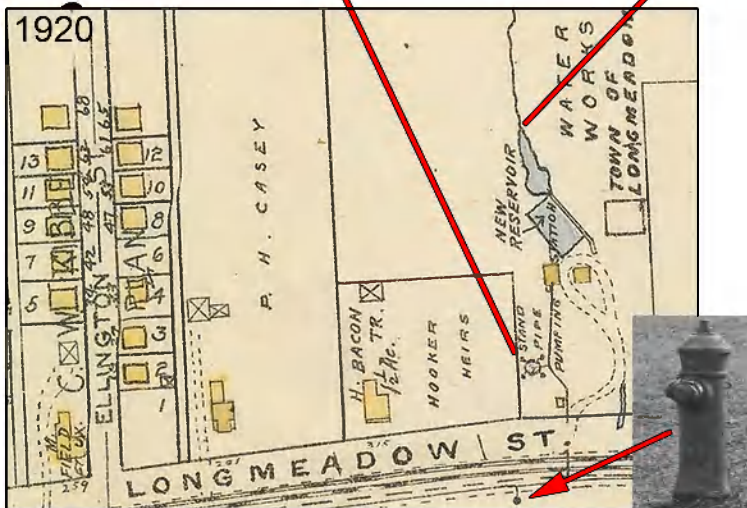


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The Longmeadow Water Works which was started in 1894 consisted of a pond, a screen filter, a Deane steam pump, a storage tank (connected to stand pipe) and an engineer's house. The tank was open at the top so the engineer usually pumped it until it overflowed. The unused water from the pond ran down to the Connecticut River and was known as Cooley Brook. Water was delivered to town residents through pipes on Longmeadow Street and side streets. As the town's water needs increased, the town started purchasing additional water from Springfield in 1912.

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