

The Death of a Titan

Titanic sank exactly 2 hours 40 minutes after the collision with the iceberg. As she sank the ship broke into two pieces; each section ended its final plunge very differently.

The bow section was completely full of water and glided back and forth on its' descent to the ocean floor, picking up a speed of 30mph. On impact the bow ploughed into the ocean floor burying itself right up to the anchors. It had taken around five or six minutes to come to rest.

The stern section was pulled up again by the sinking bow, it reached a high angle and surfaced from the water. It was reported to have tipped far on its port side as it began to sink, some also said the stern reached an angle of nearly 90 degrees.

There were also cries from lifeboats that the ship had returned, (shouting, "Look! The men are saved!"). However, after a few moments, the stern section also sank beneath the ocean. The stern was not completely full of water as it sank which caused its greater destruction as implosions of trapped air blew the structure apart. Falling like a lead weight, the stern smashed heavily to the ocean floor. Debris such as china, silver-plate and fabrics would have drifted down over a matter of hours, scattering across the debris field.

Captain Smith, following naval tradition, went down with his ship.