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Shark Awareness Day Saturday 14 July 2018

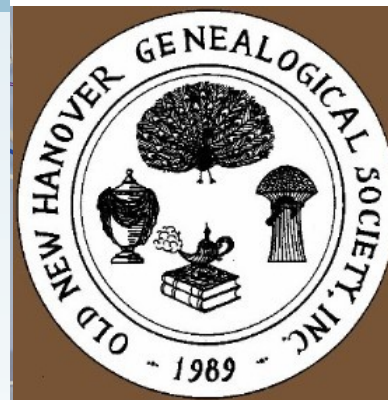
Shark Awareness Day for coastal North Carolina observed in July every year. Sharks suffer more risks from humans than the vice versa. Survival of many shark species is at high risk due to hunting, pollution, and climatic changes. Shark Awareness Day created to spread awareness about these dangers to sharks. Ranging from 8 inches to 50 feet in size, 440 known species of different sharks live around the world.

“NO people-eating sharks in Wrightsville Beach waters, or will any be there before the fall months,” said Captain **Dick Salter**, in charge of the Wrightsville Beach Seashore Hotel fishing boats during the vacation seasonal months of 1915-1919. He gave a unique explanation of the statement one mid-July: “Tiger sharks and the other *man-eaters*,” he said, “follow the schools of jumping mullet and these fish reach this coastal section late in the fall. At present mullet swim in the northern waters and the sharks stay near the mullet schools – that’s a safe bet! – and will follow them south to tropical waters. We in the fishing business see them often in the fall and winter months, but never along the coast in the summer. The only time the sharks come in close is when they hang around in the ‘suds’ while fishermen are cleaning their fall and winter catches, throwing the refuse back in the water. Not in my whole life have I heard of anyone along this coast being molested by them. The species of shark known as the ‘shovel nose’ is the only kind in these waters at this time of the year, and they are harmless.” A Wilmington Dispatch reporter wrote, Capt. Salter is a cousin of Capt. **Oscar Salter**, the Oceanic Hotel life saver, and knows the North Carolina coast like a book. He has been in the fishing business for years and an authority on things piscatorial. He operates a fishing fleet out of Core Sound, Carteret County in the fall and winter months, ‘twixt his feat at hauling in ‘jumping’ mullets.

Genealogical facts: Dick Salter or Thomas Salter, born **Richard Thomas Salter**, 12 August 1885, Carteret County, NC, lived most of his life in Salter Path. Parents, **Denard Salter** and **Mary Jane Smith**. His usual occupation, fisherman. Date of death, 18 February 1964, and burial 20 February in Broad Creek Community Cemetery, Newport, NC. Spouse, **Agnes Guthrie**, date of Marriage, 14 August 1905 in Carteret County.

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Sharks -- Behavior -- Folklore.
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Sources: Wilmington Dispatch (18 July 1916). Sharks - Bill Reaves Collection, NHCPLibrary; NC Certificate of Death and Carteret County Marriage Register, <https://search.ancestrylibrary.com/>; Grave marker, www.findagrave.com/memorial/26830705 web addresses accessed 9 June 2018



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Overlooked marriages & deaths notices

Abstracts from the Wilmington Journal weekly 1844-1847, a continuing series from the previous Clarendon Courier. These notices identified as OVERLOOKED after discovering them left out from other publications featuring mid-19th century Wilmington newspapers.

Wilmington Journal weekly Friday 4 July 1845 page 3

MARRIED—In Bladen county, on the evening of the 25th ult., **Robert Edward Troy**, Attorney at Law, of Lumberton, to Miss **Mary Andres**, daughter of the late Col. **Samuel Brown Andres** [and **Mary Ann Cummings**].

M—In Richmond county, on the 21st May, Dr. **Alexander H Ingram**, of Anson, to Miss **Caroline T Steel**, of Richmond, youngest daughter of **John Steel**, dec'd.

DIED—In Sampson county, on the 12th ult., Mrs. **Ann Sellers**, wife of Col. **John Sellers**, in the 42d year of her age.

D—At the residence of **Charles Baring**, Flat Rock, Buncombe county, on the 21st ult., the Rev. **John Singletary**, of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

D—In Robeson county, on the 6th ult., Mrs. **Mary Baker**, wife of **Malcom Baker**, and daughter of **Matthew Watson**, in the 42d year of her age.

D—At Chapel Hill, on the 18th ult., Mr. **Anthony Peltier**, aged 72 years. Mr. P was a native of France.

Wilmington Journal weekly Friday 11 July 1845 page 3

DIED—At the seat of the Hon. **John D Toomer**, in the vicinity of Pittsboro, on the 25th ult., Mrs. **Sarah Swann**, aged 81, relict of the late **John Swann**, Esq., of New Hanover county, and eldest daughter of Maj. **James Moore** of the Revolutionary Army.

Wilmington Journal weekly Friday 18 July 1845 page 3

MARRIED—In Wayne county, on the 25th ult., the Rev. **Wm. Vernon**, of Brunswick, to Miss **Martha A.**, daughter of **B H Harrell**, Esq.

DIED—In Baltimore, on the 10th inst., of a disease of long standing, Mr. **Doyle O'Hanlon**, aged 45 years, of Fayetteville, well known as having been for many years engaged with indomitable spirit and energy in steam navigation on the Cape Fear River. ..

D—In Craven county, on the 4th inst., Mrs. **Cassandra E Benners**, wife of **Jno. N Benners**, Esq., in the 19th year of her age.

D—In New Orleans, on the 20th ult., Mr. **John Cameron**, aged 25 years, a native of Fayetteville.

D—In Sampson county, on the 12th ult., at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., Mrs. **Ann Sellers**, wife of Col. **John Sellers**, of Sampson county. Seldom have we been called upon to record an extent of more sad and melancholy nature than the death of this highly esteemed and excellent lady. .. Abstracts CONTINUED IN THE NEXT Clarendon Courier

Wilmington Journal weekly Friday 25 July 1845 page 3

DIED—In Raleigh, on the 11th inst., Mrs. **Frances S Shepard**, wife of **James B Shepard**, Esq., daughter of the Hon. **John Donnell**, of Newbern.

D—[In Warm Springs, on the 14th inst., **John Bradley Lord**, infant son of **John B Lord**, formerly of this place.]

D—Departed this life in Sampson county, on the 19th inst., Miss **M Eliza Faison**, daughter of the late **Solomon Faison**, and Mrs. **Asher Faison**, aged about 17 years. Our community is thus called upon, amidst the recent triumphs of the tomb, to weep over the grave of another victim, who has been cut off in the morning of her youth. ..

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