



**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.

$34^{\circ}23'S, 21^{\circ}25,4'E$

**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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