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### **Quinnipiack Club History**

The Quinnipiack Club was founded in 1871 as the "Ours Club," by twenty young New Haven businessmen. In the post-Civil War years, gentlemen's clubs offered comfort and camaraderie as cities took shape, powered by enormous growth in industry, education and the arts. "Ours" set itself among them and quickly became a focal point of social activity among the up-and-coming of the era.

The first clubhouse consisted of two rented rooms in the Hoadley Building, a four-story cast iron- fronted showplace on the corner of Church and Crown. As the years passed, "Ours" became the Quinnipiack Club, its numbers outgrowing the Hoadley Building, the Elias Shipman House on Chapel at Temple Street, and the Darling House, a little further up Chapel Street. It was at this location, in 1913, that visiting president William Howard Taft was made an honorary member.

The club unveiled its plans for a handsome Georgian style clubhouse at 221 Church Street just slightly ahead of the Great Depression. It was designed by the nationally known architect Douglas Orr. Completed in 1931, it has been the home of members and an elegant, welcoming "home away from home" for countless visitors and guests over the years.



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