

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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RICHARD AND ANN

Location

Waterloo Bay, Wilsons Promontory

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S575

Date lost

06/04/1855

Official number

unknown

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Standing bowsprit, one deck, square stern, carvel built, no galleries, woman's bust figurehead

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

65.30 Feet / 15.10 Feet / 8.20 Feet

Year of construction

1838

Built port

Catdown, Plymouth

Built country

England

Registration Number

179 of 1853

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

06/04/1855

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Sydney

Cargo

Ballast

Owner

Patrick Suter Ducat, Robert Slessor, Robert Mayes,

Master

Captain Patrick Suter Ducat

Cause of loss

Sprang a leak at sea and sank after anchoring

Number of crew

4

Crew comments

Approximate number

VHR history

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cargo from Melbourne and was stuck there for long periods. On its final voyage, the vessel left Melbourne for Sydney in ballast under the command of Capt. Ducaton on 3 April 1855. On April 6, the Richard and Anne was sighted by the steamer Yarra Yarra off the eastern side of Wilsons Promontory flying a distress signal . It was leaking badly so it was towed by the Yarra Yarra into Waterloo Bay. The Richard and Anne sank almost as soon as the anchor was dropped. The captain and the four (?) crew were taken to Melbourne on the Yarra Yarra. The Richard and Anne was brought to Australia in 1853. Prior to that it had been a coasting vessel out of Plymouth. After lengthening and a refit in 1848, it traded to the Mediterranean. In Australia, it traded between Sydney and Melbourne, although like most vessels during the goldrush years, had difficulties getting outward cargo from Melbourne and was stuck there for long periods. On its final voyage, the vessel left Melbourne for Sydney in ballast under the command of Capt. Ducaton on 3 April 1855. On April 6, the Richard and Anne was sighted by the steamer Yarra Yarra off the eastern side of Wilsons Promontory flying a distress signal . It was leaking badly so it was towed by the Yarra Yarra into Waterloo Bay. The Richard and Anne sank almost as soon as the anchor was dropped. The captain and the four (?) crew were taken to Melbourne on the Yarra Yarra.