Victorian Heritage Database Report

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DEW DROP

Location

Port Albert Bar

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S171

Date lost

1849

Official number

none

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

65.00 Feet / 18.20 Feet / 11.10 Feet

Year of construction

1835

Built port

Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Built country

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Registration Port

Hobart Town

Date lost

1849

Departure

Port Albert

Destination

Hobart

Cargo

12 head of cattle and 50 sheep.

Owner

Charles Mantram

Master

Captain Matthew Abson

Cause of loss

Foundered at Port Albert bar and quickly broke up

Statement of significance

Schooners of this type traded between Hobart, Port Phillip and Port Albert. Cargos were usually typical of the small vessels operating in this trade. Namely; From Port Albert - Cattle and sheep and from Hobart either sundries or ballast for Port Albert.

VHR history

The schooner Dew Drop was one of the many sailing vessels lost on the dangerous bar at Port Albert in the early years of settlement. Typical of these vessels, the Dew Drop was engaged in the cattle trade with Tasmania.