

# THROUGH THE LENS- LONGMEADOW 100 YEARS AGO

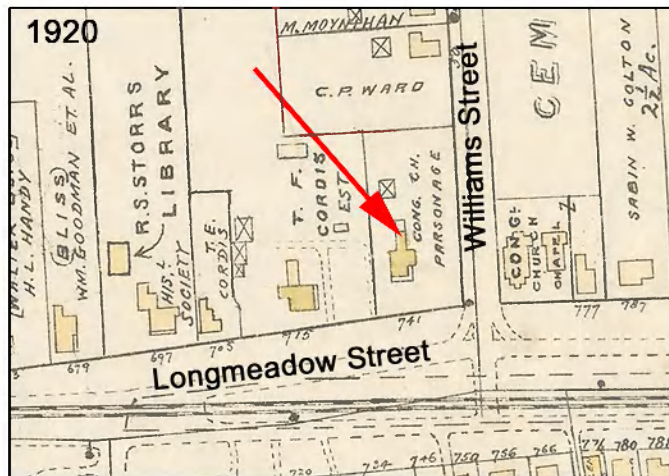
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## Parsonage- First Congregational Church



circa 1915/ Emerson Collection

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In 1857 the First Congregational Church parish voted to build a parsonage on the site of the Rev. Stephen Williams' original home which was destroyed by fire in 1845. It housed ministers until 1917, when Rev. Henry Lincoln Bailey retired. It later served as quarters for church school classes and as the residence for the church caretakers.

The parsonage was moved south of the church in 1921 when the Community House was built by First Church. The building currently is home to the Longmeadow Montessori School.

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