

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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MARY WILSON



S459 MaryWilson
GaboIslandSantaBarbaraBay
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Artefact



S459 MaryWilson
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Measuring



S459 MaryWilson
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SiteView

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.