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Sea Spray Hotel, Easthampton, L.I.

The Sea Spray Inn was a 19th century boarding house, originally located on Main Street in East Hampton, before it was moved to the end of Ocean Avenue overlooking Main Beach (opposite the bathing pavilion) in the early 1900's. Over time, cottages and outer buildings were added to the property. It was the biggest hotel in East Hampton and, for a time, was the only one with beach front between Montauk and Southampton. Sadly, the main house burned in February 1978, when the inn was unoccupied for the season. The only structures left standing were the cottages. The Village of East Hampton purchased the 16-oceanfront acres and 13 cottages in 1979 for \$3 million. The highly coveted Sea Spray cottages are leased to the public during the summer season by the Village through a bidding system. Turnover is rare; all of the cottages are currently leased. There are [22 additional historic Sea Spray Hotel postcards](#) to view online in the Library's [Digital Long Island Collection](#). Showing exteriors, interiors, and aerial views, they provide a fascinating snapshot of a bygone era in East Hampton history.

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photographs, plans, postcards, prints, sculptures, sketches, textiles, tiles, yearbooks and more to come.

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!



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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