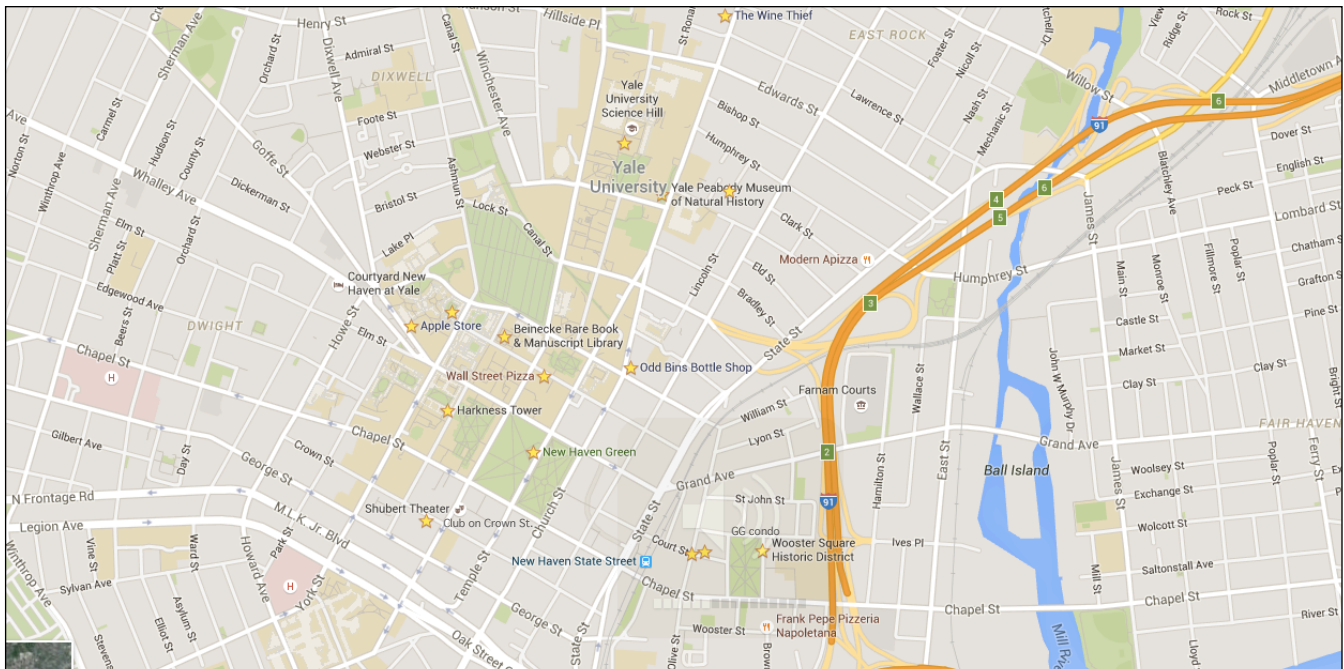


## A brief unofficial guide of the All Souls Trilogy Locations

The Tenth Knot - Summer-Fall 2016



In this new post—part one of a two-part series—we're exploring Diana's New Haven as the backdrop for *The Book of Life*. The posts follow the chapters, starting with Chapter 15. We go from Diana and Matthew's favorite shopping area to Chris's lab, and even places where you can find vampires and daemons.

*I just can't believe there's a vampire at Yale." "You've obviously never been to the astronomy department," Game Boy said. "There are four vampires on the faculty there. And that new professor in economics—the woman they hired away from MIT—is definitely a vamp. Rumor has it there are a few in the chemistry department, but they keep to themselves." (The Book of Life, Ch. 15)*

Although downtown New Haven is fairly compact and the locations are walking distance, at least two days are recommended to walk the same itinerary. Three days become necessary if you want to visit museums, tour the Beinecke Library, and attend concerts.

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## Shopping and Strolling in New Haven

*We'd spent most of the weekend stocking the house with essentials like any normal New Haven couple: wine from the store on Whitney Avenue for Matthew, groceries for me, and enough electronics to outfit a computer lab. Matthew was horrified that I owned only a laptop. We left the computer store on Broadway with two of everything—one for him and one for me. Afterward we strolled the paths of the residential colleges while the carillon played in Harkness Tower. College and town were just beginning to swell with returning students who shouted greetings across the quad and shared complaints about reading lists and class schedules. (The Book of Life, Ch. 15)*

All the shopping locations described in Chapter 15 are clustered in one area, not far from Harkness Tower. And Deb has managed to describe witch-vampire shopping—succinctly in one paragraph!

**Note:** The shopping locations have not been confirmed by the author, so they represent mere speculations or educated guesses.



**Address:** Odd Bin Bottle Shop (unconfirmed), 1 Whitney Ave, New Haven, CT 06510

**Website:** [oddbinwineshop.com](http://oddbinwineshop.com)

**Address:** The Wine Thief (unconfirmed), 378 Whitney Ave, New Haven, CT 06511

**Website:** [thewinethief.com](http://thewinethief.com)

**Address:** Apple Store (unconfirmed), 65 Broadway, New Haven, CT 06511

**Website:** [apple.com](http://apple.com)

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## Harkness Tower

Built in the Gothic style as part of the Memorial Quadrangle, Harkness Tower was actually constructed in 1917 and 1921. The Tower was designed by James Gamble Rogers, who also designed many other Yale Gothic buildings. The structure is named after Charles William Harkness (Yale class of 1883), brother of Yale's largest benefactor, Edward Harkness. The tower is 216 feet tall (66 m).

The towers's decorative elements, sculpted by Lee Lawrie, have four levels:

1. In the lowest level are Yale's Eight Worthies: Elihu Yale, Jonathan Edwards, Nathan Hale, Noah Webster, James Fenimore Cooper, John C. Calhoun, Samuel F. B. Morse, and Eli Whitney.
2. In the second level are the sculptures of Phidias, Homer, Aristotle, and Euclid.
3. In the third level are allegorical figures depicting Medicine, Business, Law, the Church, Courage and Effort, War and Peace, Generosity and Order, Justice and Truth, Life and Progress, and Death and Freedom.
4. The gargoyles on the top level represent Yale's students, along with masks of Homer, Virgil, Dante, and Shakespeare.

Members of a student-run group called the Yale Guild of Carillonneurs play the 54-bell Yale Memorial Carillon, twice per day during the school year (at 12:30 p.m. and at 5:30 p.m.), and only in the evening, during the summer. The Yale Carillonneurs host free summer concerts, where they invite carillonneurs from all over the world to join and play at Harkness Tower.

**Trivia:** Deborah Harkness is *distantly* related to the Yale Harknesses, as she revealed on a [Facebook post](#) on October 2014 (All Souls Discussion Group).

**Address:** Harkness Tower, 74 High St, New Haven, CT 06510



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## New Haven Lawn Club

*He [Matthew] was at Human Resources getting his identification badge while I waited for him in the rarefied atmosphere of the nearby New Haven Lawn Club. The hushed confines of the main building dampened the distinctive plonk of tennis balls and the screaming children enjoying the pool during the last week of summer vacation. Three brides-to-be and their mothers had been escorted through the room where I was sitting to view the facilities they would enjoy should they be married here. This might be New Haven, but it was not my New Haven. (The Book of Life, Ch. 15)*

Located in the downtown area of New Haven across the street from Klein Biology Tower, the New Haven Lawn Club is a private club, which was founded in the late 1800s. Marcus Whitmore is one of the founding members.

A fire destroyed the Clubhouse in 1929, and a much larger facility was designed by New Haven architect Douglas William Orr and opened 1931.

To become a member of the Lawn Club, prospective members must obtain three recommendation letters from current members of the Club. And if you don't know any members or are new to the area, the administrators are happy to introduce you to members of the Club.

**Address:** New Haven Lawn Club, 193 Whitney Ave, New Haven, CT 06511

**Website:** [nhlawnclub.com](http://nhlawnclub.com)



## Department of History, Yale University

*His attention wandered over the table, taking in the untouched pot of tea, my blank yellow legal pad, and the unopened copy of the latest American Historical Review that we'd rescued from my overstuffed department mailbox on our way to Science Hill. (The Book of Life, Ch. 15)*

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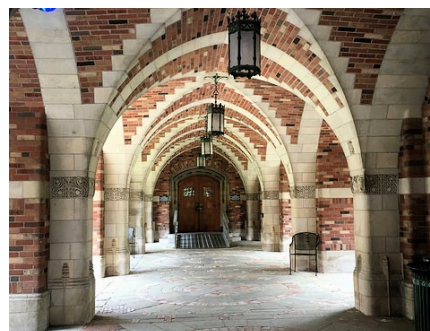
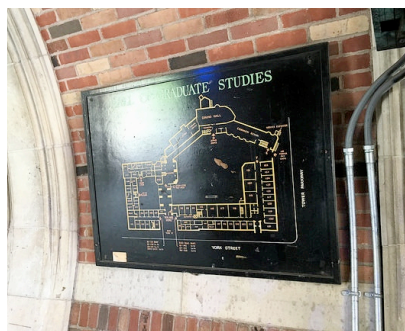
Diana's department mailbox is located at the Department of History, which is housed at Yale Hall of Graduate Studies, very close to Harkness Tower and the Beinecke Library.

While history has been taught at Yale since since the 1760s, when President Thomas Clap introduced historical courses, the Department of History has existed since 1919, when Yale divided its faculty into academic departments. Yale awarded its first History Ph.D. in 1882 to Clarence Winthrop Bowen for a dissertation entitled "The Boundaries of Connecticut," which was published in the same year. History became the largest major in the 1950s and has been a popular major ever since.

About 150 History graduate students currently are in residence, and the Department accepts between 20 and 25 new students into its graduate programs each year.

**Address:** Hall of Graduate Studies, 320 York Street, New Haven, CT 06520-8324

**Website:** [history.yale.edu](http://history.yale.edu)



### **Kline Biology Tower (KBT)**

*We crossed Whitney Avenue by the garden filled with dinosaur statuary, cut behind the Peabody, and approached the tall tower where Chris's labs were located. My steps slowed. Matthew looked up, and up some more. "No. Please not there. It's worse than the Beinecke." His eyes were glued to the unappealing outlines of Kline Biology Tower, or KBT as it was known on campus. He'd likened the Beinecke, with its white marble walls carved into square hollows, to a giant ice-cube tray.*

*"It reminds me of—" "Your lab in Oxford was no great beauty either, as I recall," I said, cutting him off before he could give me another vivid analogy that would stay with me forever. (The Book of Life, Ch. 15)*

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Kline Biology Tower, or KBT, is a skyscraper and the fourth-tallest building in New Haven, Connecticut. Home to the Yale University Department of Biology, the building was designed by Philip Johnson, who also designed the nearby Kline Geology and Chemistry Laboratories.

*I just can't believe there's a vampire at Yale."*

*"You've obviously never been to the astronomy department," Game Boy said. "There are four vampires on the faculty there. (The Book of Life, Ch. 15)*

The Astronomy Dept. (Steinbach Hall) is near KBT in case you want to look for the vampire faculty.

**Address:** Kline Biology Tower, 219 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511

**Website:** [biology.yale.edu](http://biology.yale.edu)

**Address:** Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, 170 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511

**Website:** [peabody.yale.edu](http://peabody.yale.edu)



## Beinecke Library

*I tramped up the staircase to the main level of the library. Here, glass-encased books formed the Beinecke's spinal column, the core of knowledge and ideas around which the collection was built. Rows and rows of rare books were lined up on the shelves, bathed in light. It was a breathtaking sight, one that reminded me of my purpose as a historian: to rediscover the forgotten truths contained in those old, dusty volumes. (The Book of Life, Ch. 16)*

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Named after two brothers, Edwin J. and Frederick W. Beinecke—both Yale graduates—the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library houses the principal rare books and literary manuscripts of Yale University. The rare book and manuscript collection of Yale University began in 1701 when ten ministers contributed a handful of books to the brand new college they founded in the Colony of Connecticut. Over the years, other book gifts followed, expanding the collection to 180,000 volumes in the iconic glass-encased central tower, plus over a million volumes in the underground book stacks.

The library is open to Yale students and faculty, as well as other scholars not affiliated to Yale. As in other similar libraries, books and manuscripts cannot be checked out and can only be used in the Reading Room.

The building, designed by Gordon Bunshaft, is made of Vermont marble and granite, and bronze and glass. Construction on the building started in 1960 and was completed in 1963. The white-and-gray-veined marble panes of the exterior are 1 and 1/4 inches thick, filtering light so that rare books can be displayed without damage.

Upon entering through the revolving glass door, visitors are greeted by the spectacular 6-floor glass tower of books. Both the entrance level and the mezzanine level serve as a showcase for rotating exhibits.

In 2015 through September 2016, the library has undergone a renovation focused on its mechanical infrastructure (plumbing, electrical, and heating and cooling system) with the goal to improve the preservation of the collections and access to greatly improved teaching spaces. The building's marble panels, granite grid, and bronze fixtures have also been restored, and the Noguchi Sculpture Garden has been refurbished and waterproofed.

**Tours:** As stated on the Beinecke website, “tours are sometimes available by prior arrangement.” Contact the Beinecke via email, [beinecke.access@yale.edu](mailto:beinecke.access@yale.edu) to request a tour.

**Events:** To get notifications about the Beinecke events, which are free and open to the public, you can join their email list. There are two steps to subscribe:

1. Go to <http://messages.yale.edu/Subscribe> and enter your email; a new page with a list of topics will load.
2. Click on the topics of interest: By clicking on Libraries, you'll be able to subscribe to Beinecke Early Books, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, and many other topics.

<http://beinecke.library.yale.edu/programs-events/upcoming-events>

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**Address:** Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale University, 121 Wall Street, New Haven, CT 06511

**Website:** [library.yale.edu](http://library.yale.edu)



### Wall Street Pizza

Diana's favorite food is pizza, so it was no surprise reading about Diana dining at Wall Street Pizza in *The Book Of Life*. Wall Street pizza is a fairly casual and cozy dining establishment, popular for their thin pizza, cold beers, and student-friendly prices. The restaurant is literally one block away from the Beinecke Library, and therefore very convenient for Diana and Lucy Meriweather.

They're open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and closed on Sunday. Check their website for opening hours.

*Gallowglass insisted we pick up something to eat, so we stopped at the pizza place on Wall Street. I waved to a fellow historian who was sitting in one of the scarred booths with stacks of index cards and an enormous soft drink, but she was so absorbed in her work she barely acknowledged me. (The Book of Life, Ch. 17)*

**Address:** 90 Wall Street, New Haven, CT 06511

**Website:** [wallstpizza.com](http://wallstpizza.com)

### New Haven Green

*We cut across the green and through the gap between the courthouse and City Hall. On Court Street we crossed the railroad tracks and headed toward my house. (The Book of Life, Ch. 17)*



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The gap described in Chapter 17 is actually a pedestrian-only area marked on the maps of New Haven as the Vision Trail. It is also a shortcut that connects the New Haven Green with Court Street, the street where Diana’s townhouse is located.

The Green has a somewhat spooky history, as it was used as the main burial grounds for the residents of New Haven. The practice was abolished in 1821 and many of the tombstones—were moved to the Grove Street Cemetery. However, the remains of the dead still remain below the soil of the Green. When strong winds from Hurricane Sandy knocked over an oak tree in October 2012, a human skeleton likely dating back to colonial times emerged with the tree roots and soil. May be Matthew is just trying to protect Miriam from any spooky encounters :)

*Take care of Miriam. Don't let her walk across New Haven Green at night, even if she is a vampire.  
(The Book of Life, Ch. 23)*

**Address:** 165 Church Street, New Haven, CT 06511

**Website:** [cityofnewhaven.com](http://cityofnewhaven.com)



### **Diana’s Townhouse**

*I looked down the pedestrians-only length of Court Street, a tree-lined, residential enclave in the heart of the city. As usual, it was deserted, except for a black cat and some potted plants. (The Book of Life, Ch. 17)*

Diana’s house in new Haven is in the peaceful, pedestrian-only stretch of Court Street, in the Wooster Square Historic District, east of downtown New Haven. The trees, potted plants, and even the small vegetable gardens give a private feel to the colorful narrow houses. Individual door colors and other small details are the only accents that make each house unique. The

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small Court Street townhouses—all 20 feet wide and 30 feet deep—are quite resilient, having survived economic crisis, real estate market crashes, and urban developments.

Walk to the intersection between Court Street and Olive. That’s where the reunion with Jack Blackfriars takes place.

*When Matthew returned home to the brightly painted red door with the white trim and the black pediment, it opened wide. (The Book of Life, Ch. 21)*

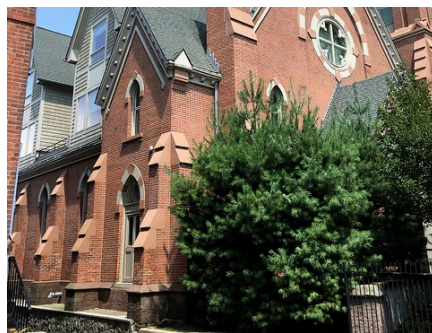
**Address:** Court Street & Olive Street, New Haven, CT 06520-8324

**Website:** [historicwoostersquare.org/aboutus.html](http://historicwoostersquare.org/aboutus.html)

### Gallowglass’s Condo

*“Thanks, but I’m around the corner. At Gallowglass’s condo,” Miriam replied. “What condo?” Matthew frowned. “The one he bought on Wooster Square. Some converted church. It’s very nice—a bit too Danish in decor, but far preferable to Marcus’s dark-and-gloomy period.” (The Book of Life, Ch. 15)*

Gallowglass’s condo is located in the apartment complex called the Gables at Wooster Square. The Gables apartment complex is indeed a converted Catholic church. Over the years, the Archdioceses of Hartford merged and closed several churches in New Haven, and St. Casimir’s was one of the casualties.



Wooster Square takes its name from Major-General David Wooster, who maintained a warehouse on Wooster Street prior to the American Revolution. General Wooster died in 1777 in Fairfield, CT while leading his troops against the British. Hmm ... Wondering if he knew Matthew and Marcus.

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*In spite of the late hour, Gallowglass’s house was not the only one in the neighborhood that was still illuminated. New Haven was a college town, after all. Most of Wooster Square’s night owls sought a strange companionship, working in full view with curtains and blinds open. What distinguished the vampire’s house was that the drapes were tightly closed and only cracks of golden light around the edges of the windows betrayed the fact that someone was still awake. Inside the house pools of lamplight cast a warm glow over a few personal belongings. Otherwise it was sparsely decorated with Danish Modern furniture made from blond wood accented with occasional antiques and splashes of bold color. (The Book of Life, Ch. 20)*

**Address:** The Gables at Wooster Square, 339 Greene Street (cross street: Academy), New Haven, CT 06520

**Website:** [historicwoostersquare.org/aboutus.html](http://historicwoostersquare.org/aboutus.html)

### Other Locations in New Haven

*“Xbox mentioned a club on Crown Street where the daemons hang out.” Chris wiped at his tired eyes. “I’ll go down and recruit some volunteers.”*

*“You can’t go there. You’ll stick out as a human—and a professor,” Miriam said firmly. “I’ll do it. I’m far scarier.” (The Book of Life, Ch. 17)*

There are a few clubs on Crown Street, but from *The Book of Life*, we cannot guess which one Xbox is referring to.

*“We notice you, Diana, even when you’re walking down Temple Street by yourself at ten o’clock in the morning,” Chris said, shattering my last, fragile hope that I appeared to be just like everybody else. (The Book of Life, Ch. 14)*



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## Nearby Locations

*I hope you brought your checkbook, Clairmont. The Yale Center for Genome Analysis and the DNA Analysis Facility both charge steep fees, but they're fast and accurate. (The Book of Life, Ch. 14)*

**Address:** Yale Center for Genome Analysis, 830 West Campus Drive, Orange, CT 06477

**Website:** [ycga.yale.edu](http://ycga.yale.edu)

*Matthew headed north and west and out of the city with Diana beside him. He drove*



*uncharacteristically fast, and in less than fifteen minutes they were on a quiet lane tucked into the shadow of the peaks known locally as the Sleeping Giant. Matthew pulled in to an otherwise dark driveway and shut off the car's ignition. (The Book of Life, Ch. 22)*

**Address:** 200 Mount Carmel Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518

**Website:** [ct.gov/deep/sleepinggiant](http://ct.gov/deep/sleepinggiant)

## Yale Visitor Center

Located across the street from the New Haven Green, the Visitor Center offers free tours led by Yale College undergraduates. The tour includes a visit of one of the college courtyards, and it's absolutely worth it!

Check their website for the guided tour schedule.

**Address:** 149 Elm Street New Haven, CT 06511

**Website:** <http://visitorcenter.yale.edu>