

Groovy Archival Treasures

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Here's a great photograph of a famous New Westminster son, taken about 1919! Raymond Burr (on the left) and his cousin, Errol Wintemute, are featured here in front of the great exhibition buildings that once stood in Queen's Park. Raymond Burr, a whopping 12 pounds at birth, was born here in New Westminster. When his parents divorced he and his mother moved down to California where he eventually pursued a very successful acting career, as most loyal New Westministerites know!



Burr always retained ties to his family and community here in the Royal City, giving generously to charitable causes, especially those with family connections. In 1988 he was the official spokesperson for the Royal Columbian Hospital's fundraising campaign and he graciously received a donation from his cousin Errol for the amount of \$139,000. Burr died in 1993 and is buried in Fraser Cemetery.