

*Lofthus*  
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On October 5, 1868, during the heyday of metal sailing ships, *Lofthus*, originally named *Cashmere*, launched from the T.R. Oswald shipyard in Sunderland, England. The three-masted iron barque was originally owned by the Liverpool Shipping Company and used in the East Indian Trade. During this time, in order to deter Sumatran and Javanese pirates, fake gunports were painted along her sides.

In 1897, *Cashmere* was sold to a Norwegian, renamed *Lofthus*, and transferred to the American trade. One year later, while carrying a cargo of lumber en route from Pensacola to Buenos Aires, she wrecked on the east coast of Florida. A local sea-going tug tried to rescue the stranded barque but it was too late. The sixteen crewmen aboard the vessel were saved but the vessel was a total loss.