



North Carolina Shark Attacks Project

Note: The following article describes the shark attack that occurred in July of 1905 at Davis' Shore in Carteret County. The article appeared in the *Charlotte Observer*, July 30th, 1905.

YOUTH EATEN BY A SHARK WAS CAUGHT NEAR BEAUFORT.

Sutton Davis 16 Years Old, Carried Away by a Large Shark, Which Attacked the Boy While he Was Wading in the Water at Davis' Shore—A Search Failed to Reveal Any Trace of the Boy's Body—First Time in 50 Years That Anything of the Kind Has Occurred in That Vicinity.

Special to The Observer.

Beaufort, July 29.—A most horrible and shocking occurrence took place at Davis' Shore, about ten miles east of Beaufort, yesterday afternoon, when Sutton Davis, a 16-year-old lad, while wading and playing in the water, was suddenly attacked and eaten by a very large shark.

Young Davis was in the water about waist deep when suddenly a shark approached him, threw him in the air, caught him as he struck the water, pulled him under and disappeared in the deep water with the boy. Thorough search has been made, but no particle of his body has been found. Those that were with the boy were terribly frightened, and could not help him. The occurrence has thrown a feeling of horror over our town. The citizens and the the guests of the community, particularly the children, have enjoyed the fine dives and invigorating swimming matches which they daily participate in.

A large number of sharks have been noticed in the waters here for two weeks, but no one felt much anxiety on account of the presence of the terrible monsters. A large quantity of fat-backs have been caught this month and a quantity of refuse matter has been thrown back in the water from the factories, and sharks have come in to feast on it. It is the first time a person has been molested by a shark in these waters in nearly 50 years.