

Errata

Exploring the Golden West

Re: Photograph, page 133.

The caption states: "Bob Buck CAGE 1931, Lasseter Expedition." This photograph is definitely not of Bob Buck. I suggest that you check out the web site of the State Library of New South Wales: www.sl.nsw.gov.au/

Then go to:

- Discover Collections
- History of our Nation
- Exploration – trailblazing the Australian interior
- Lasseter's Lost Reef
- Search for Lasseter

Click on "View further photographs ..."

Photograph 17 is of Bob Buck and is captioned "Bob Buck, the man who found Lasseter's body."

Go back and click on "The First Expedition."

Click on "View further photographs ..."

View photographs a1809140, a1809169 through to a1809180, and some others. These photographs are from the second Lasseter Expedition during the second half of 1931.

a1809140: The expedition. I am fairly sure that H.W.B. Talbot is 5th from the left.

a1809169: Bob Buck.

a1809170: I am fairly sure that this photograph is of Torrington Blatchford, but I cannot be 100% sure at this time. This is the photograph incorrectly captioned in the Talbot book.

Re: Date of departure from Stuart (now Alice Springs), Page 128.

In the book the date of departure is given as "21 July 1930". This is incorrect. The expedition departed from Stuart on 24th July, 1930. I know that most stories use the date of 21st July but most stories only copy the date from an earlier story. Errol Coote, writing in *Hell's Airport*, gives a clue to the correct date. Research in the Archives has revealed a document quoting the correct date.

This bibliography lists twenty references. I am not familiar with them all but will comment on a few that are known to me.

Terry, Michael, *Hidden Wealth Hiding People*, Putnam, Lond. N. Y. 1931

The title of the book is *Hidden Wealth and Hiding People*. The two locations for Putnam are printed as "London & New York".

Erickson, Ray, Ernest Giles, *Australia Twice Traversed*, Hesperian Press, Carlisle, 1997.

Ericksen is the correct spelling of this author's name, not Erickson. This book was written by Ernest Giles, not by, or in conjunction with, Ray Ericksen. Ray Ericksen did write a book titled *Ernest Giles Explorer and Traveller 1835-1897*.

Bailey, Ern, *Dream Millions*.

This book was written by Fred Blakeley, not Ern Bailey. John Bailey wrote a document entitled *The History of Lasseter's Reef*. It was not published. *Dream Millions* was re-printed with the title *Lasseter's Dream of Millions* in 1984. This re-print is identical with the original book except for the inclusion of an index.

Coote, Eric, *Hell's Airport*, Hawthornedene Investigator Press, 1981.

This book is actually titled *Hell's Airport and Lasseter's Lost Legacy*. The author's name is Errol Coote, not Eric Coote. The book referred to was published by Investigator Press Pty Ltd. It is not a facsimile of the original *Hell's Airport* as many significant changes have been made by George Stapleton.

Stoneking Mason, Billy, *The Making of a Legend*, Allan and Unwin, 1985.

The author's name is Billy Marshall-Stoneking. The book's title is *Lasseter – the making of a legend*.

Stapleton, Austin, *Lasseter Did Not Lie*, Hawthornedene Investigator Press, 1981.

Again, the publisher is Investigator Press Pty Ltd. The title is *Lasseter Did Not Lie!* – only a small difference but we need to be accurate. Austin Stapleton is one and the same George Stapleton.