



PARRAMATTA FEMALE FACTORY FRIENDS – RESEARCH CENTRE AND BABETTE SMITH COLLECTION - RESEARCH PLAN

Parramatta Female Factory Friends Research Centre & Babette Smith Collection (PFFRC&BSC) is a service and resource initiative by the Parramatta Female Factory Friends.

PREAMBLE

The purpose of the Parramatta Female Factory Friends Research Centre & Babette Smith Collection is drawn from the Parramatta Female Factory Friends Charter. The following elements of that charter are directly related to the PFFRC and frame the purpose, plans and actions.

- Protect, preserve and conserve the site and all its provenance according to the Burra Charter.
- Develop and manage the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct as a cultural, tourism and learning place of international significance.
- Protect, conserve and bring the Parramatta Female Factory to all Australians. We do this through advocacy, site monitoring, female factory research, tours, talks, education activates and celebrations.
- To undertake and promote historical research in order to share the historical value of the two sites and to pass on the heritage of this irreplaceable site to future generations.
- To manage and promote the site in spirit of equality as a meeting place where all can access, share and understand our history and our Australian identity, past and present

PURPOSE

- Conserve the provenance of the Parramatta Female Factory
- Develop and manage the PFFRC&BSC as a place of lifelong learning
- Conduct and provide access to Parramatta Female Factory research for all Australians
- Undertake and promote historical research on the Parramatta Female Factory (1818) and the Parramatta Female Factory (1804)
- Provide a place where all can access, share and understand our history and identity, through the history of the Parramatta Female Factory. This to be done in the spirit of equality

The purpose of the PFFRC informs the centre's policies, plans and activities, including acquisition and de-acquisition of resources. This plan to be reviewed annually.



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RESEARCH FRAMES

Questions - who, what, how, where, when, why

Contexts/Experiences /Influences – personal, social, historical, philosophical, cultural, scientific/technological

MAIN QUESTIONS:

PEOPLE

- Who were the female factory women?
- Who were the other relevant people to this history?

PLACE

- What was the female factory history in NSW?
- What are the site histories of the Parramatta Female Factories?

TIME

- What happened when?

SECONDARY QUESTIONS

PEOPLE

Who were the female factory women? Apply frames.

What was the context? Include: World context - British Empire, European, Colonial

- What was life like prior to the factories?
- What was life like during the factory period – Parramatta and other factories?
- What happened to the women after their sentence?
- Who were the inmates/patients – convict and free?
- Who were the other relevant people to this history?
 - Family (inside and outside the factory)
 - Husbands, significant others
 - Children – what happened to them
 - Friends/ communities (e.g. fellow convicts)
 - Management / within the factory/ government (Colonial/ British)
 - Staff
 - Visitors
- What are the contemporary connections?

PLACE

What are the histories of place – Pre-Colonial and Colonial?

- Parramatta
- **Parramatta Female Factory I**
 - History pre-Colonial and Colonial prior to the factory
 - Changes
 - Post factory history



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- **Parramatta Female Factory II**
 - History pre-Colonial and Colonial prior to the factory
 - Changes
 - Post factory history
- **Bathurst Female Factory**
 - History pre-Colonial and Colonial prior to the factory
 - Changes
 - Post factory history
- **Newcastle Female Factory**
 - History pre-Colonial and Colonial prior to the factory
 - Changes
 - Post factory history
- **Port Macquarie Female Factory I**
 - History pre-Colonial and Colonial prior to the factory
 - Changes
 - Post factory history
- **Port Macquarie Female Factory II**
 - History pre-Colonial and Colonial prior to the factory
 - Changes
 - Post factory
- **Moreton Bay Female Factory**
 - History pre-Colonial and Colonial prior to the factory
 - Changes
 - Post factory history
- **Eagle Farm Female Factory**
 - History pre-Colonial and Colonial prior to the factory
 - Changes
 - Post factory history
- **Emu Plains Experiment**
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FOCUS AREA PRIORITIES

PRIORITY 1

Parramatta Female Factory II (1821) history:

- Site history - building and changes
- Focus on Parramatta Female Factory Women - who was in the factory year by year.
- Female Factory Staff
- What happened inside the factory - 1821-1848?
 - Social history
 - Timeline

PRIORITY 2

1. Who were the other relevant people to this history?
 - Family (inside and outside the factory)
 - Children – what happened to them
 - Husbands, significant others
 - Management / within the factory/ government (Colonial/ British)
 - Visitors
 - Parramatta Female Factory I (1804)
 - Parramatta Female Factory Women - who was in the factory year by year.
 - Staff

PRIORITY 3

Parramatta Female Factory I (1804)

- Who were the other relevant people to this history?
 - Family (inside and outside the factory)
 - Children – what happened to them
 - Husbands, significant others
 - Management / within the factory/ government (Colonial/ British)
 - Visitors
- Site history – Buildings and changes

PRIORITY 4

1. Focus on major events that occurred in the factory timeline
2. Focus on historical context
 - Other factories in NSW
 - Other factories in Van Diemen's Land overview
 - Colonial
 - British



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KEY ACTIVITIES 2024

- 1. Prepare for Launch of the Research Centre October 2024**
 - a. Complete Resource Listings**
 - i. Book additions
 - ii. Microfilm listing
 - iii. CD listing
 - iv. Microfiche listing
 - v. Digital listing
 - b. Complete**
 - i. Dewey Decimal nomenclature on all resources
 - ii. Dewey/Subject location of books
 - iii. Phase 1 Babette Smith archive photography
 - iv. Phase 1 Social history, site history and related history vertical files – set up profiles and subjects
 - v. Training for collections, object cataloguing and eHive cataloguing software
 - vi. Phase 1 eHive data entry
- 2. Develop partnerships and consolidate Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)**
 - a. Consolidate Ancestry and SAG MOUs
 - b. Encourage MHNSW – State Archives MOU
 - c. Identify other useful relationships for the Research Centre
- 3. Research - focus on Priority 1 research areas:**
 - a. Parramatta Female Factory II (1821) history:**
 - i. Site history - building and changes
 - ii. Parramatta Female Factory Women - who was in the factory year by year.
 - iii. Parramatta Female Factory Staff
 - iv. What happened inside the factory - 1821-1848?
 - Social history
 - Timeline
- 4. Respond to Research Inquiries**
- 5. Individual PFFRC&BSC Research volunteers areas of interest**