

1876 : Middle Harbour, Sydney
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ACTIVITY: Swimming, after boat capsized in a squall

CASE: [GSAF 1876.05.14](#)

DATE: Monday May 14, 1876

LOCATION: Sydney Harbour, New South Wales, Australia.

NAME: Frederick Brown

DESCRIPTION: He was a young man and an expert swimmer.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Third Quarter, May 16, 1876

NARRATIVE: See
press clipping at right.

INJURY: Fatal.

On the 14th May a young man named Frederick Brown was drowned in the harbour by the upsetting of a boat in a squall. He was an expert swimmer, and as he neared a place of safety he suddenly disappeared, having, it is surmised, been seized by a shark.

SPECIES: Shark involvement not confirmed.

SOURCE: The Sydney Mail, Saturday June 3, 1876, page 13