

# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

SS ORIENT: Music Room: Saloon

**Date**

c 1886

**Primary Maker**

Maclure & Macdonald Lithographers

**Medium**

Paper

**Dimensions**

Overall: 362 x 275 mm

**Name**

Lithograph

**History**

To emigrate or remain at home was a major decision faced by many families in the 19th century. In the United Kingdom and Ireland alone, these reasons included land clearance (Scotland and Ireland), famine (Ireland), unemployment (England), the desire to get rich or the quest for political or religious freedom (Cornwall, the Midlands, Scotland and Ireland). The SS ORIENT was built in 1879 by John Elder & Co at Glasgow for the Orient Steam Navigation Company, specifically for the Australian trade route and the transportation of mail. The iron ship had a capacity of 5386 tons and was the largest ship on the Australian run at the time. In 1898 it was refitted at Wallsend, England and just a year later was being used as a troopship during the Boer War. It then returned to transporting commercial cargo to Australia in 1903. Soon after it was sold to Italian interests in 1910 the vessel was scrapped.