

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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SALLY ANN

Location

Portland, near Lighthouse

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S604

Date lost

18/11/1844

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

55.70 Feet / 16.70 Feet / 8.70 Feet

Year of construction

1826

Built country

Bermuda

Registration Port

Launceston

Date lost

18/11/1844

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Portland

Cargo

Sundries

Owner

1839-1844: S.G. Henty & Co.

Master

Captain Rosevear

Weather conditions

Blown ashore in SE gale

Cause of loss

The vessel had taken off most of her cargo by the time the gale hit - the vessel rode on two anchors and a long stretch of cable until Sunday evening when a cable parted, the other anchor held on for about another hour before dragging onto the beach.

Passenger comments

2 passengers, 8 steerage - all saved

VHR history

The schooner SALLY ANN had along association with the Henty family of Portland, and was one of the first vessels in their fleet. The ship traded on a regular basis between Adelaide, Portland, Port Fairy and Melbourne. The Geelong Advertiser (02/12/1844) reports the loss of the SALLYANN(E) and the ELIZABETH on the proceeding Sunday in Portland Bay. Both vessels were driven ashore at the same time during a severe gale from the south east. The vessel (which had unloaded most of its cargo prior to the gale striking) was riding on two anchors when the gale struck. Sometime in the afternoon one of the anchor cables parted followed shortly afterwards by the other. The vessel was forced ashore in the vicinity of the Lighthouse. According to the paper the vessel's deep keel and light construction (Bermudan Cedar) caused the vessel to break up quickly in the surf.