

SA484725

**Portrait of Margaret Ramsay
c.1830; British School.**

Price

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Item Reference: SA484725

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 128 cm (50.4")

Width = 105 cm (41.3")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

Oil on canvas in a part gilt and ebonised frame. A handwritten label verso states the artist was 'Ritchio', but we can find no such artist; however, at this time there were several Scottish artists with the surname 'Ritchie'. Whoever the artist was, and there is a Scottish 'feel' to the portrait, he was talented. There is a real feel of the character of the sitter and a painterly delight in the use of the medium which brilliantly conveys the different texture of flesh and the clothing of the sitter. Margaret Flint (1786-1873) married Ebenezer Ramsay, Procurator Fiscal of Clackmannanshire, who lived at Alloa, Clackmannanshire, Scotland. He was born in 1785 and died in 1846. They had ten children, of whom three died young. Margaret, number nine of the ten, married John Vanderstegen Drake in 1850. They had five children. Ebenezer and Margaret also had a son, Thomas, who married Jane Mitchell. Thomas and Jane were the parents of Sir William Mitchell Ramsay, a very distinguished scholar and university professor, who "followed in the footsteps of St. Paul", and correctly identified many of the places mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles. His wife Agnes Marshall went with him ...

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