

Twigg Island of the 1950s



This illustration, borrowed from a hot rod magazine, takes some artistic liberties with proportions in favour of the vintage autos, but gives a general sense of where I grew up--behind my grandfather's garage and my family's grocery store on Twigg Island in the Fraser River, (between Vancouver and Richmond's Sea Island. On maps Twigg is now merged with Mitchell Island, after the channel between them was filled in.)

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The family photo above was taken in front of the gas station, and includes my Bougie grandparents, my Dad, a visiting aunt and uncle, my siblings and and myself .

The picture at the right shows Twigg Island's swing-span bridge at the upper left. Before the Knight Street Bridge was built, this was the second bridge connecting Vancouver and Richmond, and was older than the Oak Street Bridge.



*Circa 1952, top to bottom:
No. 5 Road Bridge, Twigg Island, Richmond, BC
Isabelle Bougie and her children,
Elaine and Richard*