



The office in the new New York Telephone Company building on South Ocean Avenue in 1919. It is a far cry from the first small switchboard installed in 1893 in John M. Conklin's drugstore, where Mr. Conklin's daughter Lila became Patchogue's first telephone operator.



The telephone system in Patchogue grew so rapidly, that the Phone Company had to look for a larger building. In May 1949 the company moved from South Ocean Avenue to a building on East Main Street, opposite the Elks Lodge. The Phone Company stayed here till 1960. This is a 2006 picture of the building, which has changed much since 1960.



The large New York Telephone Company building on North Ocean Avenue, north of the Sunrise Highway, was built 1959 – 1960. This 70,000 square foot building provided workspace for 450 employees that were working in previous years in small offices scattered over Suffolk County.