Nicolas-Martin Petit

Born June 1777 in Paris

Embarked officially as assistant gunner 4th class on board the Géographe

Employed by Baudin in a private capacity as artist for his personal journal

Became one of the two principal artists for the expedition following the departure at the Île de France of the three artists officially appointed for that purpose

His drawings, notably of ethnographic subjects, feature, with those of Charles-Alexandre Lesueur, in the Atlas volumes that were published to accompany the historical account of the voyage

Age on departure from Le Havre: 23

Died 21 October 1804 from gangrene following an injury to his knee caused by a fall in a street in Paris

Further information:


