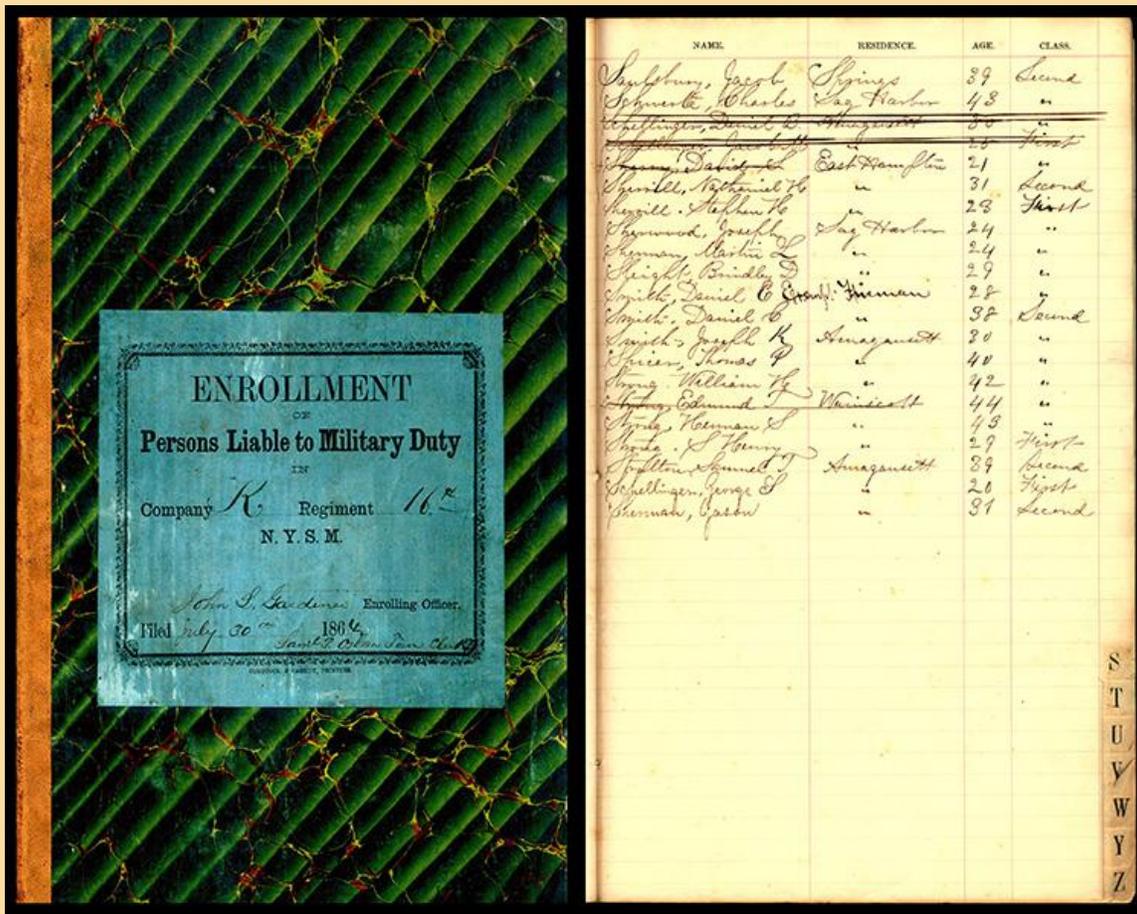




Item of the Week *from the Long Island Collection*

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Enrollment of Persons in East Hampton Town Liable to Military Duty, 1864

On March 3rd, 1863, the United States Congress passed The Enrollment Act creating the first wartime draft in American history. The act required registration of men between the ages of 20 and 45-years-old to serve in the Union Army during the American Civil War.

Exemptions to military duty could be obtained in two ways, both of which favored the wealthy. Men could pay \$300 (approximately \$6,100 today) or provide a replacement draftee to serve in their place. In response to the start of draft

registration, on July 13th, 1863, thousands of people in lower Manhattan participated in riots, burning buildings, and destroying public spaces for four days. The New York City draft riots resulted in around 120 dead and the destruction of the Colored Orphanage Asylum, leaving 250 children homeless. Despite state and local authorities' fears that riots could spread to the East End seaports, and an incident in Sag Harbor, draft enrollment occurred relatively peacefully in East Hampton.

The [ledger displayed above](#) is a local register for draft enrollment. It was prepared in 1864 by East Hampton Town Clerk, Samuel P. Osborn (1819-1895), and the enrolling officer, John L. Gardiner (1841-1910, 11th Proprietor of Gardiner's Island). Inside, it lists the names, ages, and villages of East Hampton Town men who were liable to military duty under the Enrollment Act. The front cover lists the military unit as Company K of the 16th Regiment of the New York State Militia, which responded to the draft riots in Brooklyn in 1863. The ledger also indicates the draft class of each man, which was based on age. First class indicated that he was between the ages of 20 to 35 and second class meant that he was between the ages of 35 to 45. The names crossed out in the ledger are men who did not serve. The 16th Regiment spent 1864 through 1865 guarding New York Harbor.

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