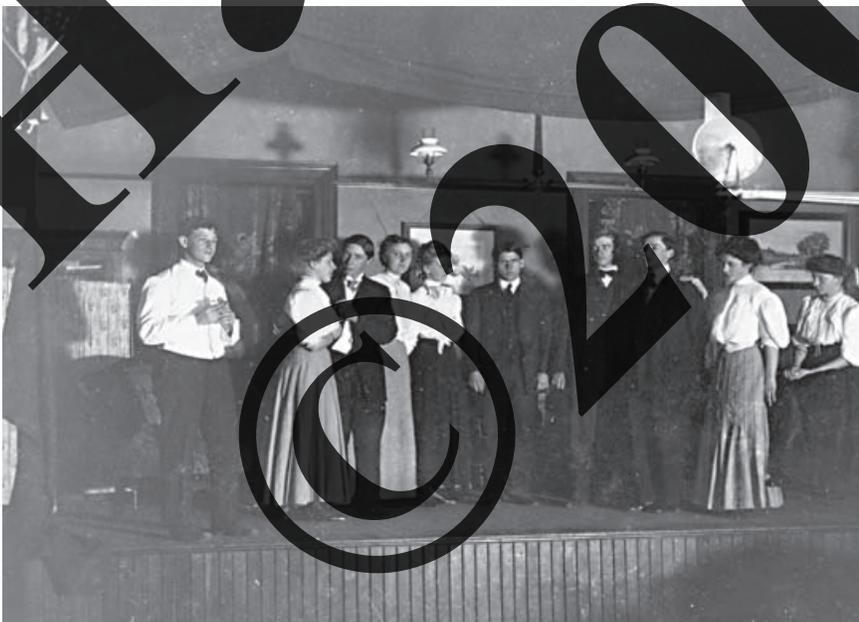


The Wilmott M. Smith Grammar School, built in 1908 on Bay Avenue, was a large sixteen room brick building, the first one of this type of construction in Patchogue. The first principal was Fredrick S. Vanderwater. The attendance in 1923 was 583 pupils. The school was torn down in the 1960's to be replaced by a modern building.



Stage plays were organized by the school for students eager to show off their thespian talents. This is a scene from the Patchogue High School performance of Hearts and Diamonds in April 1907.



Here is another scene from the play Hearts and Diamonds. The stage lighting is provided by gas; the front gaslight has an added reflector.