

ACTIVITY: Bathing
CASE: **GSAF 1849.12.09**
DATE: Sunday December 9, 1849
LOCATION: Sydney Harbour, New South Wales, Australia.
34°S, 151.2°E

NAME: Unknown
DESCRIPTION: He was an adult male.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Third Quarter, December 7, 1849

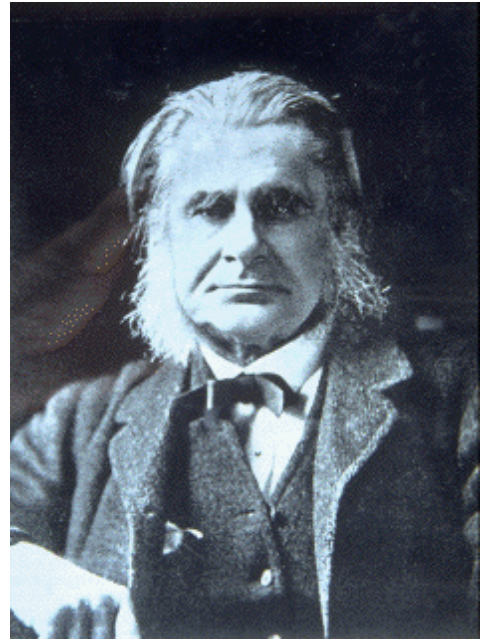
NARRATIVE: "A sad accident happened in the Harbour this week. Several men were bathing when one was seized by a shark and so severely torn that, though after great difficulty rescued, he died."

INJURY: Fatal

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified.

NOTE: This may be GSAF 1849.12.01

SOURCE: T.H. Huxley's *Diary of the Voyage of H.M.S. Rattlesnake*, edited by Julian Huxley, 1936, Doubleday, Doran, & Co., New York., pages 285-286.



Thomas Henry Huxley (1825 - 1895) was an intellectual giant of the 19th century, a pioneering genius whose influence was felt throughout the worlds of science, education, and politics of Victorian England and whose writings span a remarkable range, reflecting his broad interests and social commitment. His "Diary of the Voyage of H.M.S. Rattlesnake", published posthumously by his grandson Julian, recounts his four year voyage (1846-1850).