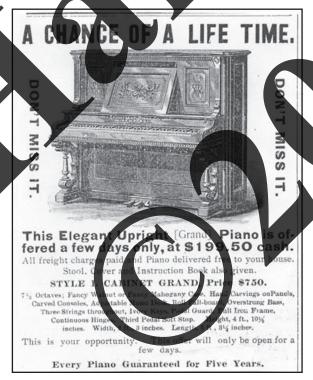


The Ackerly Block Building was located on the west side of South Ocean Avenue, 400 feet south of Main Street. The main occupant in this 1896 picture was George M. Ackerly's Piano Store, but there were also the Platt Clothing Store and the Long Island News Company Store on the ground floor and the law offices of Walter Jaycox and A. H. Carman on the upper floors.



Before the time of radio and television, families which enjoyed music would own a piano, if their means allowed it. To judge by this picture, Mr. Ackerly had a thriving business, because there are sixteen pianos sitting on the Patchogue freight platform waiting for him.



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