

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ARCHER

Location

Lady Bay, Warrnambool

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S39

Date lost

08/11/1853

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Single deck, sheathed in copper 1830, yellow metalled 1844 and 1851

Propulsion

Sail

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 / 0.00 / 14.00 Feet

Built port

Maryport

Built country

Canada (referred to as British-built North American)

Date lost

08/11/1853

Departure

Sydney

Destination

Warrnambool

Cargo

Loading at the time with Wheat for Sydney.

Owner

1831-1847: Archer & Co, 1853: Minnell & Co

Weather conditions

Calm

Cause of loss

Went ashore, refloated and went ashore again and became a total wreck.

Statement of significance

<p>The vessel has potential to be of archaeological significance with regard to the information it may yield in the construction of an early 19th century international trader constructed in Canada. Too little information is known to assess its historical significance.</p>

VHR history

The barque Archer was loading a cargo of wheat at Warrnambool when it parted its anchor chains in a heavy south easterly ground swell. It went ashore on the beach, was successfully refloated, but again went ashore, becoming a total wreck.
 There is little information on this wreck - the 'suspicious circumstances' mentioned in secondary sources are not mentioned in contemporary newspaper accounts.
 Loading at time of loss. Drifted ashore in a light south-easterly wind 100 yards to the east of the jetty...suspicious circumstances. Weather was clear. Wind, SSE force 6. Estimated loss, 2000 pounds (money) Refloated, became a total loss later. dismantled 4 elm beams, single deck, copper sheathed 1830, yellow metal 1839.
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