

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## S.S. PERSEVERANCE

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### Location

Gleneig River, near Nelson

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S527

### Date lost

01/03/1898

### Construction material

Wood

### Propulsion

Steam - Screw

### Number of masts

1

### Length/Breadth/Depth

56.00 Feet / 10.00 Feet / 7.00 Feet

### Builder

Mr L.G. Ehret

### Year of construction

1890

### Built port

Gleneig River, Victoria

### Built country

Australia

**Date lost**

01/03/1898

**Departure**

Glenelg River

**Destination**

Murray River

**Cargo**

No cargo

**Owner**

1890: Mr L.G. Ehret

**Master**

Captain Arnold

**Cause of loss**

Vessel struck sandbar at mouth of river, broke a blade off the propellor and became unmanageable and was broached and washed ashore.

**Crew comments**

Mr A.C. Trounsen, Engineer

**VHR history**

The PERSEVERANCE was the first steamboat to be built and operated on the Glenelg River in the extreme west of the state. Built by local interests to accommodate tourists the vessel steamed up and down the Glenelg for seven years before being purchased by South Australian interests who required a craft for the Murray. Despite the reservations of the local people, the new owners attempted to cross the sand bars at the mouth of the Glenelg River. According to the newspaper reports the vessel had nearly succeeded when it lost a blade from its propeller. The vessel became unmanageable in the surf, broached and suffered structural damage. The vessel was eventually washed ashore.