

ACTIVITY: Swimming
CASE: [GSAF 1904.02.07](#)
DATE: Sunday February 7, 1904
LOCATION: Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

NAME: George Grant
DESCRIPTION: He was a native of St. Vincent and one of the crew of the steamer *Waikato*.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Third Quarter, February 8, 1904

NARRATIVE: When his hat blew overboard, he jumped into the water and retrieved it. As he was swimming back the steamer, he suddenly threw up his hands and sank. "He appeared to have been seized by a shark."

INJURY: Fatal

SPECIES: Not identified.

SOURCES: The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA), Monday February 8, 1904, page 6; Grey River Argus, February 26, 1904, page 4, citing the Auckland Press Association; The San Antonio Light, Sunday May 1, 1904

In swimming to reach his cap which had blown off into the river at Brisbane, Queensland. a sailor named Grant was seized and devoured by a shark.

A coloured man, George Grant, a native of St Vincent, one of the crew of the steamer Waikato, when at Brisbane recently, jumped off that steamer after his hat, which had blown overboard. He secured the hat, and was swimming back to the steamer when he suddenly threw up his hands and sank. He appeared to have been seized by a shark.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, February 7.

A LIFE LOST FOR A HAT.

A colored man, George Grant, a native of St. Vincent, one of the crew of the steamer Waikato, jumped off that steamer this afternoon after his hat, which had blown overboard. He secured the hat, and was swimming back to the steamer when he suddenly threw up his hands and sank. He appeared to have been seized by a shark.