ACTIVITY: Swimming
CASE: GSAF 1908.12.31 / SA-035
DATE: Thursday December 31, 1908
LOCATION: The incident occurred in at Stilbaai, a tranquil bay known locally as the Bay of Sleeping Beauty, at the mouth of the Kafferkuils River some 89 kilometres west of Mossel Bay in the Western Cape Province, South Africa.
34°23'S, 21°25,4'E

NAME: Mr East
DESCRIPTION: He was a 16-year-old white male, was the son of Rabbi East of Riversdale.

BACKGROUND
MOON PHASE: First Quarter, December 30, 1908
ENVIRONMENT: The Kafferkuils River, which empties into Stilbaai, is always open.

NARRATIVE: The January 2, 1909 edition of the Cape Argus reported that he was swimming with three other people when he was “taken by a shark”.

INJURY: Fatal. “Vestiges of his body were recovered two days later.”

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified

SOURCES: Cape Argus, January 2, 1909; Fairbridge Index, Cape Archives

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