

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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LITTLE JOHN

Location

Phillip Island, Westernport

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S837

Date lost

1852

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

Date lost

1852

Departure

Tasmania

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

Tasmanian timber

Cause of loss

sprang leak, ran ashore

VHR history

In the letters to the Editor in the Argus of 30 May 1913 Mr Jas. C. Hann wrote that in 1852 or 1853 there were two vessels wrecked in Westernport Bay. One was the Little John from Tasmania, laden with timber, that sprang a leak and ran into Westernport. No lives were lost.

 An earlier letter from D.J.W. McHaffie stated that one of the two wrecks was a timber vessel from Tasmania that "struck the sand bar about midway" (Argus 26 May 1913)