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"Mahogany Ship" Explained

Curious seeks information about the "mahogany ship" at Warrnambool. In a history of Port Fairy, in 1896, the late Mr. W. Earle said that old natives of the Port Fairy tribe and old residents had never heard of the wreck. In the early 50's the late Captain Mason and Mr. A.C. Kell found a small craft well up on the hummocks. It was thought to be one of the flat-bottomed punts built by the whaling parties in the 40's and its dark color was probably caused by the whale oil. It was the late Captain Mason who informed Kingsley, the author of Geoffrey *[sic]* Hamlyn, of the existence of the wreck, when he was visiting Dunmore station. Kingsley received the inspiration to make a Spanish "mahogany ship" out of the old whaling punt lying at Armstrong's Bay. Until Geoffrey Hamlyn, there was never any mention of the Spanish "mahogany ship".

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