

# Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

## Brief history of Longmeadow, Massachusetts

In 1635, a man by the name of William Pynchon was looking for a place for Puritans to have economic stability and religious freedom. He started his search sailing up the Connecticut River. He landed in nearby Agawam, left cattle and went back to Boston to recruit people. However when he came back with the settlers he was greeted by angry Native people because of the damage their cattle had made to their corn fields.



Pynchon decided to settle on the opposing East side of the river, he purchased the land from the natives that they called "Masacksic" roughly translates to "The long meadow". The fertile meadows were used communally for the growth of food, however, in 1645 the residents the area voted in favor of distributing the land to individuals as farmland, this was passed and soon the pastures were divided up.



The first houses started being build in Longmeadow in 1649, much later than its original settlement because a large number of people used the town simply as farmland and lives elsewhere, particularly in the city of Springfield, which is just north.

## Location and Driving Directions from closest major U.S.

### Airport(s).

Located on exit 49 of i-91. Bradley International Airport is located nineteen short minutes south. From the airport take Bradley International Airport to Schoephoester Rd for two miles. Then Take CT-20 E and I-91 N to US-5 N in Enfield. Take exit 49 from I-91 N.

Who was President when this town was founded? And, what was the political environment in America at that time.

In 1636, when Pynchon first brought back settlers from Boston there was no president, it was only sixteen years after the Mayflower landed. However, Even in 1783 when Longmeadow was incorporated there was no president and wouldn't be for six more years. It was the end of the Revolutionary war and thus America was recovering from the war and becoming accustomed to becoming less reliant on Britain.



Oldest businesses/largest businesses today.



Church and Chapel before remodeling

Longmeadow is not known for its shopping district, it consists of a Big Y supermarket, a bagel shop, and a few chain stores. Beyond that the town has very little to offer its consumers.

Commonly cited as one of the first major building that is still standing and in use is the First Church of Christ, It was constructed in 1716. This church is located on Longmeadow St, on The Green which is a half a mile long and 200 ft wide of lawn between the main street, Longmeadow st, and a far less busy run off of Longmeadow st that is home to many amenities including town hall, the library, and many historic homes.



For Longmeadow day:

<http://www.longmeddowedays.org/>

For lodging:

<http://naomisinn.net/>