

THROUGH THE LENS- LONGMEADOW 100 YEARS AGO

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On the courts of the **Longmeadow Tennis Club** one mixed doubles and two men's doubles matches were played on this July day. Two Rules were posted: "*For Members Only*" & "*Keep Off Wet Courts*". Opening day for the Longmeadow Tennis Club was Saturday, June 28, 1913.

The tennis courts were built on the grounds of the original Storrs Library by Vaughan & Kibbe. Individuals that were interested in playing the game had donated to build these three courts. According to an article in the Springfield Union (6/11/1913), after contributing, they became members of this Club and were given a membership ticket & a copy of the rules & bylaws of this new organization.

When the new Richard Salter Storrs Library was built in 1933, the tennis courts were removed. As stated in the Springfield Union (12/31/1932), "The space is needed for the parking of automobiles for those who will come to the new library, when that is completed and for the house of the caretaker of the library."

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