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The schooner "Lady of St Kilda" was named after Lady Grange who was imprisoned on St Kilda by her husband in 1734-1740. SCROLL TO 1852. Slide 7. Then in August of the same year, a ship called Harebell took the remaining inhabitants of St Kilda off the island, leaving it deserted. SCROLL TO 1957. Slide 12. 1957. St Kilda was bequeathed to The National Trust for Scotland by the 5th Marquess of Bute. SCROLL TO 2006. Slide 13. The Lady of St Kilda was a schooner which served from 1834 before being shipwrecked off Tahiti shortly after 1843. It is notable for its cultural importance to Melbourne, Australia where it was moored in the 1840s. Several places in bayside Melbourne, including the suburb of St Kilda, and the former municipality the City of St Kilda (now part of the City of Port Phillip) take its name from the ship, its owner and captain. The true story of how the wife of one of the most prominent Scottish judges of the 18th century was kidnapped and exiled on the remote island of Hirta in the St. Kilda group out in the Atlantic. There is not much documentary material to go on, but Margaret Macaulay has succeeded in filling in the gaps in the story as far as it is ever likely to be revealed. The book is probably the last word on the subject. Read more. When you understand Lady Grange's place in that society it is even more shocking that she gets gagged, has her teeth knocked out and is heaved onto the back of a horse and carted off into the night. I really enjoyed reading this book and would recommend it. It is not an academic tome but it is thoroughly researched.