

Albert Henry Fullwood – The Settler’s Hut

This painting tells the story of early European settlement along the Clarence River. A man on horseback, a woman and a dog stand outside a bark and slab hut overlooking fenced paddocks and grazing cattle. The scene is expressed in the warm colours of the Australian bush with quick and light brushwork.

Fullwood travelled from Newbold throughout the Clarence Valley to paint and draw. His visit was recorded in the newspaper of the time which stated he created a fine collection of sketches and paintings.

Albert Henry Fullwood migrated from England in 1881, aged 17. In the late 1880s he joined the staff of the Picturesque Atlas of Australasia. At this time Fullwood was based in Sydney and shared a studio with Frank Mahony and Julian Ashton. He had a leading role in forming the Society of Artists in Sydney.

Soon after the outbreak of World War I Fullwood joined the Allied Arts Corps. From April 1915 to November 1917, he served as a Sergeant in the Royal Army Medical Corps, and was posted to No.3 London General Hospital, Wandsworth, with fellow Australian artists, Roberts, Streeton, George Coates and Miles Evergood. In 1918, with the rank of honorary lieutenant in the AIF he went to France as official artist to the 5th Division and painted scenes of the Western Front, mainly watercolours for the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. Fullwood recorded aspects of the First World War which others may not have noticed or have taken for granted. His works have a narrative element that captures the mood and atmosphere of a scene.

He returned to Sydney in 1920 where he was a foundation member of the Australian Painter-Etchers' Society and Australian Watercolour Institute.

Fullwood’s work is represented in the national galleries at Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and the Australian War Memorial at Canberra and internationally at Dresden and Budapest.



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