



STORIES FROM THE SEA

SHIPWRECK OBJECTS



'GRACE DARLING & HER FATHER GOING TO THE RESCUE OF THE FORFARSHIRE STEAMER'

Date made

about 1838–40

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Credit

National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London

Description

At about 4 a.m, early on 7 September 1838, the steamer *Forfarshire*, bound for Dundee, struck rocks near the Longstone Lighthouse (Farne Islands) and broke in two. She sank immediately and only nine people escaped the wreck. Grace Darling and her father, the lighthouse keeper, rowed a boat to the rocks in heavy seas and saved the survivors in a remarkable and famous rescue.

Questions

1. Look carefully at the painting. What are the people doing?
2. What do you think happened just before the point in time showed in the painting?
3. What do you think happened next?