

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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S.S. PERSEVERANCE

Location

Glenelg 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

Glenelg 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.