

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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MARCHIONESS

Location

Swan Bay, Port Phillip

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S832

Date lost

7 Oct 1853

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

Registration Port

London

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Cargo

unknown

VHR history

The Melbourne Port and Harbour Master wrote on 12 October 1853 that he inspected the wrecks of two schooners at Port Phillip Heads, one of which was on shore inside of Swan Point.
 They were the Will O' the Wisp, schooner from New Zealand, wrecked on the East Bank of the West Channel and "being a weak vessel immediately filled with water and is now a total wreck".
 The schooner Marchioness from London struck Corsair Rock while following a smaller vessel inside the Heads. The pilot, boarding afterwards, found the vessel making water and resolved to beach it off Swan Bay, where cargo was discharged into a salvage vessel sent by the Lloyds Agent.
 It may be that the wreck currently known as the Will O'the Wisp on Swan Island is in fact the Marchioness, or some other vessel, as this reference states that the Will O'the Wisp is said to have sunk on the east bank of the West Channel.