

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## LOUISA LAMONT

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### Location

Disappeared after leaving Port Phillip Heads

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S424

### Date lost

21/03/1901

### Official number

83788

### Construction material

Wood

### Hull

Top sail schooner. One deck and a break; round stern; carvel built; no gallery; female bust head

### Propulsion

Sail

### Number of masts

2

### Length/Breadth/Depth

81.30 Feet / 19.40 Feet / 6.60 Feet

### Builder

James Roderick

### Year of construction

1883

### **Built port**

Eagleton, Williams River, New South Wales

### **Built country**

Australia

### **Registration Number**

1 of 1900

### **Registration Port**

Melbourne

### **Date lost**

21/03/1901

### **Departure**

Melbourne

### **Destination**

Launceston

### **Cargo**

Lining board

### **Owner**

Robert Bond McComas, wool buyer, of Collins St, Melbourne

### **Master**

Captain E.J. Francis

### **Cause of loss**

Supposedly foundered. Disappeared after leaving the heads. Some wreckage reported. Vessel was not sailing from Lakes Entrance as reported by Loney (UID 191)

### **VHR history**

Register closed 13 June 1901, with the endorsement that the vessel left the Heads 21 March 1901 and was supposed to have foundered during that night. Whether the vessel sank within 10 miles of the Heads is uncertain. The ship had previously been 'wrecked' in the Bunker Group off Queensland when the master mistook Lady Elliott Light for Bustard Head (ID 2).  
  
A report from a constable at San Remo states that -"Beg to report, for the information of the officer in charge, that a fierce gale raged on this coast during Friday night last and Saturday. Nine oregon planks, some 35 ft. and some 45 ft. long, by 18 in. 'by 8 in., came ashore between Kilcunda and San Remo; also a ship's cupboard, part painted, a portion of a lifebuoy painted white, with no name

on, and portions of a shattered boat, painted white, I have searched the coast for 25 miles eastward, but there is no wreckage beyond Kilcunda. From the direction of the wind and the position of the wreckage on the coast the vessel that lost it must have been somewhere in the vicinity of Cape Woolomai, the point o'f Phillip Island. The oregon sawn planks lie at the foot of a precipitous cliff, and could only be removed at great cost. Some of the planks are branded No. 4."<br /> <br /> <br /> It is believed Captain E. Francis, a widower, with one child; Mr. W. Reid, the mate, who leaves a widow and daughter at Essendon; H. M. Gregory, cook; and J. Billing and A. Firmstron, seamen all went down with the ship.