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Biography

Charles Sturt was born 28th of April 1795 in India. He was one of eight sons and one of thirteen children. His father's name was Thomas Napier Sturt and he was a Judge in Bengal India. Charles was sent to England to live with relatives when he was five and after his schooling served in the British Army.

In 1826 Sturt was one of a group of soldiers from his regiment, called a detachment, who were sent to Australia aboard the ship "The Mariner" and were responsible for a group of convicts who were bound for New South Wales. The ship arrived in Sydney on 23rd of May 1827 and not long after Sturt began working for the Governor, Sir Ralph Darling. While Sturt was an excellent soldier he heard stories of a series of rivers that were charted by John Oxley and Allan Cunningham that seemed to lead inland suggesting there was a large inland sea. These stories inspired Sturt who requested the permission of the Governor to lead an expedition to explore the interior of Australia.

On November 10 1828 Charles Sturt left Sydney with 3 soldiers and eight convicts. Once they reached Bathurst they were joined by experienced explorer Hamilton Hume who Sturt had hired as his assistant due to his previous experience of expeditions exploring the coast. This was to be the first of several expeditions to the interior of Australia which earned Sturt legendary status as one of Australia's finest explorers and the first to chart the Murray River.

After living in South Australia and being involved in the South Australian Government for a number of years Charles Sturt eventually returned to England with his family where he died June 16, 1869 aged 74.

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Where was Charles Sturt born? India

What was Charles Sturt's job before he came to Australia? Soldier in the British Army

When did Charles Sturt arrive in Australia? 23/5/1827

What year was Charles Sturt's first expedition? 1828

What major Australian waterway did he explore?

The Murray River

Who did Charles Sturt hire as his Assistant?

Hamilton Hume

When and where did Charles Sturt die?

England, 16/6/1869