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LASSETER, Lewis Hubert (Harold Bell) 1880 - 1931

Lasseter was born in Bamganie, Victoria on 27 September 1880. In 1929 he claimed to have discovered 'a vast gold bearing reef' in Central Australia. Also claiming to be a competent surveyor and prospector, he offered to survey an 800-mile pipeline route from a projected dam on the Gascoyne River to the reef. This did not eventuate.

A well equipped expedition left Alice Springs on 21 July 1930 comprising Fred Blakeley, leader, George Sutherland, surveyor, Philip Taylor, engineer and driver, Errol Coote, pilot of the plane, Captain Blakeston-Houston, the Governor General's aide as 'explorer', and Lasseter as guide. No trace of the reef was found and Lasseter died without returning from this expedition, his death certificate stating he died on 30 January 1931.

The Papers

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	Diary of Lewis Harold Bell Lasseter	

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/3	n.d. Fragments from diary of Lewis Harold Bell Lasseter		Mitchell Library MSS 3269 CY Reel 807
	PAPERS		
	1936		
/1	Account of the expedition in search of Lasseter's reef by Frederick Blakeley		Mitchell Library A2891 CY Reel 789
/4	1930 – 1932 Central Australian Gold Exploration Company Ltd. Papers re expeditions in search of Lasseter's Reef		Mitchell Library A3043 CY Reel 1147
/5	26 September 1947 History of Lasseter's Reef and an explanation of the two expeditions to Central Australia by J. Bailey		Mitchell Library A2753 CY Reel 1147
/6	1930 'Dream Millions': an account of the expedition in search of Lasseter's Reef, 2 vols, by Frederick Blakeley		Mitchell Library A6962 A6963 CY Reel 1147
/7	15 March – 8 August 1956 Letters to Fred Blakeley from Nellie Edwards concerning Lasseter and Lasseter's Reef		Mitchell Library A6964 CY Reel 1147
/8	1930 - 1932 Lasseter family papers relating to the Lasseter expedition, including letters from Lasseter to his wife, correspondence between Mrs Lasseter and the Central Australian Gold Exploration Company and Mrs Lasseter and accountants following Harry's death, newspaper articles regarding Lasseter's expedition		Mitchell Library MSS 5152 CY Reel 2035

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