



Unravelled ... The life of Elizabeth Fulloon, Superintendent of the Parramatta Female Factory, 1824-1827

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Described by Governor Darling, as a “woman of extraordinary bodily strength and energy of character”, Elizabeth Fulloon was appointed from England to be Superintendent of the Parramatta Female Factory.

This biography traces her Huguenot origins and early life in London. Her first husband died during the voyage to NSW leaving her with 5 children. She remarried twice, but neither colonial marriage lasted more than a few months. In later life Elizabeth and her daughters ran a Ladies Academy in O’Connell Street Sydney before her death in 1842 at the age of 63.

Elizabeth’s three years at the Female Factory were eventful. In February 1826 her management came under scrutiny following the death of an inmate, Mary Ann Hamilton, and the introduction of a Board of Management later that year led to increasing bureaucracy which made her task more onerous. After announcing her intention to retire at the beginning of 1827, she waited patiently for a replacement to arrive from England. They were never sent. Her last weeks in charge saw the women protest against a cut to their rations, leading to the infamous Female Factory riot on 27 October 1827.

Fifteen chapters in *Unravelled* provide a fascinating insight into the history and operation of the Parramatta Female Factory during the 1820s.

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