RS#17: “The Death of Jane McCrea,” 1804

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Jane McCrea was engaged to a soldier in the army of British Lieutenant General John Burgoyne. She was thought to have been slain by Native Americans in 1777. Burgoyne was unable to find her killers, resulting in a decrease in confidence in the ability of the British to protect its army and a surge in military recruitments for the American Patriots.