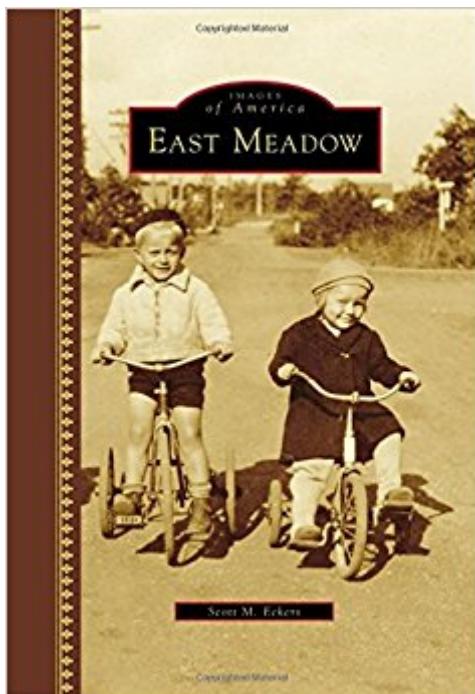


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# East Meadow (Images Of America)



## **Synopsis**

Following World War II, East Meadow developed into a suburban paradise some 20 miles east of New York City. The hamlet's name was derived from its proximity to the colonial settlement at Hempstead and the topography of the Hempstead Plains that covered much of present-day Nassau County. East Meadow was once known for herding sheep, raising cattle, and growing potatoes--livestock frequently outnumbered the human population. Large farming estates of the Barnum, Carman-Lowden, and Fish families drove the local economy and existed alongside smaller farms and businesses that dotted the colonial-era roads. East Meadow was also home to high-society Gilded Age mansions, dangerous automobile races, stylish polo and golf clubs, and famous residents such as Eleanor Roosevelt, Joseph J. Lannin, and Alva Vanderbilt Belmont. Proximity to Mitchel Air Force Base and Roosevelt Field placed East Meadow directly under the path of important airplane firsts, such as Charles A. Lindbergh's 1927 transatlantic flight.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Scott M. Eckers is an educator, entertainer, historian, and lifelong resident of East Meadow. He serves as a trustee on the East Meadow Board of Education. Eckers also helped establish the Swan Lake Historical Pavilion in the Borscht Belt of the Catskill Mountains. Photographs in this book were compiled from local archives and the personal collections of East Meadowites.

Comprehensive and interesting book that was well-researched and a labor of love on the part of the

author. Loaded with vintage photos and filled with facts about the history of the town. I love it!

This is a lovely historical pictorial of East Meadow. So many people of our acquaintance are in this book - especially our dearest friend, Ernie Hatzelman, pictured on the cover. Ernie became the owner of The Meadow Dairy and everyone knew how great a deli that was. They made the best and largest sandwiches ever. You could make two from the one. If you come from the East Meadow area this is a must.read book.

The archival photos and backstory of East Meadow was a joy to behold. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to revisit the past and learn a thing or two about East Meadow.

Having grown up in East Meadow, this book provided some interesting insights as to what life was like there before the post-WWII housing shortage that resulted in its suburbanization.

HUGE HIT! Great if you grew up in East Meadow

Awesome

Well written and great pictures. Brought me back to my childhood. Also great history of my hometown.

This is a great book. Thank you for the fast service.

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