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SURFING AROUND



Sea Shore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, N. C.

How about a swimming lesson?

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COURTESY: THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NC PUBLIC LIBRARY, ROBERT M. FALES COLLECTION

Dating game: From Joseph Funderberg, author of *Surfing on the Cape Fear Coast*: “I recently discovered a 1907 postcard view of a large crowd of surf bathers on the ocean side of the Sea Shore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, that clearly shows one straddling a Hawaiian-style body board. The postcard illustrates the earliest image of a surfer in North Carolina. Based on the March 24, 1907, postcard date, it’s pretty obvious the photo was taken the summer of 1906 or before. The find seems to prove that surfing on the U.S. East Coast was taking place in isolated pockets prior to Duke Kahanamoku’s surfing exhibitions in 1912-1916 and prior to or about the same time of George Freeth’s surfing demonstrations in 1907.” For more info: <carolinabeach.net> —Cal Porter