

ACTIVITY: Trailing his feet in the water
CASE: [GSAF 1902.01.22](#)
DATE: Wednesday January 22, 1902
LOCATION: Kerosene Bay, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

NAME: John Ogier
DESCRIPTION: He was a 31-year-old male, a deckhand of the steamer *Halcyon*.

NARRATIVE: It was thought he was sitting on a rail, trailing his feet over the side, when a shark seized him by the foot and dragged him into the water.

INJURY: Fatal. His remains were recovered in Kerosene Bay.

SPECIES: Not identified.

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Kerosene Bay, Sydney

DEVoured BY A SHARK.
The remains of John Ogier, the missing deckhand of the steamer *Halcyon*, have been recovered in Kerosene Bay. His back, spine, and pelvis were all that remained, sharks having mutilated his body in a frightful manner. Many large monsters have been seen in the harbor lately. It is believed that while sitting on a rail and trailing his feet over the side a shark seized him by the foot and dragged him into the water, afterwards devouring him.

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The River Tragedy.

Devoured by Sharks.

At about half-past 5 o'clock on Wednesday evening, the Water Police recovered the body of John Ogier, 31, who fell overboard from the Parramatta River steamer *Halcyon* on the morning of the 15th instant. Ogier was not seen to fall overboard, but was on the vessel when she left Sydney, and was missed at Longnose Point. The body was found in Kerosene Bay. Ogier was a married man, and resided at Short-street, Hunter's Hill.

The ribs, breast-bone, head, limbs, and contents of the trunk were missing, the back, spine, and pelvis being all that remained of a man. It is surmised by others who were employed on the boat that the man slipped or overbalanced, and that he was attacked and devoured by sharks.

The water police state that Port Jackson and the Parramatta River are swarming with sharks, and that the waters are full of gigantic and frightful monsters.