

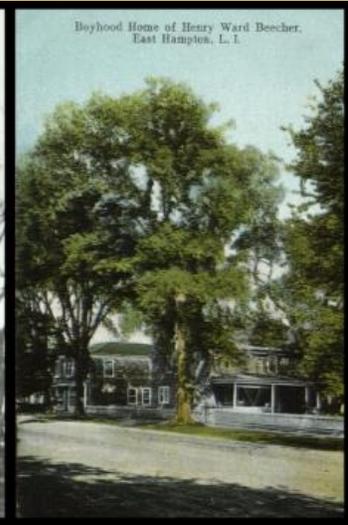


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[Lyman Beecher Home, East Hampton](#) [Henry Ward Beecher Home, East Hampton](#)

Those familiar with East Hampton's early history may recall its first four ministers: Thomas James, Nathaniel Huntington, Samuel Buell, and Lyman Beecher. Lyman Beecher, born in 1775 in New Haven, Connecticut, was just 24 years old and a recent graduate of Yale University when he was ordained as minister of the First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton in 1799. His starting salary was a mere \$300 a year (which was later increased to \$400 in 1804), but he soon married and started raising a family on Main Street. As minister in East Hampton, Beecher quickly established a reputation for himself as a moral reformer, revivalist (meaning he promoted the revival of religious enthusiasm in the church), and fought against the practice of dueling, using Alexander Hamilton's unfortunate duel with Aaron Burr as an example in a sermon. By 1810, Beecher left East Hampton for First Congregational Church of Litchfield in Litchfield, Connecticut, further developing a prominent career. His house still exists today at 86 Main Street, which was later renovated in the Greek Revival style. It is now East Hampton Village Hall. As an interesting side note, Beecher fathered 13 children, the most well known being Harriet Beecher Stowe (author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin") and Henry Ward Beecher (a prominent clergyman). Neither were born in East Hampton, but the Long Island Collection has an interesting postcard erroneously displaying the "Boyhood home of Henry Ward Beecher" (from the [Harvey Ginsberg Postcard Collection](#)).

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