



In the 1890's, East Main Street had a charming, small-village look. The trees on the left are hiding Roe's Hotel. The tall building on the right is the Mills Building. By the turn of the century Patchogue had developed into a strong business community because of demands of consumer goods and services made by the tourists and fishing industries.

This beautifully clear photograph of the west end of Patchogue was taken in 1890. The building on the right with the four columns, is Lawyer Jennings' house. He owned all the property between Ocean Avenue and Havens Avenue. The center building is Bankert's Private School and the next is the Gerity home, later to become Mueller's "White House" Hotel. The American Lace Factory and the lake are in the background.



Here is another view of West Main Street from Fishel's Tower. This c. 1890 picture shows the Central Hotel on the left and the John Roe Smith Block next to it. Today the Colony Shop occupies the bottom floor of this building, which was built in the 1870's. It still looks the same, only the corner tower has been removed.