

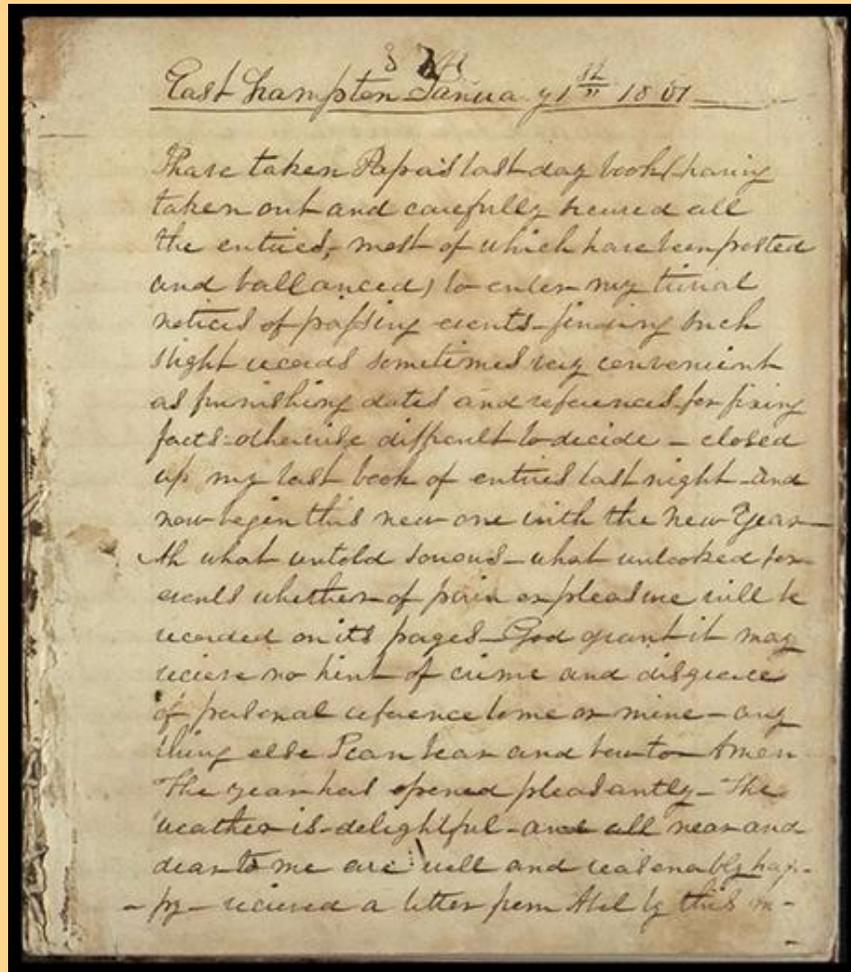


Item of the Week *from the* Long Island Collection

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EAST HAMPTON STAR ARCHIVE



Diary of Cornelia Huntington, 1861-1863 (page 2)

Do you keep a diary? Would you mind if someone read it? More often than not, people keep diaries to record private feelings or thoughts regarding everyday events. Perhaps you got in a fight with a loved one or you witnessed something extraordinary on your way home from work or school. On the other hand, sometimes a diary's purpose is a lot more prosaic; containing daily notations regarding the weather or whom you saw during an appointment. Whatever the case may be, diaries are interesting in that they leave behind a record of a life, whether it be 5 days or two hundred years ago. The Long Island Collection contains many diaries; the diary page above belonging to Cornelia Huntington (1803-1890). Also known as Martha Wickham (her nom de plume), she's considered East Hampton's first notable female writer, most known for "[Sea-Spray: A Long Island Village](#)" (about East Hampton) and "[Odes and Poems and Fragmentary Verses](#)". She was also the daughter of Dr. Abel Huntington, and sister of Dr. George L. Huntington, who were mentioned in one of our previous newsletters regarding Huntington's Disease. Needless to say, her diaries provide a snapshot of

what it was like to live in East Hampton during the 19th century. On January 1st, 1861, Cornelia begins her diary by writing, "I have taken Papa's last day book (having taken out and carefully secured all the entries, most of which have been posted and balanced) to enter my trivial notices of passing events finding such slight records sometimes very convenient as finishing dates and references for fixing facts otherwise difficult to decide - closed up my last book of entries last night and now begin this new one with the New Year - Ah what untold sorrows - what unlooked for events whether of pain or pleasure will be recorded on its pages..."

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The East Hampton Star Archive is a fully searchable, online digital archive of our local weekly newspaper, that features each complete issue of the paper from 1918-1968, exactly as it appeared in print. Visit the archive online, for a tour of our Town's history that will fascinate both the amateur and professional historian!

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Welcome to the Long Island Collection's "Item of the Week." We are an archive dedicated to the history and people of Long Island, with a special interest in all things East Hampton and East End. Unlike some small local history rooms in other public libraries, we have over 100,000 items including, but not limited to, rare books, maps, photographs, deeds, postcards, letters, newspapers, and whaling logs.

We also have a dedicated and hardworking staff ready to help you with any questions you may have. Unable to make it to the library? No problem! We upload images from the collection to **Digital Long Island** on a weekly basis, so there's always something new and interesting to behold.

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