

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## S.F. HERSEY

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### Location

Port Phillip Bay, north end of Swan Island, next to J3 Submarine

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S642

### Date lost

21/05/1923

### Official number

88941

### Hull

Coal hulk. One deck, square stern, carvel built. Construc: Black locust. Register closed 21.5.1923 Vessel obsolete, sold to Navy for 1/-, and half-sunk. 6First owner: J.C. Nickels & Co., Searsport, Maine. Originally classified for At

### Propulsion

Sail

### Number of masts

4

### Length/Breadth/Depth

168.80 Feet / 33.00 Feet / 22.80 Feet

### Year of construction

1865

### Built port

Searsport, Maine

## Built country

United States of America

## Registration Number

16 of 1914

## Registration Port

Melbourne

## Date lost

21/05/1923

## Owner

Melbourne Steamship Co. Ltd (15.6.1914).

## Cause of loss

Scuttled to be used as a pier

## VHR history

A fine American built ship of 991 tons purchased by the Tasmanian Steamship Company in 1890. She made several voyages between Hobart and Newcastle under the command of Captain Wilson before she was converted to a coal hulk. She was the largest square rigger registered out of Hobart and was later towed to Launceston" (O'May, Wooden Hookers of Hobart Town, p. 128)<br /> Coal hulk. One deck, square stern, carvel built. Construc: Black locust. Register closed 21.5.1923 Vessel obsolete, sold to Navy for 1/-, and half-sunk. 6First owner: J.C. Nickels & Co., Searsport, Maine. Originally classified for Atlantic voyages. Named after Samuel F. Hersey, prominent Maine politician a founder of Republican Party, wealthy lumber merchant. Later owners: C.G. & E.F. Millar, railway contractors, of Melbourne (6 Aug. 1886); C.H. Hudson, steamship agent, of Melbourne (30 Jan. 1890); Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co. of Hobart (7 Feb. 1890); Union Steam Ship Co. of New Zealand Ltd, Dunedin (9 May 1891) - reg. closed 11 Aug. 1913,dismantled, converted to hulk, re-registered Melbourne 15 June 1914. Oak; hackmatack, tamarak or jupiter; bolted, yellow metal, galvanised iron, sheathed with felt and yellow metal July 1884. Two decks with orlop beams. Large repairs, special survey 1881. Draught 21', then 19'. Notation:' Condemned ', 1891. Surveyed Boston 1884. Notation:' Now a hulk ' 1915-16. Five surveys 1890, 1909. Stripped, caulked, remetalled, Adelaide, 1887