

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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COUNTY ANTRIM

Location

Ninety Mile Beach, west of Lakes Entrance

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S145

Date lost

12/01/1897

Official number

96307

Construction material

Steel

Hull

Iron sailing noted in records

Propulsion

Sail

Length/Breadth/Depth

226.00 Feet / 36.50 Feet / 29.10 Feet

Builder

R. C. G. Biggers

Year of construction

1889

Built port

Londonderry

Built country

Ireland

Registration Port

Liverpool

Date lost

12/01/1897

Departure

Maryport

Destination

Brisbane

Cargo

2000 tons of steel rails for NSW railways

Owner

R.J. Swyny

Master

Captain Hyland

Cause of loss

Cargo shifted in gale and vessel was beached

Number of crew

18

Statement of significance

<p>The County Antrim is significant as an example of an inbound international shipwreck. It was one of the last international ships to be lost on the Gippsland coast.</p>

VHR history

The COUNTY ANTRIM was on a voyage from Maryport to Brisbane with a cargo of rails. The ship was proceeding up the coast when it was struck by a severe gale on 10-11 Jan. The cargo in the after hold shifted and in the attempt to resecure it, the Mate and 4 of the crew were injured. The vessel began to leak so the captain decided to run it ashore. The Marine Board of Inquiry was critical of this course of action and suspended his certificate for six months.
 The County Antrim was one of the last international sailing vessels to be lost on the Gippsland coast.