

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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VICTORIA

Location

Port Albert Bar

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S696

Date lost

25/02/1863

Official number

43318

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

3

Length/Breadth/Depth

116.40 Feet / 26.10 Feet / 12.00 Feet

Year of construction

1858

Built port

Greenpoint, New York

Built country

United States of America

Registration Number

40 of 1862

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

25/02/1863

Departure

Port Albert

Destination

New Zealand (several Ports)

Cargo

60 fat cattle, 10 working bullocks and 10 horses.

Owner

Daniel Asaro Osborn

Cause of loss

Missed the channel whilst out bound and went aground

VHR history

When the barque Victoria ran onto the bar at Port Albert, it broke up rapidly drowning most of the cargo of livestock. The timber in the hull was later found to be rotten although the vessel was only five years old.

 After lying wind bound behind the Port Albert bar, the barque Victoria attempted to leave for a voyage to New Zealand with a cargo of livestock. The discoloured state of the water caused by floods, and the absence of channel buoys which had all been washed away, made the channel difficult to navigate. The vessel struck the bar and began to take water. As the tide rose, the waves began to break over the vessel and it was abandoned, breaking up soon after. Mariners at Port Albert were surprised by the rapidity at which the vessel disintegrated. Later, timber samples brought from the wreck were found to be badly decayed, even though the vessel was supposed to be only five years old.