

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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LADY YOUNG

Location

Entrance to Corner Inlet,

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S409

Date lost

14/07/1865

Official number

36870

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

3

Length/Breadth/Depth

124.60 Feet / 26.50 Feet / 18.60 Feet

Year of construction

1848

Built port

Newcastle, Maine

Built country

United States of America

Registration Port

Sydney

Date lost

14/07/1865

Departure

Newcastle

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

700 tons of coal

Owner

William Morrison

Master

Captain William Morrison

Cause of loss

Vessel hit a sand bank and sank

Number of crew

18

VHR history

Lady Young departed from Newcastle on 24th June 1865, with a cargo of coal on route for Melbourne. The crew were forced to anchor at Twofold Bay when strong winds caused the vessel to leak. After a couple of days the vessel was underway, however, it was caught in another strong gale off Wilsons Promontory and forced to anchor again near Rabbit Island on the 9th June. The crew manned the pumps through the night but with very little affect. At daybreak they tried to signal two other vessels close by, the Tomatin and the Sarah Ann, for assistance, but to no avail. With no sign of help coming and the barometer dropping, Lady Young slipped its anchor and ran for Corner Inlet. They anchored and continued to pump. The weather conditions worsened, and the water continued to rise in the hold. The captain decided to jettison most of the cargo to lighten the vessel and on 12th July the crew managed to pump the ship dry. They weighed anchor on 13th July, but the sea was rough, so they stayed in the channel at 9 plus fathoms of water. At 8.20am on 14th July strong rolling seas drove the vessel heavily onto ground. The foremast went, taking with it the main topmast and mizzen topgallant. The ship was abandoned, and the crew were later picked up by the Goldseeker. Several hours after the abandonment Lady Young was completely torn apart by the waves. The barques Natal and Tomatin were lost in the same gale.