

41 Dover Street  
Easton, Maryland 21601

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c1795 to  
Early Twentieth Century

The building complex at the corner of Dover and Harrison Streets is an interesting combination of buildings from three periods. The earliest is a two-and-a-half story Federal dwelling which faces Harrison Street. It has unusual rubbed brick arches and a molded water table. Between 1891 and 1895, a Victorian facade with corner entrance was constructed. The structure is now connected to late nineteenth century brick commercial buildings on Dover and early twentieth century block commercial buildings on Harrison Street.

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Grimes Buildings  
AND/OR COMMON Lynch Buildings

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 41 Dover Street  
CITY, TOWN Easton VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FIRST  
STATE Maryland 21601 COUNTY Talbot

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Joseph D. Lynch Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET & NUMBER 5215 Portsmouth Road  
CITY, TOWN Washington VICINITY OF STATE, zip code D. C. 20016

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: 482  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Talbot County Court House FOLIO #: 617  
STREET & NUMBER Washington Street  
CITY, TOWN Easton STATE Maryland 21601

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Town of Easton Survey by Paul Brinkman  
DATE August 28, 1967  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust  
CITY, TOWN Annapolis STATE Maryland

# 7 DESCRIPTION

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This unusual brick building on the southwest corner of Dover and Harrison Streets was clearly constructed at two different times: the earlier portion is a two-and-a-half story Federal period house facing Harrison Street. The second portion is the Dover Street facade, about six feet wide, with a side gable, corner entrance and irregular roof. The structure, now used for shops and offices, is connected to a late nineteenth brick commercial row building on the west and to early twentieth century block structures to the north.

Three bays wide on Harrison Street, the earlier building has a gable roof with two gable dormers in each roof slope. There is a molded water table. The entrance and interior stair were located in the northern bay, although few details of these elements remain. To the north was a brick wing, two bays wide and probably one-and-a-half stories high. The wing has been incorporated into the present block building, but an interior connecting doorway with paneled jambs has survived.

The brick is laid in the usual Flemish bond; the window arches are of rubbed brick, an unusual treatment, also found in the Henry-Bond House, Ten South Street (T-17). Second floor windows have flat arches. The first floor windows with segmental arches of the rubbed brick and main entrance have been bricked up and modern double windows substituted. All window sashes are modern with six over six used on all but the large shop windows.

Two gable dormers remain in the east roof slope. They have fluted pilasters, a simple cornice and return. The upper sash has rounded panes. Dormer cheeks, like the roof, are covered with tin in a petal design.

Between 1891 and 1896 the Victorian facade was constructed. It is about six feet wide with a belt course of protruding bricks and rosettes. The gable on Dover Street finishes the bowed roof connecting the new facade and earlier gable roof. The corner bay with its pedimented gable -- although no longer the primary entrance to the building -- provides a strong corner focus.

This facade has segmental arch windows on the second floor and a store front with a central entrance on the first. There are two tiny segmental arch windows in the attic and a central brick chimney. The south gable is finished with a cornice and return. Common bond brick with a smooth surface and narrow mortar joints is used.

The Dover Street buildings to which 41 Dover is now connected are typical of late nineteenth century flat-front brick commercial buildings. Three bays wide and two stories high, smooth brick pilasters and a restrained pseudomachicolation articulate the front facade. The windows, all with one over one sashes, have segmental arches and stone sills.

On Harrison Street, the adjacent buildings are of block with a rusticated cornice of four courses. Simple regular, window openings contain two over two sashes. There are two buildings: the southern is three stories high and the northern two. The main entrance is in the southern bay. The buildings date from the early ~~nineteenth~~ century, appearing in a photograph of 1914 or 1917. *twentieth*

Evidently the building has undergone several remodelings to accommodate its various uses. A photograph of 1914 or 1917 shows an elaborate entrance

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1795 to BUILDER/ARCHITECT  
Early Twentieth Century

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These buildings are significant for their architecture. The earlier building represents a type of late eighteenth century dwelling common in Easton. The Dover Street facade, interesting for its irregularity, is a rather ingenious attempt to reorganize and modernize an old building.

L482/F617

This early brick building is now used commercially, with offices above and a retail shop on the first floor. Mr. Joseph Lynch is the present owner, since he bought it in 1974 from Arthur Grymes III. The dimensions have shrunk from the original tract to 30 foot frontage on Dover Street and 116 feet on Harrison Street.

L55/F90  
L56/F428  
L63/F58

In 1798, the brick residence was valued at \$1025.00 in the tax assessment, it was owned by Lucretia Teackle and was occupied by Thomas J. Bullitt, while he was building his own home. Pollard Edmondson, the \*father of Lucretia Teackle, built the house as a present for his daughter. It was her home until her death. The property was devised by her to her son and daughter and was sold by her grandchildren, Philip Wallis and his wife and cousin Eliza to Arthur Willis. In 1842 Philip Francis Thomas owned it briefly and in 1850 sold it to Isaac C. W. Powell for \$2200.00. At this time the land tract measured 70 feet on Dover Street and 172 feet on Harrison Street. This was the Powells home until 1889 when the Farmers and Merchants National Bank paid \$4500.00 for the dwelling and the present smaller land area. Willett Hubbard owned it in 1910 and William Reddie in 1923. The Reddies sold it to Arthur Grymes III in 1954.

L157/F51  
L195/F96  
L310/F425

The Edmondson family were in Talbot County in the 17th Century and exerted great influence among the Quakers and as wealthy traders and merchants. Isaac Powell was a leading attorney in Easton during his lifetime, as was Mr. Reddie in the twentieth century. Arthur Grymes III is a son of the builder of the present Tidewater Inn, across the street.

\*History of Easton - George O. Gary  
S. Ellwood Patchett - Reprinted 1974 by Historic Easton, Inc.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.  
Sanborn Maps, 1885, 1891, 1896, 1911.  
Easton Atlas, 1877.  
Collection of photographs, Maryland Room, Talbot County Free Library.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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CITY OR TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

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porch with stylized square Corinthian columns leading to the original brick wing. The original entrance had been bricked up and a three bay porch removed.

Interior trim from the Federal period has been replaced with late nineteenth or twentieth century items on all floors except the third, where chairrails, baseboards, and paneled doors remain. The second floor has window and door trim which appears to date from the late nineteenth century, possibly when the Dover facade was constructed. A small portion of balustrade, which appears to date from the Federal period, is used in the block building. Apparently moved to this location, there are slender, turned balusters with flaring tops not commonly found in the town.

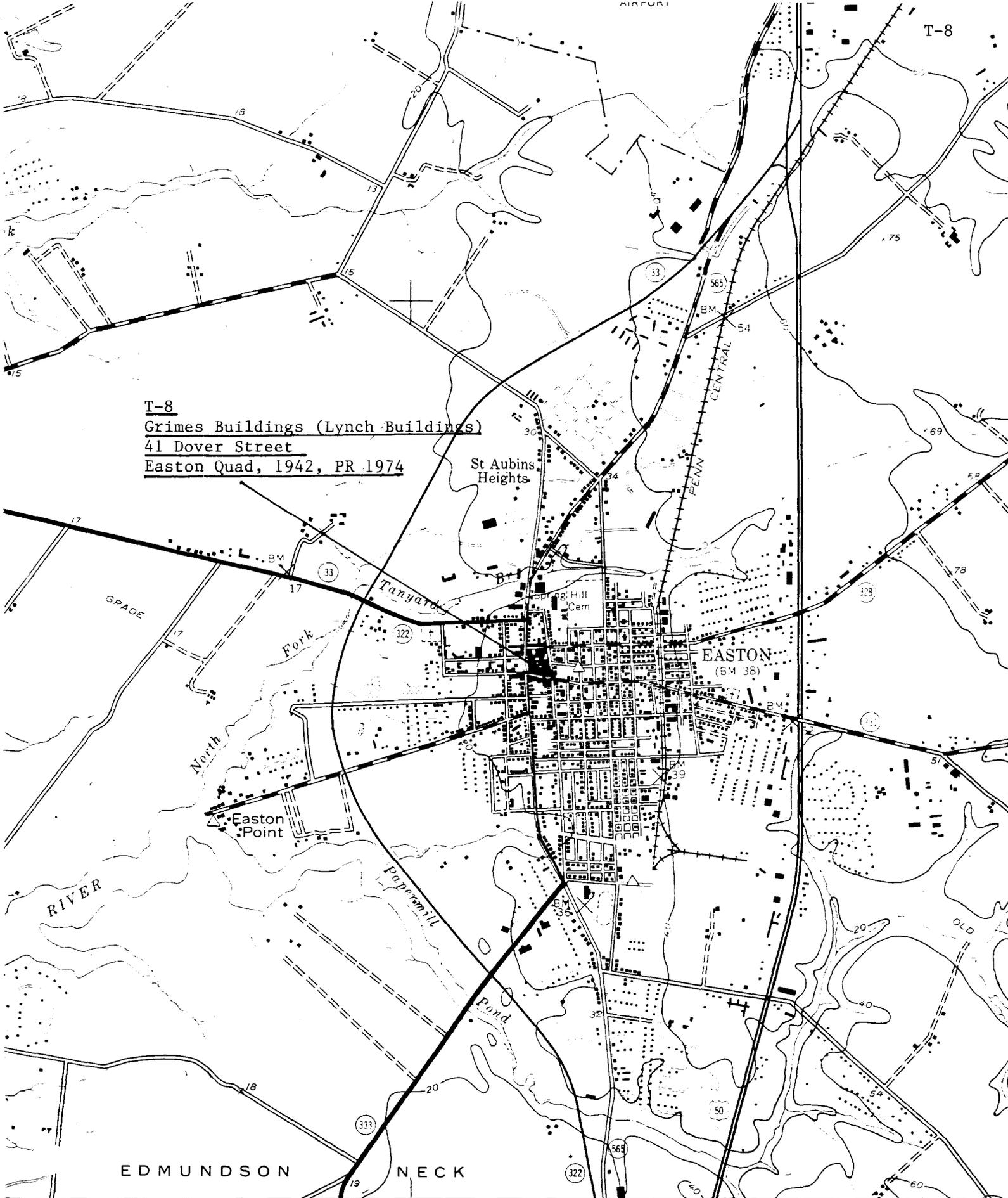
The structures are very well maintained. Painted light gold and green, they form an attractive grouping.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

<p>1. STATE <b>Maryland</b>          COUNTY <b>Talbot County</b>          TOWN <b>Easton</b> VICINITY          STREET NO. <b>Corner Harrison + Dover Sts.</b></p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER          ORIGINAL USE          PRESENT OWNER          PRESENT USE <b>Store and apartments</b>          WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>Flemish bond brick</b>          NO. OF STORIES <b>2 12/2</b></p>	<p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY</p> <p>2. NAME <span style="float: right;"><b>T-8</b></span></p> <p>DATE OR PERIOD <b>c. 1820 and later</b>          STYLE <b>Federal &amp; Victorian altera-</b>          ARCHITECT <span style="float: right;"><b>tions</b></span>          BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <b>no</b></span></p> <p>This was an A-roofed house of the Federal priod which has had a Victorian facade added to its side. The original house was 3 bays wide. The 1st storey windows and door are bricked up. The windows had segmental arches and granite lintels. The 2nd storey windows are 6/6 and have flat brick arches of a row of stretchers. They also have granite lintels. There are 2 peaked dormers on the roof with reeded pilasters and elaborate molding. They are 9/6. The top 3 panes of glass are rounded to make them into rounded arched windows. A cornice of carved modillions and dentils runs along the roof line, there is a water table of quarter round molded brick.</p> <p>To the left of this old house has been added a Victorian front with molded bricks in flower designs and an elaborate store front of brick pilasters. A pedimented Victorian gable out from the corner of the building. It too has Victorian molded brick trim.</p> <p>In its altered state this building still presents a very pleasing appearance.</p>	
<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE <span style="float: right;">Endangered <input type="checkbox"/> Interior <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior <input type="checkbox"/></span></p> <p style="text-align: right; padding-right: 50px;"><b>Well maintained</b></p>	
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> 	<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p>
<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>	<p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Paul A. Brinkman</b></p> <p>DATE OF RECORD <b>August 28, 1967</b></p>



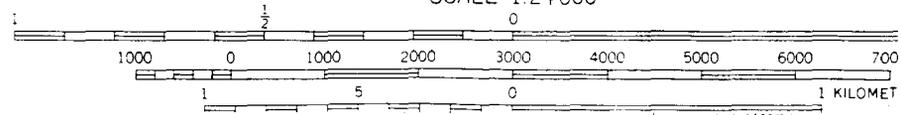
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Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



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