

Basic Detail Report



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Title

The WANDERER

Date

c 1845

Primary Maker

Oswald Walter Brierly

Medium

Ink on paper

Dimensions

Sheet: 379 x 556 mm Sight: 357 x 465 mm Display dimensions (Fini D): 630 x 863 mm

Name

Lithograph

History

The WANDERER arrived in Australia in 1842 and made many trips along the Australian coastline with its Scottish owner Benjamin Boyd. Boyd established settlements and pastoral stations between Eden and Sydney, with the WANDERER being a regular sight in Sydney Harbour. The yacht's expensive interiors and opulence made it a popular attraction with fashionable society in Sydney. By 1849, Boyd was in great financial difficulty and preparing to leave the colony. The next two years proved to be disastrous for the WANDERER and Boyd. Sailing out of Port Jackson on 26 October 1849 the vessel lost a bow anchor on the reef. Then in 1851, Boyd was presumed murdered by natives on the Solomon Islands and the WANDERER wrecked off Port Macquarie on its return to Australia.