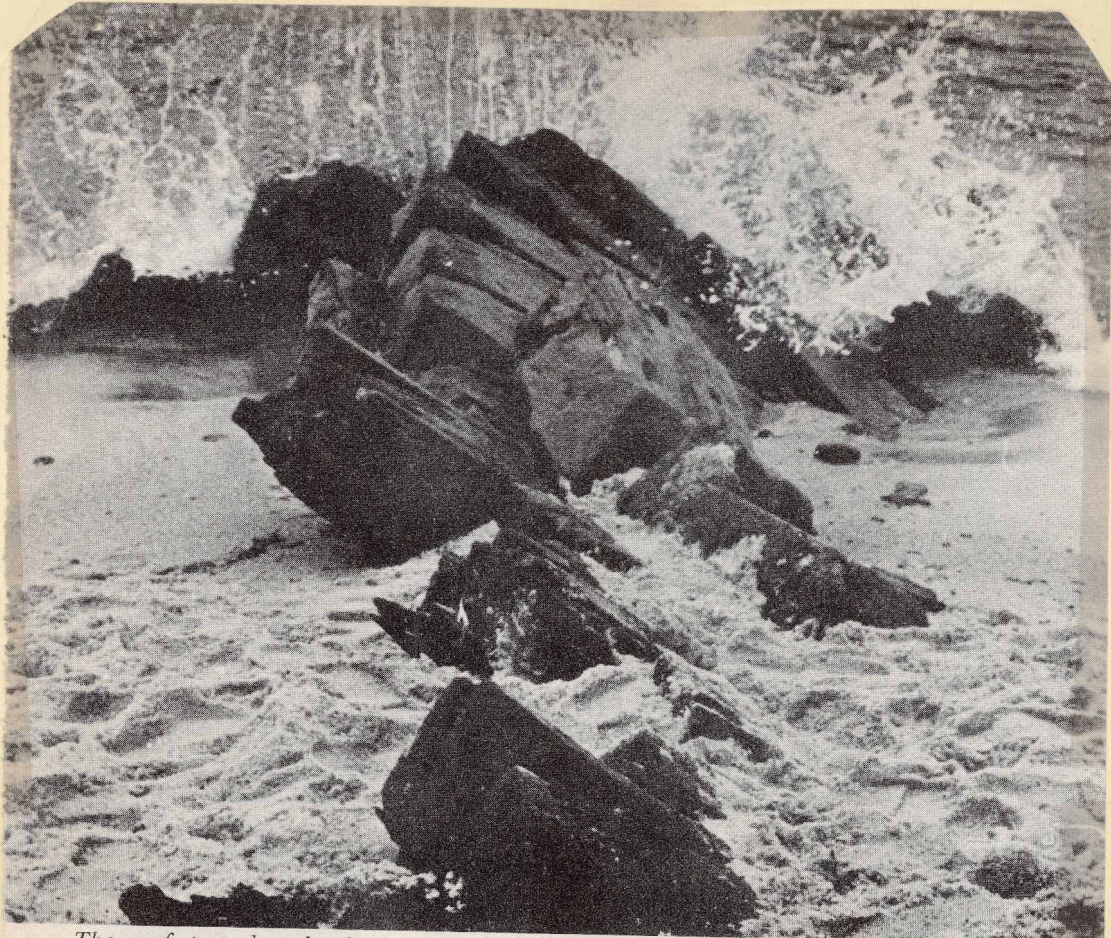


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The surf pounds relentlessly against the continually disintegrating hulk—while arguments rage as to what to do with it. Still, it's comforting to know that the bones of the old ship are protected by the Federal Antiquities Act!



Up comes the Somerset for the third time since wrecked off Dead Man's Hollow in 1778. Postcard taken in 1973 by the Cape Cod National Seashore.

SOMERSET RECLAIMED
Last October you published a very interesting article about the British warship *Somerset*, "English Oak in Dead Man's Hollow," by Don Guy. The wreck of the frigate is periodically uncovered by the shifting sands of Cape Cod. When it appeared this time, there was considerable discussion about the feasibility of excavating and preserving or restoring the ship. I thought that you would like to know that before any decision was made the beach reclaimed the bones of the *Somerset*. If anyone wants to see the ship, he will have to wait until the ocean uncovers it.
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Wreckage of Revolutionary War Ship

AP Wirephoto

Cape Cod National Seashore Park Rangers photograph the remains of the Revolutionary warship *Somerset* which washed out of the sands of Peaked Hill Bars in Provincetown. The wreckage is visible at low tide. The *Somerset* was

the British man-o-war that figured prominently in the Battle of Bunker Hill. The last time remains from the ship showed up was in 1886.