Guide to the Elisha Kent Kane Papers, 1825-1855

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Biography
Arctic explorer, surgeon, naval officer, and author. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; educated at the Universities of Virginia and Pennsylvania. He received his doctor of medicine in 1843. Kane travelled abroad extensively, explored the Arctic, and was a member of the Second Grinnell Expedition to the Arctic, 1854-1855. He died in Havana 16 February 1857.

Scope and Content
Journal, photograph, silhouette, printed booklet, and annotated sketch. The journal is one kept by Kane during the Second Grinnell Expedition, the purpose of which was to search for Sir John Franklin. The journal dates form June 4, 1854 to May 15, 1855.