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Appendix 9-1

List of Shipwrecks in Ballinskelligs Bay

Record of shipwrecks in and around Ballinskelligs Bay in alphabetical order.

Extract from the Inventory of Shipwrecks in the Underwater Archaeology Unit of the National Monuments Service

Site Name *Anne*
Date of Loss 3 October 1851
Place of Loss near Ballinskelligs

This vessel was en route from Queenstown (Cobh) to Tralee when she was wrecked on a rock. The crew survived but the cargo was destroyed. The vessel broke up.

Bourke, 1994, 156; CSP, 1852-3, Vol. XCVIII, 5

Site Name *Benin*
Date of Loss 17 / 21 Dec. 1847
Place of Loss Inny Beach, near Waterville (½ mile south of Inny Ferry?)

This 345-ton barque was en route from Benin, West Africa, to Liverpool with palm oil when she was wrecked.

Bourke, 1994, 154; CSP, 1851, Vol. LII, 39

Site Name *Bristol Volunteer*
Date of Loss 12 / 22 Jan. 1818
Place of Loss Ballinskelligs Bay

This vessel was en route from Bristol to Antigua when she became stranded. The crew survived.

Bourke, 1994, 153; L. L. no. 5247, 20 January 1818

Site Name *Camelia / Camelié*
Date of Loss 6 / 12 Nov. 1847
Place of Loss on rocks 1½ miles west of Inny Ferry, on property owned by Patrick Trent, Waterville

This 145-ton French brig was stranded on rocks. On November 12th the sailing vessel was reported on the shore at Ballinskelligs. One boy survived.

Bourke, 1994, 154; CSP, 1851, Vol. LII, 34

Site Name *Duck*
Date of Loss 10 Oct. 1903
Place of Loss Rineen, Ballinskelligs Bay

This unregistered fishing boat was built of wood. She was 3 years old and weighed 1 ton. The owner and master was J. Murphy of Rineen, Co. Kerry. She was lying on the beach at Rineen, in ballast, with no one aboard. She became stranded in a southerly force 9 wind and was a total loss.

CSP, 1905, Vol. LXXI, 127, 631

Site Name *Ellen*
Date of Loss 1 Nov. 1822
Place of Loss Ballinskelligs

This vessel of Cork was en route from Gibraltar to Cork, under Capt. Sullivan. She was driven ashore but the crew survived.

Bourke, 1998, 120; L. L. no. 5750, 12 November 1822

Site Name *Greyhound*
Date of Loss 10 Oct. 1903
Place of Loss Rineen

This unregistered, wooden fishing boat weighed 2 tons and was 9 years old. The owner and master was J. Connor of Rineen, Co. Kerry. The boat was lying on the beach, in ballast, with no one aboard. She became stranded in a southerly force 9 and was a total loss.

CSP, 1905, Vol. LXXI, 127, 631

Site Name *Harriet / Harriet Amelia*
Date of Loss 18 Aug. 1900
Place of Loss Waterville

This 35-year old wooden brigantine of Maryport weighed 143 or 184 tons. The master and owner was W. Spillane of Crosshaven. The vessel was en route from Westport to Cardiff with 4 or 6 crew and a cargo of oats and pitwood. She became stranded in an easterly force 4 wind and was a total loss.

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Bourke, 1994, 155; CSP, 1902, Vol. XCII, 119

Site Name *Hercules*
Date of Loss 31 Dec. 1808
Place of Loss Lios an Airgead, 100 yards offshore, Ballinskelligs Bay

This 3 masted privateer was fitted out under letters of marque by the English to attack the Spanish. Her anchors dragged and she went ashore at 'water dogs cave'. The mainmast was cut to form a bridge to the shore, by which some of the crew escaped. Some years later a silver plate was recovered from the site and auctioned by Hunting Cap O'Connell for famine relief.

Bourke, 1994, 153

Site Name *Ithurial*
Date of Loss 11 Dec. 1914
Place of Loss Inny Beach, near Waterville

This steam yacht sought shelter in Ballinskelligs Bay but her anchor dragged. She was driven ashore and became a total wreck. The 6 crew were saved.

Bourke, 1994, 154

Site Name *Kate*
Date of Loss 17 Oct. 1882
Place of Loss Ballinskelligs Bay

This 46-year old wooden smack of Southampton weighed 34 tons. The owner was J. Lock of Warsash, Hants. and the master was J. Spencer. She was en route from Southampton, in ballast, to various fishing stations in Ireland with 4 crew on board. She became stranded in a NE force 3 wind and became totally wrecked. There was no loss of life.

Bourke, 1994, 156; CSP, 1884, Vol. LXXI, 104

Site Name *Leader*
Date of Loss 10 Oct. 1903
Place of Loss Rineen, Ballinskelligs

This 1-year old, unregistered, wooden fishing boat weighed 1 ton. The owner and master was J. Murphy of Rineen, Co. Kerry. The boat was lying on the beach at Rineen, in ballast, with no one aboard. She became stranded in a southerly force 9 wind and was a total loss.

CSP, 1905, Vol. LXXI, 127, 631

Site Name *Mariner*
Date of Loss 1 May 1847
Place of Loss Ballinskelligs Bay

This sailing vessel was on the shore. Two lives were lost.

CSP, 1851, Vol. LII, 17

Site Name *Mary*
Date of Loss Oct. 1899
Place of Loss near Horse Is., Ballinskelligs

This 1-year old, wooden fishing lugsail weighed 1 ton. The master and owner was M. Currane of Derrynane, Co. Kerry. She was en route from Ballinskelligs to Kineen (Rineen?) with 6 crew when she foundered. The crew was lost.

Bourke, 1994, 156; CSP, 1901, Vol. LXVIII, 110

Site Name *Peace*
Date of Loss 8 Nov. 1878
Place of Loss Rineen, Ballinskelligs Bay

This 77-year old wooden brigantine or brig of Hartlepool weighed 83 tons. She was owned by J. Gilmour of Liverpool and the master was T. Pennington. She was en route from Liverpool to Limerick with 5 crew and a cargo of coal. She became stranded in a NW force 8 gale and was totally wrecked. There was no loss of life.

Bourke 1994, 156

CSP, 1880, Vol. LXVI, 'Strandings', 96

Site Name Royal Charlotte

Date of Loss 30 Jan. 1769

Place of Loss Ballinskelligs Bay

This 300-ton London vessel was en route from Guinea with a cargo of elephants' teeth, coffee, and gold worth £20,000. She was wrecked but the captain, Anthony Calvert, and the 20 crew were saved. The cargo was plundered by locals.

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Site Name *St. Michael*

Date of Loss 12 Feb. 1874

Place of Loss Bray Head or Hogs Head, Derrynane

This Portuguese ship was en route from Liverpool to Rio de Janeiro when she was lost during a storm. Three of the 28 aboard were lost.

Bourke, 1998, 124

Site Name *Thrush*

Date of Loss 10 Oct. 1903

Place of Loss Rineen, Ballinskelligs

This unregistered, wooden fishing boat weighed 1 ton and was 6 years old. The master was J. Sullivan and the owner was D. Sullivan of Rineen, Co. Kerry. The boat was lying on the beach at Rineen, in ballast, with no one aboard. She became stranded in a southerly force 9 wind and was a total loss.

CSP, 1905, Vol. LXXI, 127, 631

Site Name *Young Peter*

Date of Loss 9 March 1792

Place of Loss Ballinskelligs Bay

This vessel was en route from Martinico to Dunkirk when she went ashore. The cargo was saved but the ship was lost.

Bourke, 1998, 124; L. L. no. 2382, 9 March 1792

Site Name unknown

Date of Loss 15 Dec. 1379

Place of Loss Scariff Is.

A Cornish expedition in the reign of Richard II had gathered reinforcements at Southampton to be taken to Brittany. The force had seized nuns from a convent where some of the troops had been camped. The commanders were Sir John Arundel, Calvery, Percy, Sir Thos Banastre and other knights. The ships were carried off the Irish coast by gales and 60 nuns were cast overboard to lighten the ship. Sir John Arundel's ship, under master Robert Rust, struck rocks between the island and mainland. 25 other ships, following their leader, were also lost. English contemporary accounts mention Sherkin or Cape Clear as the location of the island where the wrecks occurred, but Irish sources mention Scariff.

Bourke, 1994, 154

Site Name unknown

Date of Loss 26 Dec. 1691

Place of Loss Ballinscelligs Bay

This 30-gun French privateer was driven ashore and staved. 50 of 180 crew drowned.

Bourke, 1994, 153

Site Name unknown

Date of Loss 1799

Place of Loss Ballinskelligs Bay

This Spanish galleon sank.

Bourke, 1994, 153

Site Name unknown

Date of Loss 1 Oct. 1899

Place of Loss near Waterville

This third-class vessel was returning from Ballinskelligs when it capsized. The vessel and the six crew were lost.

Report on the Sea and Inland Fisheries of Ireland for 1900, X

Site Name unknown

Date of Loss 2 Feb. 1902

Place of Loss Scellig landing stage

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This seine boat sank.

Bourke, 1998, 126

Site Name unknown
Date of Loss 3 Aug. 1905
Place of Loss Waterville

This third-class boat was washed away during an exceptionally high tide.
Report on the Sea and Inland Fisheries of Ireland for 1905, xxiii

Site Name unknown
Date of Loss 3 Aug. 1905
Place of Loss Waterville

This unregistered boat was washed away in a very high tide.
Report on the Sea and Inland Fisheries of Ireland for 1905, xxiii