

ACTIVITY: Bathing
CASE: [GSAF 1905.03.25](#)
DATE: Saturday March 25, 1905
LOCATION: Bridport, Tasmania, Australia

NAME: Charles Taylor

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Third Quarter, March 28, 1905

ENVIRONMENT: Bridport is a small town on Anderson Bay in northern Tasmania.



Bridport, Tasmania

NARRATIVE: See press clipping

ASSESSMENT OF CASE INVESTIGATOR:

Invalid: I have never unearthed a single local reference to this incident (neither quantitative nor anecdotal) during my research travels throughout Tasmania (which included considerable time spent in Bridport, the purported location of the 'attack'), I see little reason to extend credence to this particular report.

The newspaper report of the incident originated in a mainland Australian state (South Australia), hundreds of miles from Tasmania where no record of this incident has surfaced to date. Personally I am dubious as to the veracity of this reported shark attack. The copy in the story even states that it was 'presumed' Taylor was taken by a shark. That is quite a presumption given that there was very little to suggest the presence of a shark. No splashing, no fins, no blood in the water, and as far as we know, no mutilated remains recovered.

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Chris Black, Global Shark Accident File

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LAUNCESTON, March 26.

A BATHER DROWNED.

On Saturday a young man, Charles Taylor, was drowned whilst bathing at Bridport, on the east coast. A companion, who was fishing, heard a shriek, and on looking in the direction whence the sound proceeded, found the deceased had disappeared. It is presumed he was seized by a shark.

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