

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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GERTRUDE

Location

Waterloo Bay, Wilsons Promontory

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S287

Date lost

14/08/1858

Official number

38951

Construction material

Wood

Hull

1 deck, square stern, carvel planked figurehead)

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

113.20 Feet / 23.00 Feet / 13.70 Feet

Year of construction

1854

Built port

Prince Edward Island

Built country

Canada

Registration Number

16 of 1858

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

14/08/1858

Departure

Newcastle

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

Coal

Owner

John McArthur, master mariner of Melbourne

Master

Capt. John McArthur (same person)

Weather conditions

South; force 10

Cause of loss

Driven on to rocks while at anchor

Passenger comments

(Captain s wife and child)

Number of crew

9

VHR history

While riding out a gale in Refuge Cove, the anchor chain of the brig Gertrude began to cut through the hull, such was the strength of the wind and the strain on the anchor. With the ship leaking badly, the captain let the Gertrude drift ashore, where it struck rocks and sank. All on board reached safety.