



## North Carolina Shark Attacks Project

**Note:** The following is an article that describes a shark attack that occurred on September 22, 1935, in Brown's Inlet in Onslow County. This article appeared in the *New Bern Journal*, September 24th, 1935.

### FUNERAL FOR SHARK VICTIM IS CONDUCTED

**Jere W. Fountain of Jacksonville Bleeds to Death  
From Shark Bite**

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon, at the family cemetery in Onslow county, for Jere W. Fountain, of Jacksonville, who bled to death Saturday night as a result of a shark bite.

Fountain along with his camping friends, Jim Collins and Paul Venters, Onslow county men, went swimming in Brown's Inlet on New river about 8:30 o'clock. The three men were in water about waist deep when Fountain suddenly called for help.

Venters brought his wounded companion upon the beach. Collins and Venters were unable to stop the swift flow of blood and as a result Fountain died in about ten minutes. The leg was nearly severed above the knee. Coroner Kimmon Jones stated he was certain that prints of a shark's teeth were on Fountain's body.

The dead man, a brother of Prof. A. M. Fountain of the North Carolina State College faculty, was a farmer and mail carrier of Onslow county.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Annie Cavanaugh of Richlands, three children, Rupert, Frances and Pere W. Fountain, Jr., his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Fountain, of the Catharine Lake community, and seven brothers, J. A., F. A. and C. J. Fountain, of Onslow county; J. P. Fountain, Province, R. I.; F. R. Fountain, Brooklyn, N. Y.; R. R. Fountain, Bloomfield, N. J., and Professor Fountain of Raleigh.