

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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SALSETTE

Location

Williamstown Rifle range, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S597

Date lost

1925

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Length/Breadth/Depth

100.50 Feet / 27.50 Feet / 10.40 Feet

Year of construction

1839

Built port

Whitby

Built country

England

Registration Number

1919

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

1925

Owner

1880: Henry Moss & Co. (Melbourne)
 1919: W.W. Nicholas and H.B. Treacy (Melbourne)
 1924: H.B. Treacy (Melbourne)

Master

1889: Edward Smith

Cause of loss

Run ashore Williamstown Rifle Range and broken up.

Statement of significance

<p>The Salsette is historically significant being illustrative of the themes of immigration and port services to the port of Williamstown over a long lived career of 97 years.</p>

VHR history

The Salsette is believed to have originally been the 433 ton barque of the same name that arrived from Liverpool with 190/280 bounty immigrants on 2 January 1840. Due to fever on the vessel the entire crew deserted. It returned to England, arriving again in Melbourne on 10 July 1853 with 11 passengers, 16 immigrants and merchandise.

 In 1857 the Salsette was being advertised as a coal hulk (Chronicle 14 February 1857). It was referred to again during the 1860s during which time it sank and was refloated.

 In 1889 Edward Smith, master of the lighter Salsette was reported for not showing lights (Williamstown Chronicle 13 March 1889).

 In 1899 a seaman failed to be on watch on the lighter and its owner William Hunt was charged in court. The seaman's excuse was that the lighter was too damp and he had to sleep at home (Age 10 April 1899).

 The Salsette was relicenced by the Melbourne Harbour Trust on 28 March 1907 for Henry Moss & Co., and its last renewal on record is 16 January 1925.

 Ronald Parsons states the Salsette went to pieces during a storm at Williamstown on 12 July 1925, its Registry being closed 1926.