

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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MARGARET AND AGNES

Location

Portland Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S443

Date lost

23/05/1852

Hull

Carvel built, square stern, standing bowsprit, no galleries, single deck women's bust figurehead.

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

73.00 Feet / 18.50 Feet / 9.20 Feet

Builder

John Knuse

Year of construction

1850

Built port

Melbourne, Victoria

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

16 of 1850

Date lost

23/05/1852

Departure

Portland

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

Potatoes, Flour and Bran

Owner

1850: John Alison 22/64, Andrew Knight 22/64 & Alexander

Master

Captain Richard Burt

Cause of loss

Parted anchors and went ashore

VHR history

Weather: E force 11. Estimated loss 1200 pounds. Vessel was previously wrecked at Port Fairy in 1852 but was refloated. The MARGARET and AGNES was a coastal trading vessel launched on the River Yarra in Jan 1850. The ship's first recorded voyage was to Sydney with passengers and wool. It undertook a number of other intercolonial voyages prior to being wrecked at Portland. The Belfast Gazette reported the loss of the schooner a Portland following a severe gale from the south east. The cause of the vessel's loss was put down to it not being in the proper anchorage and being too close to shore. The newspaper urged the Government to appoint a Harbour Master at Portland to enforce proper mooring. Register Marked "Cancelled -Vessel wrecked at Portland Bay. Advice by Sub Collectors letter". According to Portland Guardian (August 1852) Margaret & Agnes had gone ashore. The hull, spars, and standing rigging were sold by auction on Wednesday morning, and bought by Mr Flower for &#pound;25 (see attachment).