

## The Ocean Beaches on Fire Island

Although a main attraction for the tourists in the first part of the century, many Patchogue people also visited the ocean beaches on Fire Island. A visit to Fire Island included a pleasant ferry trip across the Great South Bay, which is 5 miles wide in front of Patchogue. The destinations in these years were Cherry Grove and Water Island, where hotels and other accommodations were available. Shortly after the end of the Second World War, Davis Park and Leja Beach were developed, which now became the main destination for ferries traveling from Patchogue and for boat owners. The Davis Park community grew over the years. Many rental homes, wide sandy beaches, a large boat basin, the Casino restaurant and a motel attract many visitors.



Water Island on Fire Island was a popular place for vacationers. The White House Hotel is the large building on the left in this view from the bay side.



The White House Hotel, as seen from the ocean side in 1905. The proprietor of the hotel was Edward O. Ryder, who lived on Ocean Avenue in Patchogue.