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### Unit Date

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### Language

English

### source

Prewitt, Susan

### Extent

4.0 Linear Feet one framed portrait, one framed sampler

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated to the Rockbridge Historical Society by Jane McNabb Reid's great-great grandchildren Susan Prewitt and her siblings.

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## Biographical Note

Jane McNabb was born in 1822 in Lexington, Virginia to John McNabb. Her mother's name is unknown. She married William Reid in 1848. She died in 1889 and is buried in an unmarked grave in Rockbridge County, Va.

## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a portrait and needlework sampler that belonged to Jane McNabb Reid. The needlework sampler was created by Reid when she was 18 years old in 1840 and includes several alphabets and the following four lines: Teach me to feel another's woe/To hid the fault I see/That mercy I to others show/That mercy show to me. The text is based on a poem by English poet Alexander Pope. The portrait is of an older Jane, likely created in the years preceeding her death in 1889.

## Keywords

Needlework  
Lexington (Va.)  
Reid, Jane McNabb  
Prewitt, Susan

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Needlework Sampler

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**Unit Date** 1840

**Text** 1 (Item)

### Portrait

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**Unit Date** circa 1885

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