

MORNING

WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 29, 1908.

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Mrs. McNeill was born in Nicholasville, Ohio, on Feb. 18th, 1837, her name before her marriage being Mary A. Fee. She was married to James McNeill on November 11th, 1856 and has been a resident of Richmond for thirty-nine years, her husband and four sons surviving her, the latter being Jerome McNeill, of Tallahassee, Florida; Gregg, of Minneapolis; Harry, of Spokane, Washington; and Howad, of Buffalo, New York.

Mrs. McNeill was a woman of broad culture and of unusually mentality and was for many years an active member of the Aftermath, the History Class and the Occult Research Society, being the President of the latter club at the time of her death. She was interested in many charities and philanthropic movements and her unknown beneficiaries were many. A granddaughter, Miss Jessie McNeill, a daughter of Jerome McNeill, has had her residence with her grandparents for several years.