

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## MARY WILSON



S459 MaryWilson  
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### Location

Santa Barbara Bay, Gabo Island

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S459

### Date lost

06/12/1852

### Official number

None

### Construction material

Wood

**Hull**

Zinc sheathed, beech and spruce, iron bolts.

**Propulsion**

Sail

**Number of masts**

2

**Length/Breadth/Depth**

0.00 Feet / 0.00 Feet / 0.00 Feet

**Builder**

Johnson

**Year of construction**

1849

**Built port**

Prince Edward Island

**Built country**

Canada

**Registration Port**

Liverpool

**Date lost**

06/12/1852

**Departure**

Oporto, Portugal

**Destination**

Sydney

**Cargo**

Wine

**Master**

Capt. Richardson

## **Weather conditions**

Gale force winds

## **Cause of loss**

Forced ashore by gale force winds in Gabo Harbour.

## **VHR history**

The brig Mary Wilson, under Captain Richardson, sailed from Oporto, Portugal on 17 April 1852 bound for Sydney with a full cargo of wine. The vessel anchored in Gabo Harbour in 31 August to wait out a strong NNE wind and to take on water. The wind swung around to the west and Captain Richardson found that he could not get the vessel out of the bay. At 4.00 pm on 1 September the anchor dragged and the vessel struck stern first on the rocks. A stream anchor was put out but the hawser parted and the vessel was driven ashore. Mr Johnson, the owner, Mrs Richardson, the captain's wife, Mr Potter, the chief officer, and most of the crew proceeded to Twofold Bay in the vessels's quarter boat. On 4 September, the Waratah (Captain Freyer) rescued Captain Richardson and the one remaining crewman and took them to Sydney. The cutter Swan made two voyages to Gabo Island to recover the Mary Wilson's cargo, and the schooner Queen of the South also recovered some of the cargo. The wreck was stripped of everything except the anchors and chain. The vessel was a total wreck and soon went to pieces.