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Biography
James Linen, poet, was born in Scotland in 1808. He emigrated to the United States, and for many years carried on a large book-binding establishment in New York City. Later he spent some years in California, where he was an active member of the Scottish benevolent societies. His last years were passed in New York City. He contributed poems, mostly in the Scotch dialect, to the Knickerbocker Magazine, the Scottish-American and other newspapers, and published a collection of them under the title of Songs of the Seasons and other Poems (New York, 1852). A large collection of his Poetical and Prose Writings (San Francisco, 1865) was followed by a smaller one (New York, 1866) of the same title. He also published The Golden Gate (1869). James Linen died in New York City on November 20, 1873.
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Related Collections
Two books by James Linen, The Golden Gate and The poetical and prose writings of James Linen, are cataloged separately in Special Collections and Archives.
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