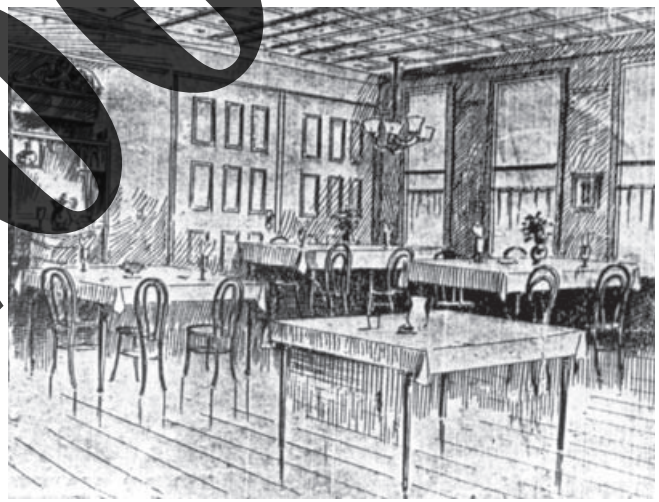




Patchogue's rapid growth in the 1890's called for larger Main Street hotels. Gelston G. Roe built this addition to Roe's Eagle Hotel in 1892. The hotel could now offer beds to two hundred guests. This image shows the new west portion.



The dining room in Roe's Hotel was a busy place, especially on summer weekends, because Roe's was the turn around point for the "Century Runs," or hundred mile runs, of the New York bicycle clubs. It was 50 miles from Brooklyn to this point, and the hardy cyclists would replenish their energy here with a rest and good food and then cycle back to Brooklyn—the less hardy would take the train back. The trains had special cars attached to accommodate the bicycles.



The Brooklyn Citizen newspaper published an extensive article about Roe's Hotel in 1894, accompanied by several drawings. The left image shows the bar in the hotel and the one on the right the dining room.