

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ELEONORA

Location

Apollo Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S211

Date lost

30/12/1856

Official number

31802

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Raised quarter deck, square stern, carvel built, woman bust

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

85.00 Feet / 23.70 Feet / 9.70 Feet

Year of construction

1847

Built port

Cincinatti, Ohio

Built country

USA

Registration Number

35 of 1854

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

30/12/1856

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Apollo Bay

Owner

Jan. 1854: L. Robertson, James Melville, W.B. McGavin, J. Guthrie, registered in Melbourne.
 1854: Owner: William Robertson
 Mortgagees: Frances Edis Beaver and Henry Alfred Coffey, Auctioneers of Melbourne

Weather conditions

south-easterly gale, Force 10

Cause of loss

Blown ashore while in anchorage

Statement of significance

<p>It is impossible to assess the archaeological significance of the Eleonora as the site has not been located. As it was involved in the early development of Apollo Bay and the timber industry it has local historical significance.</p>

VHR history

The two masted brigantine Eleonora was built in Cincinatti, Ohio in 1847. It was registered in the Port of Melbourne at the time of its loss. It had probably come out from the United States with gold seekers, and was seeking employment where it could be found, in this case carrying railway sleepers from Apollo Bay to Geelong for the Geelong to Ballarat railway. On 31 December 1856 while waiting in the Apollo Bay anchorage to load sleepers it was blown ashore in the same gale as the Christian. Some sources mention that another vessel the Achilles was blown ashore in the same gale but this has not been substantiated. Its Registry was closed on 27 February 1857.
 There are a number of spellings used variously for the name of this vessel.