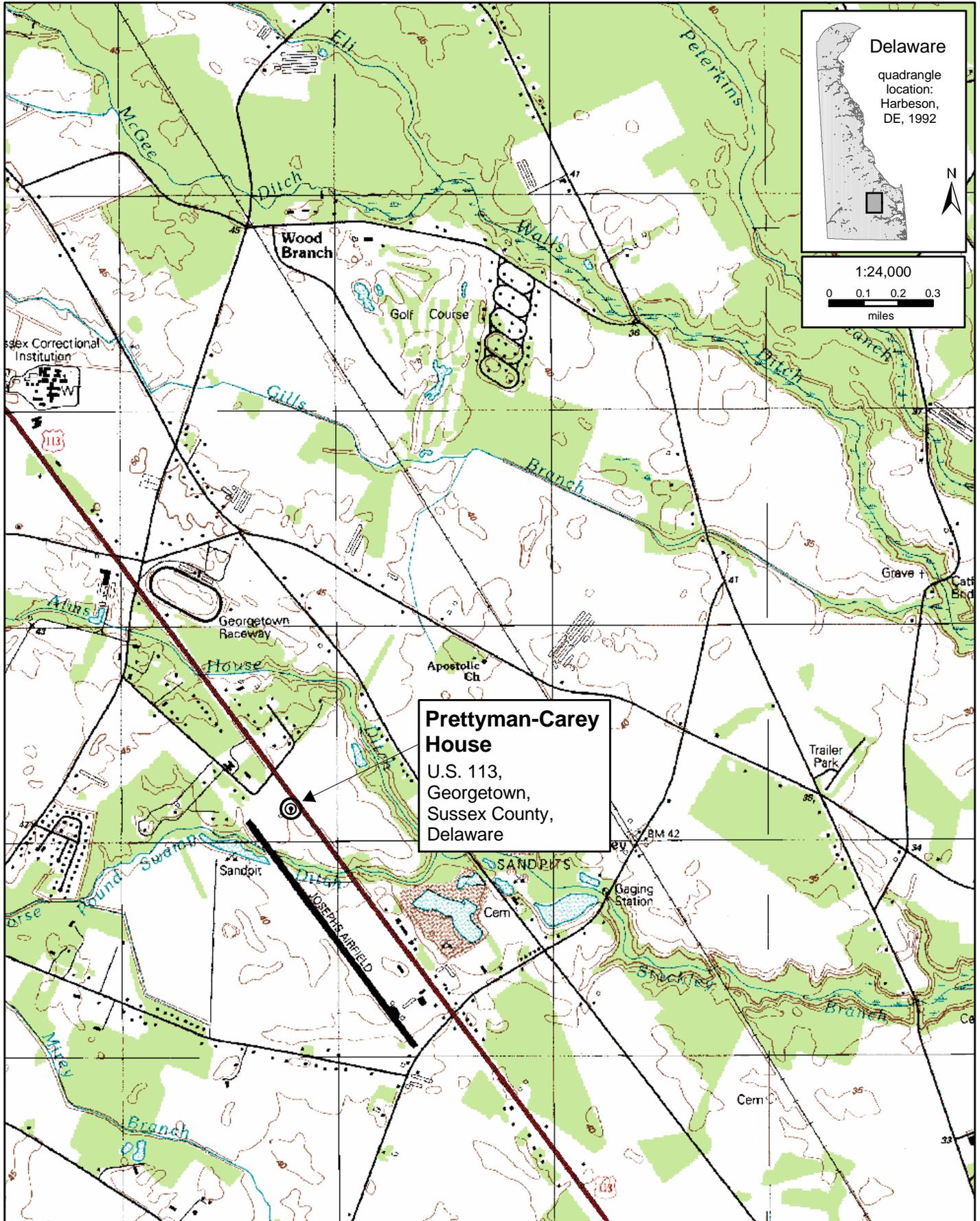
Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The National Register boundary for this resource is an approximately .24-acre rectangle within Sussex County tax parcel 133-6.00-123.00 that includes the house. The boundary extends 110 feet along the U.S. 113 frontage and is 92 feet deep.

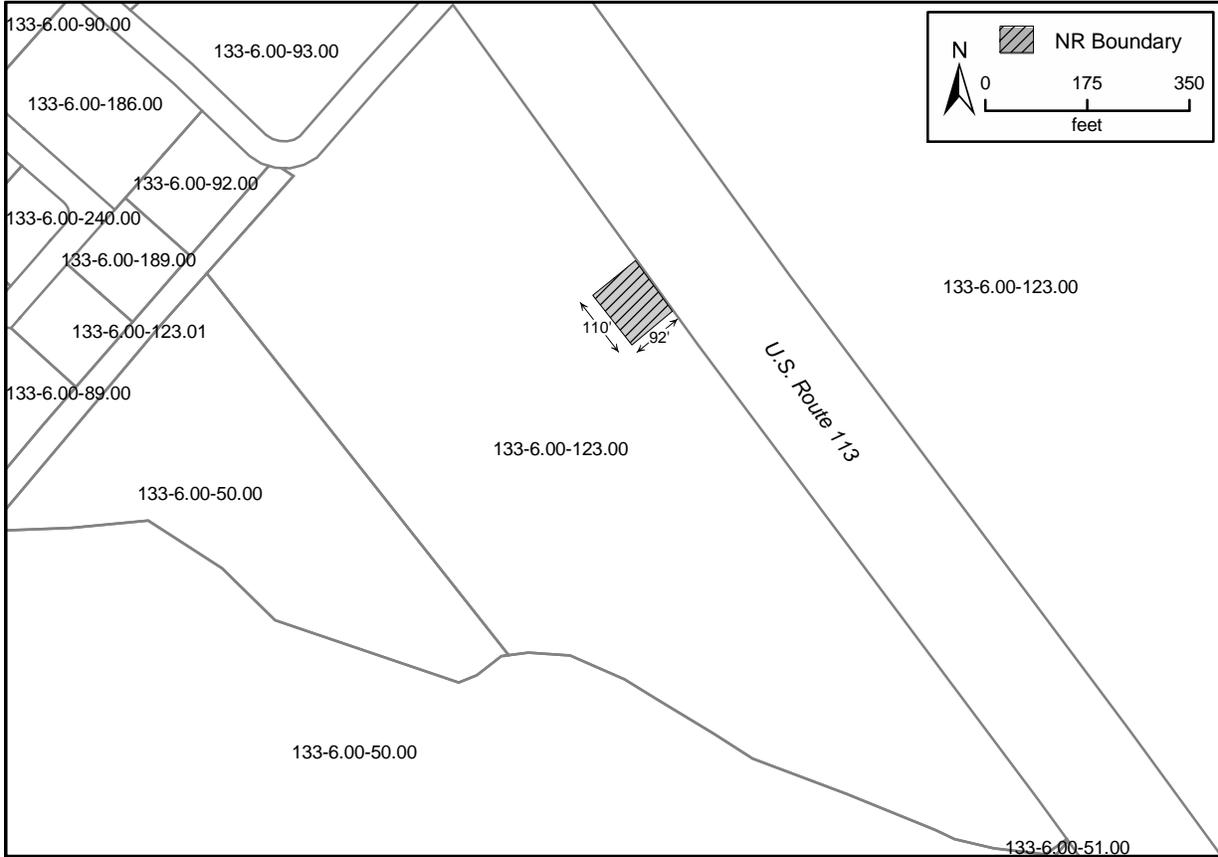
Boundary Justification

The outbuildings and surrounding farmland are excluded from the recommended boundary because they do not contribute to the significance of the dwelling under National Register Criterion C.



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Photographs

Photograph 1 of 5. View of façade and northwest side, camera faces south. (10/2005)

Photograph 2 of 5. View of rear and southeast side, camera faces north. (10/2005)

Photograph 3 of 5. Detail of window in southeast gable end, camera faces north. (10/2008)

Photograph 4 of 5. Porch across façade, camera faces west. (10/2008)

Photograph 5 of 5. Detail of porch post, camera faces southwest (10/2008)

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