



The large summer crowds in Patchogue provided a lucrative business for the ferry-boats going to the hotels and beaches on Fire Island. Here is the ferry Mascot boarding passengers at the dock on the foot of South Ocean Avenue.

Cherry Grove was one of the popular destinations on Fire Island for family outings. The ferry Hattie F. Burcham seems to be loaded to capacity. The cost of a ferry ride was 25 cents. The Hattie F. Burcham was a 6 1/2 ton catboat built in 1886 in Patchogue and was operated by Captain Swezey. The boat was converted to gasoline engine power in later years and was operated as a ferry boat.



Patchogue Ferry to Cherry Grove.



A group of bathers at Newins Pavillion. This bathing pavillion was at the foot of Bay Avenue, next to the Clifton Hotel. Newins was not connected to any hotel and was patronized by guests of hotels that did not have their own beaches as well as by local residents.