

**ACTIVITY:** Bathing  
**CASE:** **GSFAF 1907.12.21**  
**DATE:** Saturday December 21, 1907  
**LOCATION:** Middle Harbour, Sugarloaf Bay,  
Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

**NAME:** Henry Jones  
**DESCRIPTION:** male

**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, December 20,  
1907

**ENVIRONMENT:** Four large sharks had  
been seen the previous day at Sugarloaf Bay.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 20 yards



*Sydney Harbour, 1903*

**NARRATIVE:** “While bathing a Middle Harbour a man was dragged under and devoured by sharks.”

**INJURY:** Fatal

**SPECIES:** A bull shark, according to the Australian Shark Attack File.

**SOURCES:** The Argus (Melbourne, Victoria), Monday December 23, 1907, page 6; The Otago Daily Times, page 5, Tuesday December 24, 1907; Sydney Morning Herald, Friday December 27, 1907, page 5

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*The Otago Daily Times, page 5, Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> 1907  
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**Bather Eaten By Sharks**

Press Association – By Telegraph  
Sydney, December 23.

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## SEIZED BY A SHARK.

### SYDNEY BATHER'S FATE.

SYDNEY, Sunday.—Another has to be added to the long list of victims taken by sharks on Sydney Harbour foreshores. Henry Jones, who was employed in a stationery establishment in Hunter-street, and Edward Davis, resident of North Sydney, went boating yesterday with two ladies. They put in to Sugar Loaf Bay, Middle Harbour. The male members of the party decided to bathe, and, after swimming for some time, Davis came out, and was dressing, when he heard a scream from Jones, who had remained in the water about 20 yards from the shore. Davis looked round and saw Jones disappear. He quickly launched a boat, and pulled to the spot. Jones came to the surface, but again sank, and it was evident he had fallen a prey to a shark, as the water was tinged with blood.

H. Pearce, the well-known sculler, states that he saw four large sharks near the shore at Sugarloaf Bay on Friday.

Sharks seem to be unusually numerous and voracious in Sydney Harbour just at present. Quite a scare was created among surf bathers at Bondi this morning by the sudden appearance of four monsters inside the breakers.

*The Argus (Melbourne, Victoria)  
Monday December 23, 1907, page 6*

## **SHARK TRAGEDY.**

### **JONES'S BODY RECOVERED.**

A picnic party yesterday discovered the body of Henry Jones, who was taken by a shark on Saturday last, lying on the beach at Sugar Loaf Point, Middle Harbour.

The body, which was mutilated in such a manner as to leave no doubt about its having been attacked by a shark, was evidently washed up by the tide. The Water Police were communicated with, and they removed the remains to the Morgue.

*Sydney Morning Herald, Friday December 27, 1907, page 5*