

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Man lying on rocks

Date

1908-1934

Medium

Silver gelatin print

Dimensions

Overall: 65 x 112 mm

Name

Photograph

History

Aberdeen-born Robert McKilliam joined the Aberdeen White Star Line as an apprentice aged 14. He served under famous clipper captains like Kemball, on famous clippers like THERMOPYLAE and SALAMIS, and in well-known Aberdeen line steamers, mostly in the Britain-to-Australia service. After 32 years he retired from the sea. He married soon afterwards in 1910, and in 1913 brought his family to live in Sydney. Appointed Assistant Manager of Darling Island Wharf, he worked as a superintendent stevedore during a period when the waterside union gradually emerged from strikes and fragmentation during and after World War One, to a position of strength before the collapse of the Great Depression.