

Why Did They Name It That?

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Throg's Neck, New York: In an area controlled by the Dutch in the 17th century, John Throgmorton was among those allowed to settle on a peninsula where the East River meets Long Island Sound. The peninsula became known as Throgmorton's Neck, but was subsequently shortened to Throgg's Neck. Then, in the 1950's, a bridge connecting Queens to east Bronx was constructed and was to be named Throgg's Neck Bridge.

That was when bureaucrats stepped in and determined that the cost of making signs for directing bridge traffic could be reduced if one of the 'G's was dropped. Thus, the current Throg's Neck.

The person who related this, as well as many other tales, persistently referred to the peninsula and bridge as 'Frog's Neck.'

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