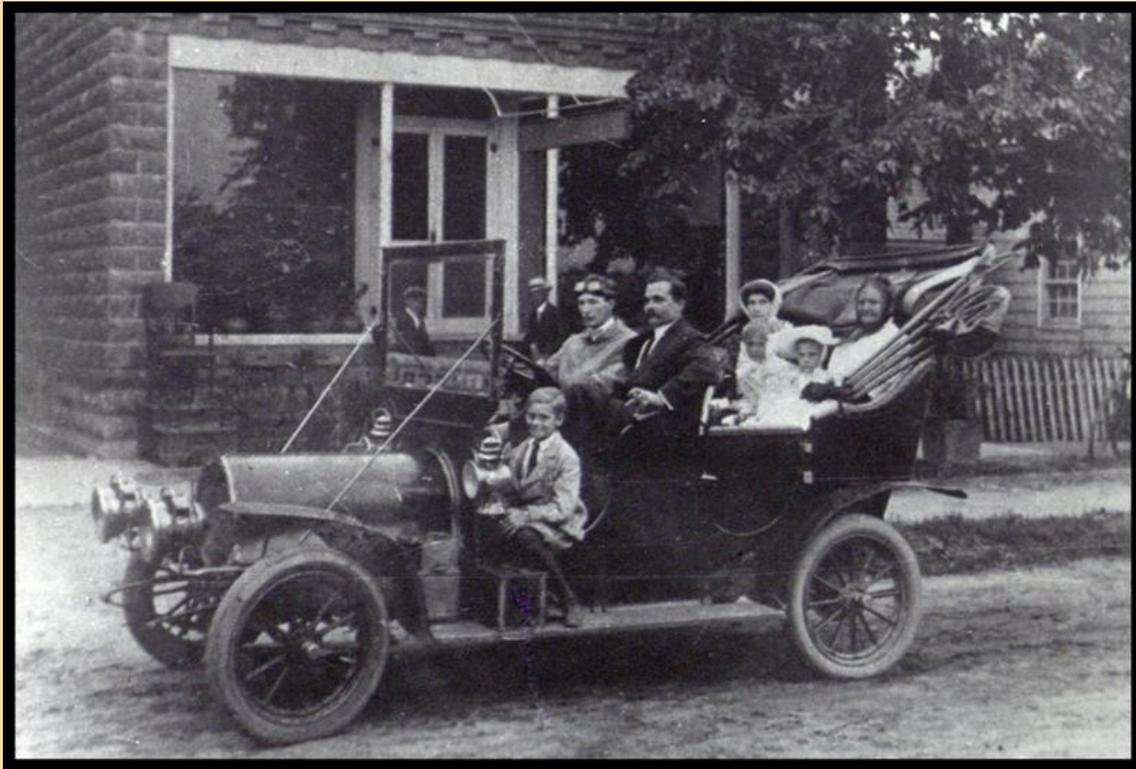




## Item of the Week *from the* Long Island Collection

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### **Joseph Loris and Family, East Hampton, N.Y.**

With so many hotels, boarding houses, inns, and other businesses located within the Village of East Hampton over time, it's not hard to imagine how one could be overlooked. Such is the case with the East Hampton Hotel, which used to be located on Newtown Lane, across the street from where Theory, Tesla, and the Shoe-Inn stores stand today.

The East Hampton Hotel was founded by Joseph Loris (seen above with his family), who previously operated a restaurant in Montauk in 1898 that is said to have largely catered to Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders, who were temporarily quarantined at Camp Wikoff upon their return from Cuba at the conclusion of the Spanish-American War. When the soldiers left, Loris moved back to East Hampton where he eventually built his hotel.

Born in Sicily on March 1, 1874, Joseph Loris immigrated to the United States in 1888 after his father died when he was fourteen years old. He first settled in New York City, where he eventually earned a living as a barber, before moving to Long Island on the suggestion of a friend. In East Hampton, he established a

barbershop before taking over the restaurant his brother Frank started in Montauk, which later became Ruschmeyer's.

Loris purchased the site for his hotel on Newtown Lane from his landlords Van Scoy and Dayton, who owned the store in which his barbershop was located upstairs. The total cost was \$700. As Loris was fond of bowling and pool, his hotel featured a bowling alley in the basement, which was later considered "bad for business" as it lured customers downstairs to watch the games, away from the bar. He also had approximately twenty pool tables located in a small building on the hotel property, as well as a music store (which burned down around 1930). By the time of his death in 1965, Joseph Loris was proprietor of the East Hampton Hotel for over sixty years.

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