

ACTIVITY: Swimming
CASE: GSAF ND.0006
DATE: Prior to 1903

LOCATION: The incident took place under Pyrmont Bridge, Darling Harbor, Sydney, Australia.
33°52'S, 151°12'E

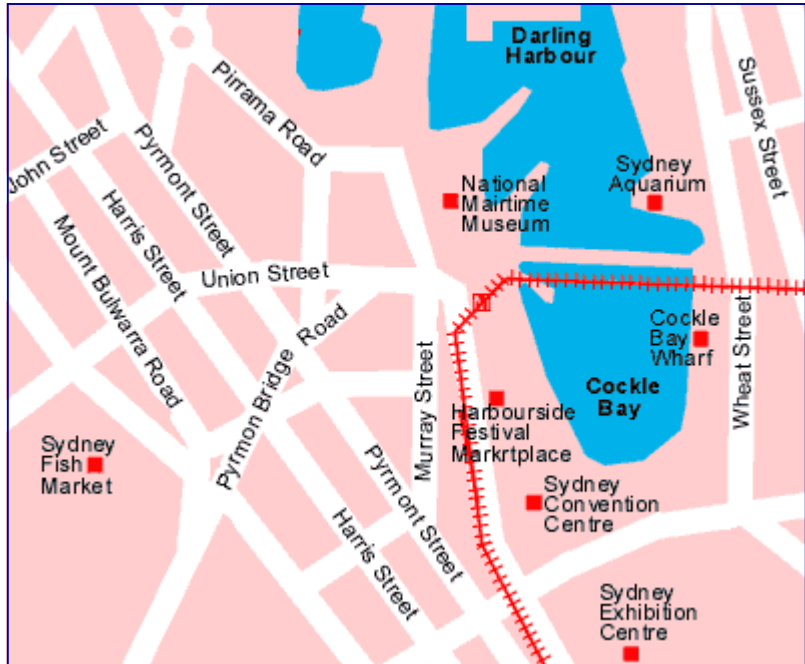
NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: He was an Arab boy.

BACKGROUND:

WATER CONDITIONS: The water was murky; it was described as "thick and foul".

ENVIRONMENT: The incident took place inshore of a string of cedar logs.



NARRATIVE: "The boy was swimming in Sydney Harbor where traffic was congested and the water thick and foul. A number of street Arabs were bathing inside a string of cedar logs and as the boys were disporting themselves, suddenly a grey nurse [shark] leaped out of the water over one of the stranded logs, seized the boy and swam off with him escaping under the floating portion of the timber."

INJURY: Fatal.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Said to involve a grey nurse shark.

SOURCE: Louis Becke, who was engaged as a shark fisherman for a firm of Chinese merchants, from an article in the New York Sun, September 9, 1906 edition.