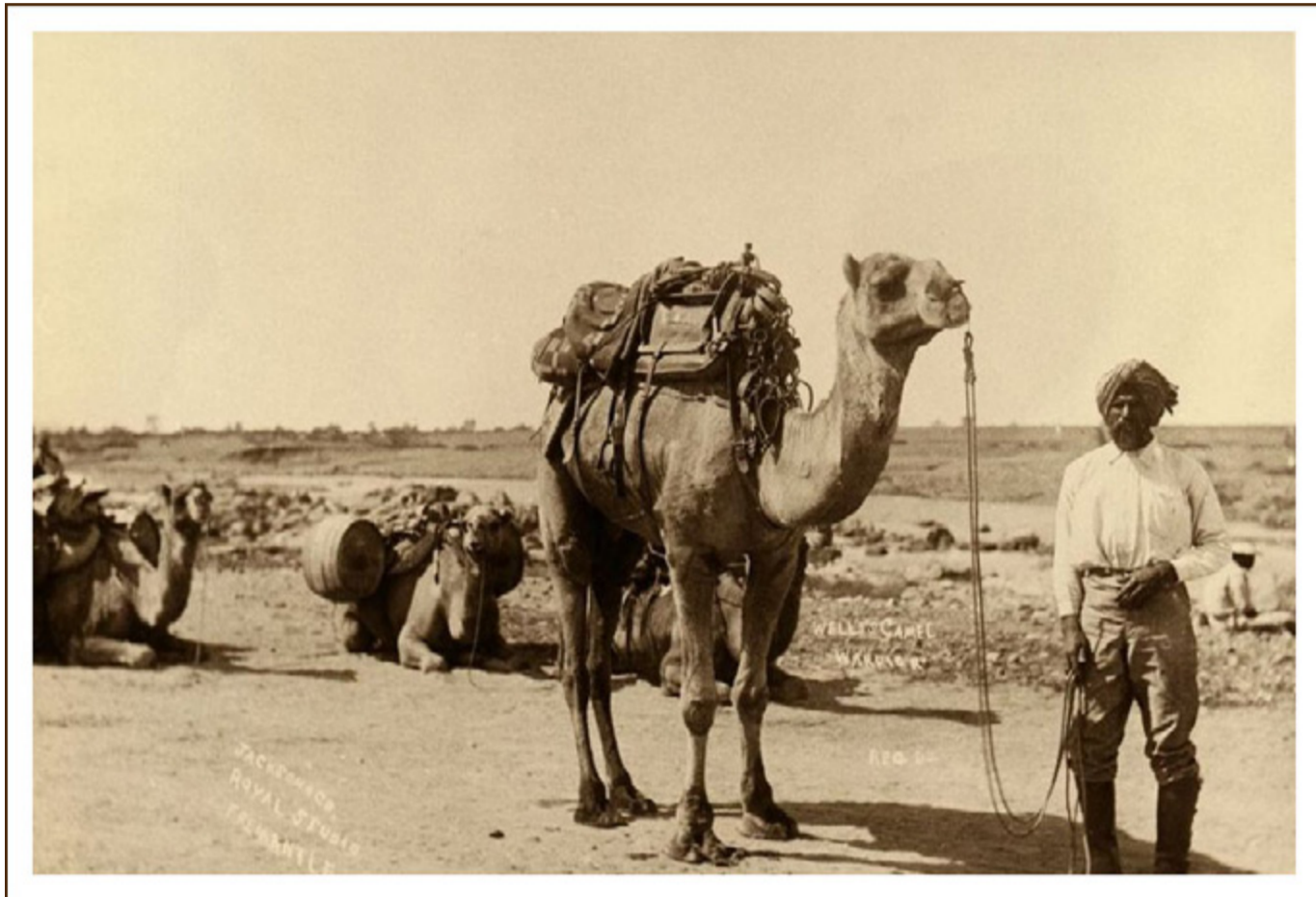


Sikh and Indian Australians

TEACHER RESOURCE 3 - AFGHAN CAMELEERS



Muslim cameleer Bejah Dervish at Mullewa, WA, leaving for the Calvert Expedition in 1896.
(B10486/1 SLISA: National Library)

Talking about an exhibition at the National Library in Canberra in 2007, *Pioneers of the Inland: Australia's Muslim Cameleers 1860s - 1930s*, Curator Dr Phillip Jones spoke of the “invisibility” of this subject in Australian history up to that time. He noted that the cameleers have rarely been given adequate credit for their achievements.

“The durability and the power of the European...idea that it was Europeans that formed the pioneering spirit in central Australia, has really overwhelmed this story and marginalised [the role of the Afghans]”.

Sikh Cameleers: Massa Singh

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