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**FALSE CREEK ROAD (KINGSWAY). SECOND BRIDGE STREAM. TEA SWAMP.**

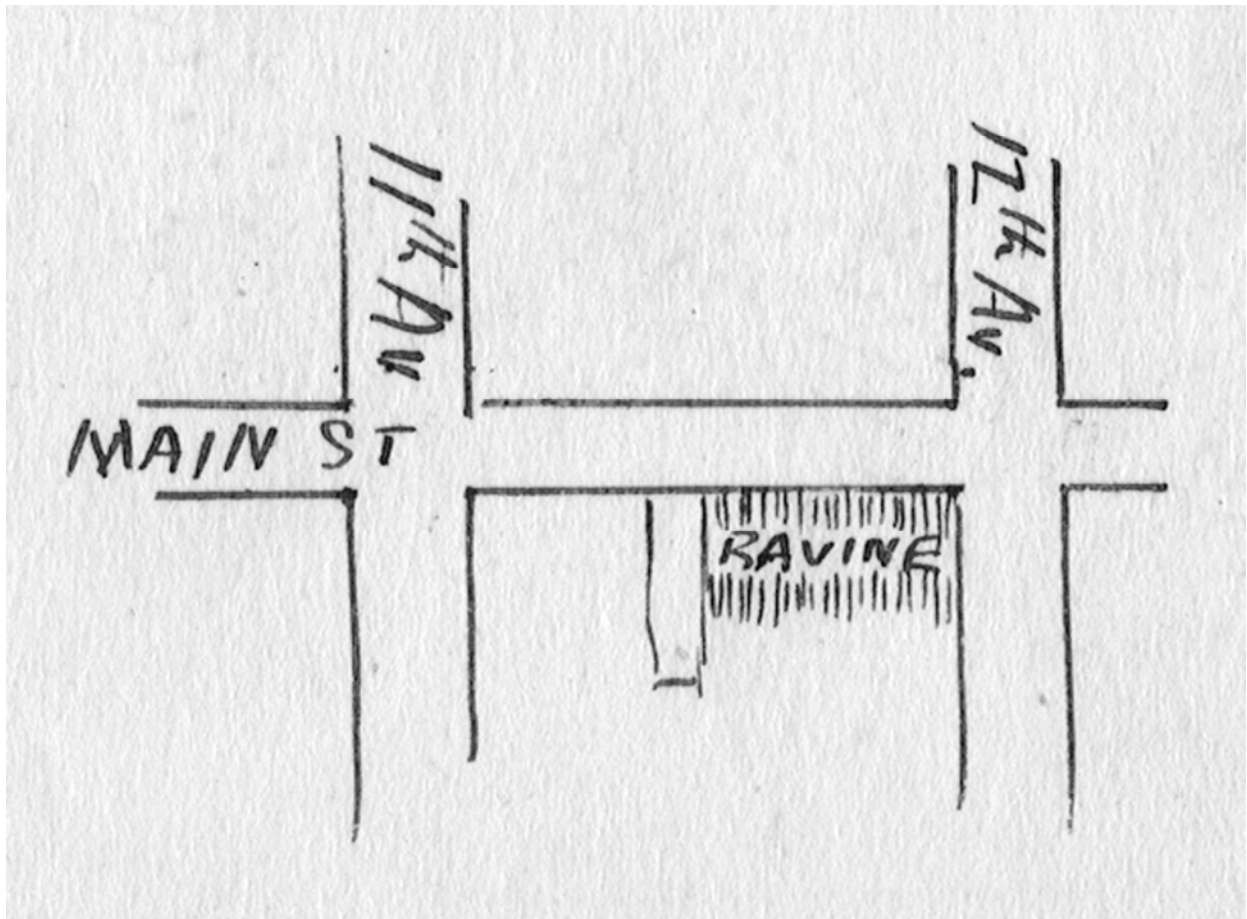
There are still (July, 1934) evidences available of the ravine down which the Second Bridge Stream ran from the Tea Swamp, south of the crest of the hill at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Kingsway.

Beneath the shops on the southwest corner of Broadway and Kingsway is a gully twenty-five feet deep, and about seventy-five feet wide at street level; at the bottom a wet open water way lined with logs. The shops above are supported on long posts, and, facing a paved street with car lines, present no indication that beneath them is the old channel of the Second Bridge stream.

This deep gully plainly indicates why the old False Creek Road veered off to the south after passing what is now Fraser Avenue and slid down about Ontario Street as it approached the False Creek bridge. There has been so much cutting down of knolls, and filling in of hollows in this area, that it is now almost impossible to get, on the ground, an idea of what the original contours were like.

*NOTE ADDED LATER:*

In 1935, the old ravine, 25 feet deep, can be seen between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> avenues, running due north and south, immediately beside Main Street, the west sidewalk of which is protected by a railing. It passes under the corner of Broadway and Kingsway. JSM 1935.



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