

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: [GSAF 1895.11.16](#)

DATE: Saturday November 16, 1895

LOCATION: Cape St. George Lighthouse, Jervis Bay, New South Wales, Australia.

NAME: Edward Bailey

DESCRIPTION: He was the lighthouse keeper.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, November 17, 1895

NARRATIVE: Bailey took his sons to fish off the rocks a little distance away from the lighthouse. He was washed into the sea by a large wave, and when he surfaced his feet were entangled in fishing line. Bailey was starting to swim back to the rocks when he suddenly disappeared. It was thought he was taken by a shark because three large sharks had been seen near the spot moments before.

INJURY: Fatal

SPECIES: Not identified.

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Cape St. George Lighthouse

SAD DEATH OF A LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER.

**WASHED INTO THE SEA AND
DEVOURED BY A SHARK.**

TWO SONS WITNESS THE TRAGEDY.

SYDNEY, November 18.

A sad accident occurred at Cape St. George Lighthouse, Jervis Bay, on Saturday.

Edward Bailey, the keeper took, his two sons to fish off the rocks a little distance away. Suddenly a huge wave washed over the rock, carrying Bailey into the sea. When he appeared on the surface he found his feet entangled in the fishing line, which was made fast to the rocks. His sons by direction cut the line and Bailey started to swim back to the rocks. He suddenly disappeared, feet first, evidently having been taken by a shark, three monsters of this stamp having been seen near the spot a few moments previously. Bailey leaves a widow and eleven children.