



Mystery #3 Decker Cove

In the early spring of 1970, a shrimp business operated at this mystery site. The Boothbay Register reported in February, "Nice to see the shrimp plant going in full swing working day and night and they have quite a large number of people employed there." Then in March, "Looks like the shrimp business is really beginning to boom; seems to be a lot of boats coming and going out and the lights are beginning to burn at night in the packing room, so guess they have a night crew going also." In April, the newspaper read, "Twenty-five of the ladies from the Southport Shrimp Company enjoyed a trip by bus to the Valle's Steak House in Portland. The music was out of this world. Coming home, all requested songs were sung."

In 1895, the cove where this mystery site is located was a safe location for boats to rest for the winter. If you were to cross the toll bridge to get here in 1901, it would cost you five cents if you were on foot or bicycle, 20 cents if you had a horse or buggy or team. If you visited here in the 1930s, you would have enjoyed the bowling alley and lobsters served by the wharf owners. You may have caught a glimpse of the schooner Bowdoin tied up when she wasn't sailing the Arctic.

Resources:

History of Boothbay, Southport, and Boothbay Harbor, Maine by Francis Greene
The Boothbay Harbor Region 1906-1960 by Harold B. Clifford
The Penobscot Marine Museum
The Boothbay Register
The Boothbay Region Historical Society
The Hendricks Hill Historical Society

Photo Requirements: Your selfie should include the sign with the name of the current business at this location.

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