

Irish Immigrants In Saugatuck

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To the Editor:

It was pleasant to read about the **Saugatuck** section of Westport, Conn., where I reside ("An **Immigrant** Haven, a Sailor's Delight," Oct. 2), but no mention was made of the first wave of European **immigrants**. The first tracks for the opening of the New Haven Railroad were built by **Irish immigrants** in 1849. A combination of centuries of oppression and disastrous famine drove nearly a million **Irish** to a new life of freedom in America. Many of these early **Irish** settled in and near the **Saugatuck** railroad station and it was soon known as "Little Dublin." The street I live on, Treadwell Avenue, was known locally as "**Irish** Boulevard" as late as the 1930's.

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