

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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NIL DESPERANDUM

Location

Wilsons Promontory, off the Glennie Islands

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S490

Date lost

22/09/1870

Official number

59559

Construction material

Wood

Hull

1 deck, square stern, carvel built, no galleries, no head. Was insured for 1,500 pounds.

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

84.00 Feet / 20.80 Feet / 8.80 Feet

Year of construction

1869

Built port

Williamstown, Victoria

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

30 of 1869

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

22/09/1870

Departure

Belfast (Port Fairy)

Destination

Sydney

Cargo

Potatoes and flour

Owner

John Hughes of Williamstown

Master

Captain Vanett

Cause of loss

Foundered at sea

Number of crew

7

Crew comments

including captain

VHR history

The schooner Nil Desperandum was on a voyage from Belfast (Port Fairy) to Sydney with a cargo of potatoes. The vessel was last sighted by Captain Harless of the brig Tower Hill when abreast of the Glennies in a SSE gale. He saw the schooner a mile to windward heading north east. The Nil Desperandum was not seen again and

it was conjectured that the vessel must have struck the Glennies and gone down with all hands. Despite searches by the government steamer Pharos and the GSNC's steamer Murray, no trace of the vessel was found.