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Thomas Moran Paintbrushes



Thomas Moran Palette

The tools of an artist, this assortment of paintbrushes and colorful palette previously belonged to Thomas Moran (1837-1926), a painter and printmaker who once lived at 229 Main Street, across from Town Pond, in East Hampton (which is currently in the process of being restored), between 1884 and 1926. Thomas Moran's artistic style was that of the Hudson River School, which was noted for its depiction of the American landscape. Moran's work often featured the American West and his watercolor paintings from the Hayden Geological

Survey of 1871 are credited with leading to the creation of Yellowstone National Park, the first U.S. national park, in 1872. Moran's *The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone* (which was first purchased by Congress for \$10,000) and *The Three Tetons* have hung in the U.S. Capitol building and in the Oval Office of the White House. Alternately, Moran (as well as his wife, Mary Nimmo Moran, and members of his family) made very good use of his time in East Hampton, creating many sketches and etchings of the surrounding landscape. Items such as these, as well as personal correspondence, artifacts, photographs, etc., can be viewed in the Long Island Collection, as well as the online [Digital Long Island Collection](#), under the **Thomas Moran Biographical Art Collection**. The Thomas Moran Biographical Art Collection was donated to the East Hampton Library by Thomas Moran's daughter, Ruth B. Moran, as part of her will in 1946.

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