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### Post Office, East Hampton, L.I. postcard image

If you ever looked closely at the building at 1 Main Street, on the corner of Main Street and Newtown Lane, in East Hampton (which currently houses *Elie Tahari*) and decided that it kind of resembles a post office, you wouldn't be wrong. A **post office** was built on the site by the Millard family of Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1917, which they then leased to the government for \$900.00/yr. The New York Telephone Company subsequently signed a lease to occupy the 2nd floor of the building. By doing so, they acquired 2,000 square feet of floor space to install a common battery switchboard. In 1927, the building was sold to H.C. Bohack, Inc., a supermarket chain. The post office reopened at its new location at 46 Newtown Lane, which is currently *Theory* (this building may also resemble a post office to some). The New York Telephone Company remained on the 2nd floor of the original post office building at the time of the sale. In 1949, Bohack's moved their store to 2 Pantigo Road, which is currently *Citarella*. The main floor at 1 Main St. was a number of different shops for the next 15 or so years, with the second floor continuing to be occupied by the New York Telephone Company and later a law office. In 1965, Dr. Alan York moved his optometry practice from 135 A Main St. to the ground floor at 1 Main St. He bought the building in 1971 for \$85,000. He later sold the building to Elie Tahari in 2006 for \$7.5 million. The store opened in 2007 and still occupies the building.

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