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Abstract	<p>The most stellar member of a stellar family, Elisha Kent Kane was among the most popular American explorers of the mid-nineteenth century, a hero in the tragic mode. Born in Philadelphia in 1820, the son of John Kintzing Kane and Jane Duval Leiper, Kane studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania before earning a commission as a naval surgeon. While in the Navy, Kane embarked on the succession of voyages to exotic locales that became the basis for his extraordinary fame. In 1843, he attended Caleb Cushing's first diplomatic mission to China as ship's physician, and subsequently traveled to the Philippines and Western Africa. Distinguishing himself in the Mexican War, Kane's greatest fame came from two expeditions to the arctic, aiming to locate the lost explorer,</p>

Sir John Franklin and to explore for evidence of the open polar sea. Kane died in 1857 while attempting to organize a third arctic voyage.

Part of the Kane Family Collection, the Papers of Elisha Kent Kane contain a mix of personal and family correspondence with correspondence relating to all of Kane's explorations. Intelligent, articulate and very much a romantic, Kane's letters are expressive and passionate. The collection provides fine documentation of youth, his relationship with the Spiritualist Margaret Fox, and of course his travels to China and off the coast of Africa in 1846. Kane's two expeditions to the arctic are particularly well documented, with correspondence, notes, logbooks, diaries, and sketches, as well as Kane's post-expedition notes, writings, and lectures recounting his experiences.

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Background note

Whether because of -- or in spite of -- a debilitating childhood bout with rheumatic fever that left him with a delicate constitution, Elisha Kent Kane went on to live an adventurous life and "die in the harness," as his father had wished. Each of the half-dozen brilliant forays that he made into the exotic seems to have been terminated by accident or illness, but from these experiences, Kane carefully built a public image for himself as America's great tragic hero of exploration.

Elisha Kent Kane was born in Philadelphia on February 3, 1820, the son of the jurist and Democratic politician John Kintzing Kane and his wife Jane Duval Leiper. Already prominent in Philadelphia and Washington, the Kane family became more so with Elisha's celebrity as an Arctic explorer and his brother, Thomas Leiper Kane's, as a general in the Union army and advocate for the Mormons.

Upon first entering college at the University of Virginia, Elisha intended to study geology and civil engineering, but on the advice of family friends, he transferred to the University of Pennsylvania to take up medicine, graduating in 1842. With receipt of his degree, however, his concerned family members believed that a medical practice might be too rigorous for the frail young man, and they sought to discourage him from the profession. But unbeknownst to Elisha, his father arranged a surgeon's commission in the navy, and upon graduation, Elisha was directed to report to the Philadelphia Navy Yard to be examined for assignment. Despite his medical history, Kane passed the examination and received his commission in the following year.

In his first assignment, Kane joined the diplomat Caleb Cushing on the first American diplomatic mission to China in May 1843. The voyage to the Far East was the first of many adventures for Kane, which included a daring descent into a Philippine volcano, apparently inciting controversy among locals. At the completion of trade negotiations in June 1844, Kane resigned from the Cushing Commission and elected to remain in China for six months, operating a hospital boat with a young English surgeon. Although the venture was successful financially, Kane contracted cholera and was forced to abandon his practice and return home. By the time that he reached Philadelphia in the summer of 1845, he had logged thousands of miles and visited five continents.

Despite his stated intentions of settling down and opening a medical practice in the city, Kane soon enlisted for another tour of duty at sea, this time taking a cruise to Africa aboard the frigate *United States*. It has been suggested that Kane's precipitous decision to ship out had less to do with a thirst for adventure than it did a taste of scandal. Shortly after his return to Philadelphia Kane had begun spending time with a young woman named Julia Reed, and several months later, he was scurrying to conceal her pregnancy. While historian and Kane biographer George W. Corner acknowledged that there was some correspondence to support the basis for the scandal, he nevertheless maintained that an out of wedlock pregnancy "did not fit" Kane's gentlemanly character. Regardless of the circumstances, however, sail away Kane did in May 1846, leaving behind a despondent family and two heartbroken cousins, Mary Leiper and Helen Patterson. Although Kane did not appear to enjoy his African sojourn, it afforded him the opportunity to study the slave trade at first hand, a topic of great interest to the Kane family, and especially to his abolitionist brother Thomas and to his father.

Just as in China, however, illness cut short Kane's cruise, and he returned home weak, emaciated, and depressed, and just as in China, he was not held back for long. Even before he had recovered from his bout of "coast fever," he traveled to Washington to petition for a transfer into the army in order to fight in the Mexican War. The prospects of escape and adventure and of military glory were always supremely attractive to Kane, but after contracting yet another debilitating illness, he gave up hope of active duty. Failing in his attempt to sign on as physician to Girard College, he renewed his push for a transfer, and when President James Polk decided he needed a messenger to relay information to General Winfield Scott, Kane was offered the assignment.

En route to Mexico, Kane wrote to his father to assure him that the "Philadelphia Kane family is represented in the war," and he challenged him to use this "representation" to further advance the Kane family. Ultimately, Kane's stint in the army did bring credit to his family's name. Wounded in a battle with Mexican forces, Kane distinguished himself by saving the life of Mexican General Antonio Gaona, and in return, Gaona and his family nursed Kane back to health in their luxurious compound after the illness-prone Philadelphian had fallen ill with "congestive typhus fever." Declared unfit for further duty, Kane was sent home to a hero's welcome.

After a slow convalescence over the summer, Kane unsuccessfully applied for a position at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and then for an assignment aboard the store ship *Supply*, scheduled to sail for Lisbon, the Mediterranean, and Rio de Janeiro. Reminiscent in many ways of Kane's African trip, the *Supply* cruise was uneventful apart from the brutal floggings meted out frequently on the backs of the unruly crew that Kane, as ship's surgeon, was obligated to attend. In September 1849, Kane left his assignment aboard the *Supply*, and signed on aboard the surveying steamer *Walker*, bound for Mobile Bay on coastguard service.

While the experience aboard the *Supply* deepened Kane's aversion to shipboard brutality, he found his coastguard duty irredeemably dull. Kane yearned for adventure, and early in the following year, the perfect opportunity presented itself: a rescue expedition was forming to search for the lost explorer Sir John Franklin, who had last been seen on July 22, 1845 en route to locate a Northwest Passage to the Pacific Ocean.

On May 22, 1850, Kane set sail aboard the brig *Advance*, one of two ships supplied for the expedition by the whaling magnate Henry Grinnell. The U.S. Navy crew under the command of Lieutenant Edwin De Haven, was charged with searching for Franklin in Baffin Bay, but he was ordered thereafter to proceed northward in search of the still undiscovered Northwest Passage. There were ten other rescue ships in the Arctic that summer. Between August 25th and 27th, the crews of Captain John Penny and De Haven landed on the shores of Cape Riley where they discovered evidence of an encampment, presumably Franklin's, and additional evidence was discovered on Beechey Island, ten miles further up Wellington Channel. Since Franklin had left no indication of the direction in which he was headed, the captains agreed to split up and continue their search over a wider area, with De Haven heading north up Wellington Channel.

In early September, the *Advance* passed Cornwallis Island and began heading further north before it was stopped altogether by a howling storm. Scrubbing the mission, De Haven elected to try to return home, but as ice formed around the ships and locked them into a floe, they found themselves trapped, and pushed steadily northward. Even when the floe broke up temporarily, the ship was freed only long enough

to become frozen into another icepack headed south. By October 1st, Kane and his shipmates realized that they faced a winter in the Arctic.

In the dark and bitterly cold winter, De Haven and many in the crew became desperately ill with scurvy, leaving their health and survival in Dr. Kane's hands. Ordering them to exercise, even on the coldest days, and increasing their rations, Kane is credited with saving their lives. After having been pushed out of Wellington Channel, eastward through Lancaster Sound, and southward down Baffin Bay, the ship was finally freed of the ice on June 5, 1851, and was able to make its way to Greenland's Disco Island to replenish stores for another season of exploration.

From Upernavik, the expedition set sail again in early July and soon after hit solid ice. By mid-August, the frustrated De Haven abandoned the mission and headed for New York before facing another arctic winter. Although they had failed to locate Franklin or the Northwest Passage, when Kane returned home, he was once again received as a hero.

Making the most of the acclaim, Kane spent the next year traveling and lecturing on his Arctic adventures to capacity crowds. His celebrity grew enormously as a result of his colorful lectures, and carefully edited accounts of his Arctic adventures filled the newspapers. Perhaps most famously, he worked tirelessly to promote his theory that Franklin had drifted into a warm-water Open Polar Sea that he was sure circled the pole. Using the attention resulting from his book, *The U. S. Grinnell Expedition in Search of Sir John Franklin*, Kane raised funds for a second expedition, taking the largest share from the magnanimous Henry Grinnell, who agreed to once again offer use of the *Advance*. It appeared as though Kane would have every opportunity to test his theory.

The fall of 1852 was marked by two significant events: the tragic death of fourteen year-old Willie Kane and the introduction of Elisha Kent Kane to Margaret Fox, one of the best known Spiritualist mediums in America. Willie's death devastated the entire family, so much so that they abandoned their mansion on the outskirts of Philadelphia and moved back into the city, unable to bear living in Willie's house any longer. Elisha, who had kept watch at Willie's bedside for several weeks, was particularly affected. There has been some speculation that Kane's grief led him to seek out the comfort of Spiritualist communication with the dead; however, there is no evidence that Kane ever actually discussed Willie with Maggie Fox. Nevertheless, after several visits to the hotel where Fox held seances, Kane's spirits improved, and as he labored to finish his book and to complete organization for his expedition, he continued to pay regular visits.

Although their relationship started out casually, Kane began to make demands on Fox. Initially unconcerned over the propriety of her "calling," he soon began to urge her to give it up, and at the same time, he began to insist that she become more ladylike, proposing that she allow him to send her to school. For her part, Fox seemed uncertain whether she would comply or resist, but as their relationship grew more intense, the demands became more important. At one point, Kane broke off the relationship, recognizing that one of them would have to give up their "cause," something that neither was willing to do.

Fox must have had a change of heart, because a few months later she wrote to Kane expressing dissatisfaction with her "very tiresome life" and asking his advice. His immediate reply encouraged her to "stick to your good resolutions" and reaffirmed his commitment to helping her escape a life which, according to Kane, was "worse than tedious, it is sinful." Maggie's mother finally agreed to allow Kane to arrange for Maggie's education, and the Turner family of rural Crookville, Pennsylvania, was engaged to

provide board for Maggie while she attended school nearby. Kane also made arrangements with Cornelius Grinnell to pay her board and take care of other incidental expenses. The young couple agreed that if Kane was sufficiently satisfied with Fox's reeducation when he returned from the Arctic, they would be married, but until then they could not become engaged. On May 27, 1853, Fox moved into the Turner's home in Crookville, and four days later Kane departed for the Arctic.

From the beginning, Kane was concerned that news of his relationship with Fox could harm his reputation while he was away, so he enlisted the help of Cornelius Grinnell and younger brother Robert Patterson Kane to help safeguard Elisha's reputation. Patterson and Grinnell were to act as couriers for correspondence between Fox and Kane and they were instructed to quell any rumors that arose. Kane left his correspondence regarding his role in Maggie's education with his brother in order to leave a paper trail indicating that he was nothing more than a generous benefactor of the young woman.

There were other matters to worry about as well -- Kane's health, as usual, among them. In April 1853, just one month prior to sailing, Kane was stricken with rheumatic fever, but even after being confined to bed for three weeks, unsure whether he might die, he decided that he would make a go of the expedition. Such an unpromising beginning was a sign of things to come. The usual bouts of seasickness and an inexperienced crew added to the concerns, but it was only when the expedition reached the Arctic that the real troubles began.

Already concerned that he might be trumped in the discovery of the Open Polar Sea, Kane grew frantic upon receiving a letters from Lady Jane Franklin informing him that Capt. Edward Inglefield was setting out in one of England's best steam-powered ships to follow the rescue path that Kane had pursued in 1850-1851. Although Inglefield had only been sent to the Arctic to deliver supplies to five ships on Beechey Island, Lady Franklin's letter led Kane to adopt a more aggressive course than he had originally planned, crossing directly through Mellville Bay. Although this route stood to save time, it would expose the ship to treacherous icebergs which blocked the entrances to Smith and Lancaster Sounds, and Kane recognized that by taking this course he would also risk being frozen into an ice floe for the winter. He decided to take the chance.

Ominously, while crossing Mellville Bay, the *Advance* suffered a head-on collision with an iceberg that destroyed the jig-boom and one of the lifeboats, yet the ship still made remarkable time. By early August, with the entrance to Smith Sound in sight, the *Advance* stopped at Littleton Island to leave provisions and a lifeboat for future emergencies before pushing northward, and it was there that their troubles really began. Facing lashing storms and ice-clogged waters, Kane ultimately had to order his men to strap themselves into harnesses and pull the ship north. By late August, the *Advance* had traveled further north than any previous expedition (by the American route), but Kane demanded they push still further. But when the crew protested -- and more importantly, when it was ascertained that no further progress could be made due to heavy ice -- Kane agreed that they should stay put and wait for spring. While the American public waited and worried, Kane and his crew settled in for the winter.

The crew prepared for winter by building supply houses on shore, a wooden cover for the ship's deck, and a kennel for the dogs. Repeated attempts to rid themselves of the ship's rat population were somewhat successful but the methods caused a few anxious moments. The first attempt using noxious fumes nearly killed the cook, and the second, asphyxiation by carbon monoxide, set the deck on fire and caused Kane and another crewmember to lose consciousness while battling the blaze.

By mid-October, when the sun disappeared, all activity ground to a halt, and Kane and his crew were confined below deck to ride out a harsh winter riddled with scurvy and sensory deprivation, and more than a few flares of temper and fist fights. By February, with the sun barely visible, Kane wasted no time in returning to the mission, selecting eight members of the crew to attempt to reach Humboldt glacier and beyond. Ignoring the bitter cold and the protests of the experienced crew members that it was still too early to proceed, he sent his squad northward in mid-March.

The attempt was short-lived. Within a week of their departure, three of the men stumbled back to ship with news that the others were ill and freezing. Kane immediately led a party to rescue the men, an excursion that took fifty hours in temperatures that fell at times to fifty below zero. At the same time, the crew spied several Inuit hunters from Etah, a small village just 70 miles to the south, and invited them on board, where they sat down to a meal of raw walrus that the Inuit had brought with them. With the help of Carl Christian Peterson, a Danish crew member fluent in Inuktitut, Kane was able to communicate with the Inuit, enlisting their help for the upcoming winter.

As spring approached, Kane began to implement his plan to head north in search of the Open Polar Sea. First, he intended to send six of his men by foot to Humboldt Glacier, with him and another crewmember following on a sledge with provisions. They would then cross the channel to the American side and search for openings to the Open Polar Sea. As May -- and warmer weather -- approached, Kane realized that if he was to make a move, it would have to be before rising temperatures melted the ice. Yet once again, nothing went quite right. Heavy snowdrifts and the effects of scurvy and snowblindness stalled the expedition, and the crew discovered that all the food they had cached during the previous fall had been eaten by polar bears. Eventually, though, a small party from Kane's crew made it to Humboldt Glacier and crossed the still-frozen "Kane Basin." Despite battling snow blindness, they managed to travel over two hundred miles in all. Within a week of the first group's return to the ship, Kane sent out a second party of six men to travel beyond Humboldt Glacier to see if they could verify the existence of an opening to the Open Polar Sea.

On June 5, the men set off for Humboldt Glacier, two of whom continued northward after the others attempted to ascend the glacier and failed. Kane feared the worst for the two, but on July 3rd, they returned with the news that Kane had longed to hear: they had discovered the Open Polar Sea. They described how Kane Basin narrowed into a channel, and as they pressed further north, they noticed thinning ice and swarms of birds, including an open water species, the Arctic Petrel. They climbed a cape and from a 480 foot height, they saw nothing but open water. Kane was elated: having attained their goal, it looked as if he and his crew could finally focus on going home. There were only two small problems: the basin was frozen solid, completely blocking the way and the ship itself was completely iced in. It appeared that the *Advance* might face yet another Arctic winter.

Any hopes that the warm temperatures and strong winds might break up the floe were dashed when Kane discovered that new ice was already beginning to form and that the escape route was narrowing further. As August drew to a close, Kane accepted that the ship was trapped, but several members of the crew began to plan their escape. Feeling that he could not, in good conscience, force them to stay, Kane announced on August 23rd that if any men wished to strike out on their own, he would not stop them. Only five elected to stay: the others he made sign documents attesting that they were deserting and that Kane was no longer responsible for them. To his credit, Kane suppressed his anger long enough to bid the departing men good luck and to assure them that should they decide to return, they would be welcomed.

Kane and the remaining crew prepared for another Arctic winter, fortified with a year's experience and some valuable lessons in survival learned from the Inuit. Their first task was to insulate the ship to make it as "igloo-like" as possible. Although the darkness was oppressive, the relative comfort of the ship as well as the mutual hunting agreement with the people of Etah promised to make the winter months much more bearable. In early December, two deserters returned to the *Advance* and the others arrived shortly thereafter, having never made it to Upernavik. Kane suppressed his resentment and welcomed them as promised, even though sheltering the extra men proved to be a big challenge -- one of several as it turned out.

The cramped living space and strain on food stores increased tensions among the men, and illness, falling temperatures, and diminishing fuel supplies added to the misery. Tempers flared along with illness and insubordination. Kane kept discipline by calling offenders up on deck individually and bashing them "in the side of the head with a heavy metal belaying pin." This, it seemed, was an effective if temporary method.

The food shortage was the most critical issue, and Kane's hopes of leaning on the generosity of the Inuit were dashed when it was discovered that the residents of Etah were starving, too. Kane arranged to combine efforts with the Inuit in hunting, and together they managed to kill a walrus, saving both groups from starvation. Discipline, however, remained an issue. Two crewmembers, William Godfrey and John Blake, were discovered to be planning to steal a sledge bound for Etah. Although the men were caught in time and were beaten with a "leaden fist," Godfrey managed to escape on foot. Still weak from disease and hunger, the crew suffered for two weeks before the would-be thief returned with the sledge filled with meat. Godfrey refused to board the ship even when Kane brandished a rifle and shot at him, but instead ran off. Although Kane was furious, the meat helped restore the crew's health and spirits. Godfrey later claimed that he had not deserted a second time because he had never entered into an agreement with Kane upon his return from the first secession.

As spring approached, the crew's health and morale slowly improved and preparations began for the journey home. Although Kane was disappointed that he had been unable to see the Open Polar Sea for himself, he did manage to see Humboldt Glacier. On May 20, 1855, he and his crew began pulling their whale boats (their ship having been dismantled for fuel) over the ice to open water. By mid-June they were in Etah, and after waiting out a short spell of severe weather, they bid their Inuit friends farewell and set off for Upernavik.

In a punishing journey that left one crewmember dead, the small boats were pitched about violently in the ice-filled waters, and several times the men had to take cover from heavy winds and ice. Solid ice at the base of Cape York led Kane to move out into Melville Bay instead of staying close to shore and waiting for the ice to move. By early August, however, Kane and his crew reached Upernavik, and from there they passed to Godhavn and on September 11th, met up with an American ship sent to their rescue.

When Kane arrived in New York on October 11th, 1854, he was once again accorded a hero's welcome. Advised by his family to handle his reception with humility and gratitude, he thanked the nation for their interest and concern, and much to his relief, no one on the crew sought to contradict his account of his crew's camaraderie and unity, or his own strong leadership. As it turned out, his greatest challenge lay within his own family: they were still very much opposed to his relationship with Maggie Fox.

Maggie had moved to Philadelphia in late September 1854 in anticipation of Kane's arrival, and two days later, the two were together at Clinton Place. The long-awaited reunion, however, was not the romantic

encounter anticipated. Instead, Maggie found Kane to be distracted and agitated. Bowing to family pressure to cut off the relationship, he pleaded with Maggie to sign a note stating that their relationship was purely platonic. She refused. He returned a few days later with a reporter in tow, requesting that she affirm that they had never been engaged. Again, Maggie refused.

Rumors of Kane's engagement began to circulate widely, and even his departure for Washington, D.C., to give an official account of the expedition did nothing to quash them. To the family's dismay, a small newspaper in upstate New York reported the engagement, and soon major newspapers across the country were reprinting the story. Using its influence, the Kane family forced retraction of the story, but when Kane failed to refute the retraction, Maggie ended the relationship.

Nevertheless, he and Maggie continued to correspond. Kane clearly agonized over his decision but he and his family had built his public image very carefully and were not about to let a fling with a Spiritualist undo their hard work. Maggie, who had to preserve her own reputation, felt she had little choice either. Marriage, one possible solution, would preserve Maggie's reputation, but diminish the Kane family's standing -- something he was unwilling or unable to do until he was financially solvent. In the meantime, Maggie, her sister Kate, and their mother moved to 22nd Street in New York.

The Navy had already given Kane permission to publish his account of his Arctic experiences and had paid him for the time it took to write it. It was a generous arrangement, perhaps because the Navy had suffered criticism for not initially supporting Kane's expedition. At any rate, Kane wasted no time in picking a publisher, George W. Childs, who also worked aggressively to promote Kane's image -- so aggressively in fact, that his efforts to goad Congress into purchasing a large number of copies resulted in accusations that Kane was using his family's political connections for personal gain. Some of Child's other efforts fared better, including marketing the book at trade shows and selling it door-to-door, and Kane's public appearances also increased sales. Although the book was well-received and sold well, Kane was miserable. In addition to being unable to marry Maggie Fox, he had another problem: Lady Jane Franklin was determined that he head yet another expedition to rescue her husband.

Lady Franklin was, by all accounts, a determined advocate for her still-missing husband, and although nine years had elapsed since her husband had disappeared, she was effective at ratcheting up public pressure to save him. Kane felt obligated to lead the expedition and in August 1856, he began efforts to secure support. Kane spent the remainder of the fall (as he had the spring and summer) with Fox at her family's New York residence. By this point, her family had come to accept Kane as a sincere suitor, and he was welcome in their home, yet because his own family continued to hold back, he took great pains to conceal the relationship. Only his brother Patterson was kept informed, and perhaps only then because Kane assured him of his discretion.

On October 11, 1856, Kane left for Liverpool, arriving in poor health after a rough crossing. His spirits must have been relatively high, because he entertained thoughts of securing funding for not one, but two expeditions, and he wrote to his parents to ask them to seek support in the United States. It was not to be. On October 29, Kane collapsed and was sent to the suburbs of London to rest. From there he traveled to Cuba to take advantage of the better climate. Kane and his steward, William Morton, left for St. Thomas on November 17, but on the voyage between St. Thomas and Cuba, Kane suffered a stroke.

Kane's brother Thomas was waiting in Havana, and was joined in mid-January by his mother, and his brother John. After a brief rally, Elisha suffered a second, more severe stroke, and on February 16, he died at the age of 37.

Scope & content

Part of the Kane Family Collection, the Elisha Kent Kane Papers is comprised primarily of correspondence written by the naval officer and explorer, Elisha Kent Kane, between 1840 and 1857. In addition to a thorough run of letters documenting his intricate and occasionally scandalous personal life, the collection includes a wealth of material regarding Kane's claim to fame: his expeditions to China, Africa, Mexico, and the Arctic.

An erudite family, the Kanes wrote letters that were warm, beautifully penned and highly descriptive, and from the time of Elisha's departure from home to attend school through his varied missions abroad, they offer intimate glimpses of family life and local news in Philadelphia. Similarly, Elisha's letters home describe a student's life in fine detail, and recount both his adventures in exotic locales and his dreary ship-bound days with equal aplomb. From early in his career, Elisha was very image conscious, and the entire Kane family was deeply involved in creating and preserving his image and reputation. The letters he wrote home were often edited and forwarded to the newspapers for publication.

Perhaps no aspect of Kane's life is better documented in the collection than his participation in the two Grinnell expeditions to the arctic, 1850-1851, and 1853-1854. These include not only correspondence with supporters of the project but also copies of Kane's diary, logbooks, notes, and sketches, along with drafts of some of his later writings. Among these are a full suite of meteorological readings from 1850-1851, interesting descriptions of the "eskimeaux" and their way of life, and drafts of Kane's journal from December 1856, when his deserting crew returned to the *Advance*.

Kane's tumultuous love life is both well documented and frustratingly sparse. His brief affair with Julia Reed is whispered in a small number of documents, perhaps most clearly in a contract drawn up between unnamed parties for an unmarried woman to surrender her child to be raised by the father. The very public affair with the Spiritualist medium Maggie Fox is discussed in an extensive series of letters and documents, though questions about the nature of the relationship still remain unanswered. Several historians have suggested that Kane initially seemed fascinated by Fox's skills as a spiritualist, but that as the relationship advanced, he implored Fox to give up her "rapping" and to pursue a more honest lifestyle. She eventually agreed to attend school and allowed Kane to place her with a family in Crookville, Pennsylvania. Perhaps Kane felt his family might be more accepting of Fox once she had received an education.

The Fox-Kane correspondence includes letters to and from Maggie Fox, and her sisters Kate and Leah and mother Margaret, asking for Kane's support. In at least some cases, the letters appear to have been gathered together by Robert Patterson Kane, presumably as the family prepared itself to defend Elisha's public reputation.

Other travel-related correspondence includes some fascinating translations of letters from Antonio Gonzalez and a Mr. Ferrer "concerning the treatment of free negroes in Cuba." A long letter from "the house of Gen. Gaona" dated February 10, 1848, to his father describes his host's generosity and hospitality.

The remaining series of the Kane Papers consist of personal financial records (Series II), material collected by George Corner when preparing his biography of Kane (Series III), and graphic materials (Series V).

Arrangement

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Related Materials

Related Material

The Elisha Kent Kane Papers are part of the [Kane Family Collection \(Ms. Coll. 115\)](#), which includes materials for John Kintzing Kane, Robert Patterson Kane, Thomas Leiper Kane, and Francis Fisher Kane and Eliza Middleton Kane Cope. Several of these contain material relevant to Elisha Kent Kane.

Separated Material

Several items associated with Elisha Kent Kane have been transferred to the APS Curatorial Department for storage.

- **Buttons** from Elisha Kent Kane's U.S. Naval Attire, early 19th c.Brass
- **Pocket Watch**, Duchene Brothers and Co., 19th c. Said to have belonged to Elisha Kent Kane
- **Medal with Portrait of Elisha Kent Kane**, 19th c.
- **Ceremonial Sword**, Nathan P Ames, Springfield, Mass., ca. 1843, Presented to Kane by the U.S. government

The APS owns an oil portrait of Kane by James Reid Lambdin, after an ambrotype by Mathew Brady, 1857.

Indexing Terms

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- Kane, Robert Patterson, 1827-1906
- Kane, Thomas Leiper, 1822-1883
- Kennedy, John Pendleton, 1795-1870
- Weaver, William H.

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Other Descriptive Information

Among the most popular of American explorers of the mid-nineteenth century, Kane visited Africa in 1846 aboard the frigate *United States*. The Kane collection contains a variety of fascinating materials relating to the slave trade and plight of African Americans in the nineteenth century.

The papers consist of manuscript materials entitled " Journal of a Trip to Africa," " Slave voyage notebook," and " Whydah slave trade." Also, there are two " Africa: miscellaneous" folders which include an essay on the commercial policy and history of the Gold Coast, along with quantitative data for the years 1820-1843 regarding the repatriation of African Americans to Liberia.

Other Descriptive Information

The diverse Kane Papers include the arctic explorer's correspondence, sketches of arctic and other scenes (there are many sketches scattered throughout the numerous bound volumes), notebooks of polar exploration, journals of trips to North Carolina, the Philippines, Africa, the Near East, Egypt, Mexico, logbooks, etc.

The logbooks are catalogued separately and can be viewed at: [Kane Logbooks \(Mss.B.K132a\)](#).

The Kane papers also include printed materials which may be of interest to naval historians. Printed sources include:

- 1 [Great Britain. Admiralty](#). "By the commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, etc. ...To Horatio T. Austin, Esq., C.B., captain of Her Majesty's Ship 'Resolute,' in charge of an expedition to the Arctic Sea." 1850. 3 pages.
- 2 [Ross, Sir James Clark](#). "Aston Abbots House, Aylesbury. 18th February, 1853. Sir, With respect to the number of each party, we have found two officers and six men to be the most convenient." 1853. 2 pages.
- 3 [Richardson, Sir John](#). "From Sir John Richardson, C.B., Medical Inspector, on equipment for Arctic travelling. Haslar Hospital, Feb. 14th, 1853. In pursuance of the commands of My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, conveyed in your letter of the 12th instant, that I should make such remarks and suggestions, as my experience in Arctic travelling may enable me to do, for the information of Dr. Kane, of the United States Navy, appointed to the command of an expedition." 1853. 3 pages.
- 4 [Great Britain. Admiralty](#). "H. M. S. _____ th of _____ 18__ Lat. _____ Long. _____ Commander...Whoever finds this paper is requested to forward it to the Secretary of the Admiralty, London, with a note of the time and place at which it was found." 18__. 1 page.
- 5 [Godfrey, William C.](#) "History of the Grinnell Exploring Expedition to the Arctic Ocean, in search of Sir John Franklin, 1853-4-5. Dr. E. K. Kane, U.S.N., commanding. By William Godfrey, one of the survivors of the expedition." Circa 1857. 1 page.
- 6 [Maryland Institute](#). "Memorial. To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled: The undersigned memorialists, members of the Maryland Institute and citizens of Baltimore generally...pray that an expedition of recovery be fitted out...[to search for Sir John Franklin and the lost crews of the Erebus and Terror]." n.d. 1 page.
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- 9 [Sabine, Sir Edward](#). "Woolwich, February 24, 1853. Sir, With reference to the letter which you addressed to me on the 12th of February, in respect to Dr. Kane's Arctic Expedition, I must limit the suggestions...to...'magnetic observations'." 1853. 1 page.

Other Descriptive Information

This large collection contains the papers of Elisha Kent Kane, a prominent Philadelphian who led the U.S. Exploring Expedition. The collection is well-described and inventoried in MOLE.

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Elder, William, *Biography of Elisha Kent Kane* (Philadelphia: Childs and Peterson, 1858). **Call no.:** B K132e.

The Love-Life of Dr. Kane: Containing the Correspondence, and a History of the Acquaintance, Engagement, and Secret Marriage Between Elisha K. Kane and Margaret Fox (New York: Carleton, 1866). **Call no.:** B K132f.

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Series I. Correspondence

Collection Inventory

Series I. Correspondence**1810-1953 (bulk:
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Personal and public correspondence of Elisha Kent Kane, dating primarily from his college days in the early 1840s through his death in 1857. Touching on all aspects of Kane's personal life (including his scandalous affairs) and his numerous expeditions around the world, the correspondence forms an important resource for examining the public and private construction of one of America's foremost mid-Victorian explorers.

Abbott, Henry	1845	7 items	Box 1
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Ahrens, C.	1852 December 19	1 item	Box 1
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Appleton, John	1847 September 11	1 item	Box 1
Arills (?), Thomas	n.d.	1 item	Box 1
Audubon, Vincent G.	1852 June 12	1 item	Box 1
Austen, Capt.	1850 September 13	1 item	Box 1
Ayres, W. O.	1853 March 9, n.d.	2 items	Box 1
Bache, A.D., (Alexander Dallas), 1806-1867	1845-1852	10 items	Box 1
Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	1847-1849	3 items	Box 1
Bailey and Co.	n.d.	2 items	Box 1

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Baring Bros.	1810 November 20	1 item	Box 1
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Barr, James T.	1847 November 8	1 item	Box 1
Barritt, G. W.	1853 March 5	1 item	Box 1
Barrow, John	1853 March 11	1 item	Box 1
Beaufort, F.	1857 March 5, n.d.	2 items	Box 1
Beck, Morris B.	1850 April 29	1 item	Box 1
Bell, William	1852	1 item	Box 1
Bellot, J.	1852-1853	3 items	Box 1
Better, T. N.	1856 October 31	1 item	Box 1
Bier, G. H.	1849-n.d.	3 items	Box 1
Bigelow, Mr.	n.d.	1 item	Box 1
Billard, Dr.	n.d.	1 item	Box 1
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Blanchard, George S.	1853 February 9	1 item	Box 1
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Bouring, J. C.	1852 March 1	1 item	Box 1
Bradley, Ravenel	1856 April 11	1 item	Box 1
Breand, Samuel	1853 January 23	1 item	Box 1
Brewer, Thomas Mayo	1853 February 18	1 item	Box 1
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Brigham, C. H.	1852 October 18	1 item	Box 1
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Browne, Peter A	1852-1853	2 items	Box 1
Brownlee, Mr.	n.d.	1 item	Box 1
Butler, G. B.	1852 December 29	1 item	Box 1
Butler, Pierce	1853 March 31	1 item	Box 1
Cadwalader, John	1849 November 4	1 item	Box 2
Camba, Andres G.	1845 July 17	1 item	Box 2
Carpenter, W. F.	1852 September 27	1 item	Box 2
Carson, Joseph	1843 April 12	1 item	Box 2
Carter, R. R.	n.d.	1 item	Box 2
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Childs, Thomas	1848 July 28	1 item	Box 2
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Corbit, William T.	1853 March 3	1 item	Box 2
Corner, George Washington, 1889-1981	1953	2 items	Box 2
Coure, R.	1851 January 21	1 item	Box 2
Cracoft, Sophia	1852-1857	15 items	Box 2
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Cresson, E. G.	1856 January 18	1 item	Box 2
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Cudworth, Warren H.	1920 March 30	1 item	Box 2
Cummings, A.	n.d.	1 item	Box 2
Cummings, E.	1852 February 4	1 item	Box 2
Curtis, G. W.	1856 October 5	1 item	Box 2
Cushing, Caleb, 1800-1879	1853 May 7	1 item	Box 2

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Davis, W. W. H.	1858 February 12	1 item	Box 2
Dawson, John L.	n.d.	1 item	Box 2
Dayton, A. O.	1847-1851	7 items	Box 2
DeHaven, E. J.	1850-1852	17 items	Box 2
De la Mano, William	1858 February 10	1 item	Box 2
Delano, J. C.	n.d.	1 item	Box 2
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Dobbin, J. C.	1853	3 items	Box 2
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Dunlap, Mr.	1849, n.d.	4 items	Box 2
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Elliot, C. B.	1853 February 15	1 item	Box 2
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England, J. W.	1855 May 28	1 item	Box 2
Erwin, E. C.	1852-1856	2 items	Box 2
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Everest, G. W.	1846 May 17	1 item	Box 2
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Fox, Margaret To William Quinn	1860	3 items	Box 2
Fox, Margaret (mother)	1856 June 24, n.d.	2 items	Box 2
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Frost, C. C.	1852 December 3	1 item	Box 3
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Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 To Maggie Fox	n.d.	2 items	Box 6
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Manila - rough notes	n.d.	7 items	Box 6
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Maps, charts, graphs	n.d.	15 items	Box 6
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Bolivia and Paraguay	n.d.	1 map, 21.6 x 22.2 cm	

Colored.

Other Finding Aids

Realms of Gold, 23 (5).

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Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Bon Secour Bay	n.d.	1 map, 25.4 x 19.7 cm
Other Finding Aids Realms of Gold, 23 (6).		
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 British Isles	n.d.	1 map, 19.7 x 22.9 cm
Colored. Other Finding Aids Realms of Gold, 23 (7).		
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Map of Baffin's Bay	n.d.	1 map, 24.1 x 19.7 cm
Other Finding Aids Realms of Gold, 23 (8).		
172.3: 1853-1855: G895exp: Large Melville Bay and Sylva Mountain Maps	1853-1855	4.0 Item(s) Map-case Large
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Melville Bay and surrounding area	1853-1855	1 map, 60.4 x Map-case 73 cm Large
Other Finding Aids Realms of Gold, 23 (1).		
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Base of Sylva Mountain, observatory and brig	1853-1855	1 map, 44.8 x Map-case 63.4 cm Large
Draft. Other Finding Aids Realms of Gold, 23 (2).		
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	1853-1855	1 map, 18.3 x Map-case 20.8 cm Large

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Sylva Mountain, position of brigg and
observatory

Other Finding Aids

Realms of Gold, 23 (3).

Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	1853-1855	1 map, 44.8 x	Map-case
Unidentified		63.4 cm	Large

Other Finding Aids

Realms of Gold, 23 (4).

Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	n.d.	1 map, 25.4 x	
Mobile Bay, Alabama		19.7 cm	

Other Finding Aids

Realms of Gold, 23 (10).

Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	n.d.	1 map, 25.4 x	
Mobile Bay, Alabama		19.7 cm	

Other Finding Aids

Realms of Gold, 23 (11).

Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	n.d.	1 map, 32.4 x	
Northernmost penetration of the first Kane expedition		50.5 cm	

Other Finding Aids

Realms of Gold, 23 (9).

Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	n.d.	6.0 Item(s)	
Unidentified maps			

Other Finding Aids

Realms of Gold, 23 (12).

Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	n.d.	2 folders	Box 6
Medical notes			

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Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Memoranda. Baffin's Bay, Lancaster Sound	1851-1852	1 notebook	Box 6
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Memorandum of cash advanced on account of copyright	1855	1 item	Box 6
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Meteorological Journal, North Africa	1835	AMs (12 p.)	Box 6
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Meteorological observations-Sierra Leone, Freetown	n.d.	13 items	Box 6
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Mexico	n.d.	8 items	Box 6
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Miscellany	n.d.	5 folders	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Notebook	n.d.	1 notebook	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Passport	1843 August 13	1 item	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Pay voucher	1848-1852	AMs (4 p.)	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Pemican	n.d.	1 item	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Philippines notebooks Notebooks identified as #1, 3-8	[1844]	7 notebooks	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Philippines notebook	[1844]?	1 notebook	Box 7

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Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Poetry	1935-n.d.	3 items	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Power of attorney to J. K. Kane	1850 May 20	AMs (1 p.)	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Power of attorney to J. K. Kane	1850 May 26	AMs (1 p.)	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Receipt for a Haggis	n.d.	AMs (1 p.)	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Report on discovery of "Grinnell Land"	n.d.	AMs (7 p.)	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Rio de Janeiro	n.d.	AMs (4 p.)	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Rough Notes of the Ke-Ying Visit, Macao	1844	AMs, 16 p.	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Sketch of ship floor plan	n.d.	1 drawing	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Sketches	n.d.	2 folders	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Slave Voyage Notebook	n.d.	1 notebook, 4 p.	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Spirit thermometers	n.d.	1 item	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 "Testimonials" and "letters scr. for Dr. E. K. Kane"	1843 March	1 item	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	n.d.	AMs (24 p.)	Box 7

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Travel notes, miscellaneous			
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Whampoia medical affairs	1844	AMs (6 p.)	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Will	1857	2 items	Box 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Unidentified correspondent	1843-1852, n.d.	5 folders	Box 7
Folder 1	1843-1852	7 items	Box 7
Folders 2-5	n. d.		Box 7
Kane, Elizabeth	1952, n.d.	4 items	Box 7
Kane, Family	1850-1853	6 items	Box 7
Kane, Francis Fisher, 1866-1955	1921 December 20	1 item	Box 7
Kane, Jack and Willie	n.d.	1 item	Box 7
Kane, James	n.d.	1 item	Box 7
Kane, Jane D. L.	1828-1856, n.d.	5 folders	Box 7
Folder 1	1828-1846	15 items	Box 7
Folder 2	1847-1848	13 items	Box 7
Folder 3	1849-1850	16 items	Box 7
Folder 4	1851-1856	11 items	Box 7
Folder 5	n.d.	23 items	Box 7
Kane, John K., (John Kintzing), 1795-1858	1841-1857, n.d.	6 folders	Box 8
Folder 1	1841-1846	13 items	Box 8

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Folder 2	1847-1849	17 items	Box 8
Folder 3	1850-1852	10 items	Box 8
Folder 4	1853-1857	11 items	Box 8
Folder 5	n.d.	36 items	Box 8
Folder 6	n.d.	26 items	Box 8
Kane, John Kintzing, Jr.	1846-1847	5 items	Box 8
Kane, M., Jr.	1847 November 8	1 item	Box 8
Kane, Robert Patterson, 1827-1906	1844-1859, n.d.	3 folders	Box 8
Folder 1	1844-1859	23 items	Box 8
Folder 2	n.d.	13 items	Box 8
Folder 3	n.d.	17 items	Box 8
Kane, Robert Patterson, 1827-1906 Letters to Margaret Fox	1858-1859	8 items	Box 8
Kane, Thomas Leiper, 1822-1883	1844-1860	5 folders	Box 8
Folder 1	1844-1846	11 items	Box 8
Folder 2	1847-1850	11 items	Box 8
Folder 3	1851-1860	13 items	Box 8
Folder 4	n.d.	24 items	Box 8
Correspondence with other Kane family members	n.d.		Box 8
Kane, William L.	1844-1849	11 items	Box 8
Kane Bros. and Co.	n.d.	1 item	Box 8

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Kane Family	1850-1853	6 items	Box 8
Kearney, John A.	1846-1852	5 items	Box 8
Kelly, P. E.	1854 September 27	1 item	Box 8
Kemp, Mrs. V.	1848, n.d.	2 items	Box 8
Kennedy, C. W.	1849 December 25	1 item	Box 8
Kennedy, G. P.	1853 March 7	1 item	Box 8
Kennedy, J. L.	1848 March 9	1 item	Box 8
Kennedy, John P.	1852-1854	17 items	Box 8
Kennedy, William	1852-1853	7 items	Box 8
Kenrick, Bishop	1843 April 3	1 item	Box 8
Kilty, A. H.	1847 January 7	1 item	Box 8
Kimball, William H.	1846 October 21	1 item	Box 8
Kobeth, Henry	1845 April 12	1 item	Box 8
Kopler, Peter C. (Pass)	1845 May 26	1 item	Box 8
Kopman, Sidney	1857-1858	6 items	Box 8
Kossuth, Louis Dinner seating arrangement	n.d.	1 item	Box 8
Krebs, W. G.	1856 October 10	1 item	Box 8
Krider, John Account with gunsmith	1854	2 items	Box 8
Lathrop, I. H.	1852 November 22	1 item	Box 8
Leavitt, Joshua	1853 March 26	1 item	Box 8

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Leiper, Elizabeth	1845-1853	6 items	Box 8
Leiper, Mary T.	1843-1852	16 items	Box 8
Leiper, S. M.	1845-1853	2 items	Box 8
Leiper, Thomas	1855, n.d.	2 items	Box 8
Leiper, William J.	1847, n.d.	3 items	Box 8
Lepsius, R.	n.d.	1 item	Box 8
Lewis, R. F.	1853 March 28	1 item	Box 8
Lisle, Leo	n.d.	1 item	Box 8
Litchfield, J. P.	1853 February 14	1 item	Box 9
Loomis, E.	n.d.	1 item	Box 9
Loring, John W.	1852 February 16	1 item	Box 9
Lossing, Benson J.	1852-1856	5 items	Box 9
Lovell, William L.	1853 February 1	1 item	Box 9
Ludlow, S. W.	1853 January 17	1 item	Box 9
Lumley, J. Saville	1856	2 items	Box 9
Lynch, W. F.	1849-1852	3 items	Box 9
Macalester, Charles	1849-1853	3 items	Box 9
Macauley, D.	1853 January 19	1 item	Box 9
Manning, George	1854 December 8	1 item	Box 9
Mason, John Y.	1847-1848	8 items	Box 9
Maupin, S.	1852 January 29	1 item	Box 9

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Maury, Mathew F.	1852-1856	8 items	Box 9
Mayer, B.	1856 October 9	1 item	Box 9
Mayo, H. O.	1847 January 6, n.d.	2 items	Box 9
McAuley, H. W.	1839 January 31	1 item	Box 9
McBlair, T. P.	1853 January 18	1 item	Box 9
McBurgonyn, Mr.	1853 January 22	1 item	Box 9
McCauley, E. G.	1847 May 12	1 item	Box 9
McClure, Robert	1855 February 19	1 item	Box 9
McGill, S. F.	1846	2 items	Box 9
McSherry, R.	1848-1849	6 items	Box 9
Meade, Edward	1849 September 9	1 item	Box 9
Mercantile Library Association (Portland, Maine)	1852 October 20	2 items	Box 9
Mercantile Library Association (Portland, Maine)	1852 August 2	1 item	Box 9
Metts, H. C.	n.d.	1 item	Box 9
Mexico. Ministerio De Guerra Y Marina	1845 March 3	1 item	Box 9
Miles, P.	1853 March 28	1 item	Box 9
Miles, S. M.	1847 December 14, n.d.	3 items	Box 9
Millar, Dr.	n.d.	1 item	Box 9
Mills, Robert	1852-1853	3 items	Box 9
Milne, Mr.	1852 December 28	1 item	Box 9

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Mitchell, Dr.	1850, n.d.	4 items	Box 9
Mitchell, S. Weir, (Silas Weir), 1829-1914	1856, n.d.	2 items	Box 9
Morris, N. N.	n.d.	1 item	Box 9
Morris, Thomas	1848 September 18	1 item	Box 9
Morton, William	1857	5 items	Box 9
Moxey, John G.	1857 April 11	1 item	Box 9
Muller, W. A.	1849 April 4	1 item	Box 9
Murchison, Roderick Impey	1856-1857	4 items	Box 9
Murdaugh, W. H.	1852 May 6	1 item	Box 9
Naval Board of Examiners (U.S.)	1842 June 2	1 item	Box 9
Neal, William	1852	4 items	Box 9
New York Yacht Club	1852 October 1	1 item	Box 9
Nickelson, H.	1856 August 7	1 item	Box 9
Norton, C. B.	1853	2 items	Box 9
Oakford, John	1841 May 3	1 item	Box 9
Ohlsen, Christian	1853 February 27	1 item	Box 9
Ohlsen, Mary	1854-1855	5 items	Box 9
Osborn, Sherard	1856	2 items	Box 9
Page, T. J.	1853 January 2	1 item	Box 9
Parker, Foxhall Alexander	1846-1852	9 items	Box 9
Parker, John	1852 February 17	1 item	Box 9

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Parker, P.	1844 February 15	1 item	Box 9
Parker, R. Le Roy	n.d.	1 item	Box 9
Parsons, Theophilus	1853 February 8	2 items	Box 9
Patterson, Helen	1846-1847, n.d.	12 items	Box 9
Patterson, J. D.	1849 January 26	1 item	Box 9
Patterson, , Robert M., (Robert Maskell), 1787-1854	1848 March 31	1 item	Box 9
Paulli, J. H.	1856 May	1 item	Box 9
Peabody [?]	1846 December 12	1 item	Box 9
Peale, Titian Ramsay Power of Attorney	1837 October 30	1 item	Box 9
Peirce, Edwin	n.d.	2 items	Box 9
Peirce, Mr.	n.d.	1 item	Box 9
Pelton, C. M.	1852 March 5	1 item	Box 9
Penny, W.	n.d.	1 item	Box 9
Percy, James R.	1853 February 21	1 item	Box 9
Perkins and Smith	1852 November 20	1 item	Box 9
Perot, P.	1836 January 5	1 item	Box 9
Peters, J. C.	n.d.	1 item	Box 9
Peterson, Emma Bouvier	1856 October 8	1 item	Box 9
Pettit, Robert	1847	2 items	Box 9
Pettit, T. M.	1846 December 17	1 item	Box 9

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Philippine Islands Passport	1844 April 29	1 item	Box 9
Pierce, Franklin	1853 March	1 item	Box 9
Pitman, R. C.	1852 November 25	1 item	Box 9
Polk, James K.	n.d.	1 item	Box 9
Porto Grande Sketches	n.d.	1 item	Box 9
Potts, George	1855 October 19	1 item	Box 9
Preble, G. H.	1853 February 19	1 item	Box 9
Prentiss, George A.	1846-1847	5 items	Box 9
Prescott, William H.	1856	2 items	Box 9
Preston, J. W.	1848-1852	2 items	Box 9
Putnam, James M.	1850 May 13	1 item	Box 9
Quinn, William In re Margaret Fox	1859-1861	20 items	Box 9
Randall, D.	1848 March 2	1 item	Box 10
Read, G. C.	1846	9 items	Box 10
Reddie, John G.	1845 April 11	1 item	Box 10
Reed, Julia Letters in re.	1846	3 items	Box 10
Includes letter from J.T.J. (John Taylor, Jr.), Feb 4, 1846; Indenture between "Margaret Jones Smith and John Smith Jones," n.d.; and draft from E. K. K.			
Rensselaer, Stephen van	1801-1807	2 items	Box 10

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Resolution to Dr. Kane	n.d.	1 item	Box 10
Reynolds, G. W., Jr.	1852 October 28	1 item	Box 10
Reynolds, Mr.	n.d.	1 item	Box 10
Robbins, T. W.	1855 February 3	1 item	Box 10
Robinson, William	1845-1851	2 items	Box 10
Rodrigo, Senon	n.d.	1 item	Box 10
Roquette, de la	1856 September 8	1 item	Box 10
Royal Geographical Society (Great Britain)	1856 August 21	1 item	Box 10
Rufner, S.	1851 November 20	1 item	Box 10
Rupal, S.	1851 October 14	1 item	Box 10
Russell, G. R.	1852-1853	8 items	Box 10
Salem Charitable Mechanic Association	1852 October 25	1 item	Box 10
Sanderson, James	1804 December 20	1 item	Box 10
Sargeant, L. P.	1852 November 5	1 item	Box 10
Sartain, John	1852 October 9	1 item	Box 10
Say, Benjamin Indenture	1833 April 17	1 item	Box 10
Schott, Charles A.	Folder 1. 1852	15 items	Box 10
Schott, Charles A.	Folder 2. 1953, n.d.	7 items	Box 10
Schweinitz, Bernard de	1853 March 18	1 item	Box 10
Scott, Winfield	1848 February 13	1 item	Box 10

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Seaman, Mr.	n.d.	1 item	Box 10
Seaver, Benjamin	1853 February 6	1 item	Box 10
Selden, Henry	1845-1853	2 items	Box 10
Shaw, R. G.	1853 February 16	1 item	Box 10
Shields, Bessie Kane	1843 July 4	1 item	Box 10
Shields, C. W.	1856 October 7	1 item	Box 10
Sickles, D. E.	1854 April 11	1 item	Box 10
Sinclair, Arthur	1849-n.d.	4 items	Box 10
Sinclair, W. M.	1850-1852	2 items	Box 10
Smith, F. M.	n.d.	1 item	Box 10
Smith, Henry H.	1847, n.d.	2 items	Box 10
Smith, John B.	1848 May 17	1 item	Box 10
Smith, J. P.	1852-1853		Box 10
Smith, William P.	1851-1856	10 items	Box 10
Smoot, Joseph R.	1846 November	1 item	Box 10
Smoots, Capt.	1846 December 31	1 item	Box 10
Snider, Jacob, Jr.	1845 August 14, n.d.	2 items	Box 10
Sonntag, August	1853 May 13	1 item	Box 10
Souza, Ant	n.d.	1 item	Box 10
Sprague, E. R.	1849-1852	2 items	Box 10
Stalecrath (?), George Henry	1853 March 10	1 item	Box 10

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Stanley, C. H.	1853 March 16	1 item	Box 10
Stevens, William Bacon	1853 March 14	1 item	Box 10
Stewart, Charles	1847 April 26	1 item	Box 10
Stewart, George W.	1845 April 9	1 item	Box 10
Stewart, Joseph J.	1856 October 10	1 item	Box 10
Stimpson, William	1853-n.d.	2 items	Box 10
Stone, Henry	1856 October 1	1 item	Box 10
Streeter, L.	1852 October 26	1 item	Box 10
Strickland, [Nimrod?]	1852 January 23	1 item	Box 10
Sturgis, Russell	1844 June 26	1 item	Box 10
Sullivan, M. G. Settlement	1844 September 1	1 item	Box 10
Sutton, William	1853 January 22	1 item	Box 10
Symmes, John C.	1851 October 20	1 item	Box 10
Tagore, Dwarkanoth	n.d.	1 item	Box 11
Tasker, Lyman H.	1852-1853	5 items	Box 11
Taylor, G.	n.d.	1 item	Box 11
Taylor, John N.	1846	1 item	Box 11
Taylor, Lucy P.	n.d.	1 item	Box 11
Thomas, Ann G.	1845-1847	3 items	Box 11
Thomas, H. G.	1853 February 9	1 item	Box 11
Thomas, John A.	1847-1856	4 items	Box 11

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Thomas, Mary L.	1852 August 27	1 item	Box 11
Thornton, D. M.	1852	2 items	Box 11
Thornton, M. J.	1849-1852	3 items	Box 11
Tillinghast, James	1852-1853	3 items	Box 11
Torrejon, Anatt.	1848 January 3	3 items	Box 11
Tucker, J. T.	1852 October 25	1 item	Box 11
Tuckerman, J. Francis	1846-1847	5 items	Box 11
Tufts, Samuel, Jr.	1853 March 28	1 item	Box 11
U.S. Army Hospital Report Jalapa, Mexico	1847	1 item	Box 11
U.S. Navy Proceedings of a General Court Marshal	1846	1 item	Box 11
U.S. Secretary of the Navy	1829-1853	10 items	Box 11
U.S. Secretary of War	1848 November 20	1 item	Box 11
U.S. Treasury Dept.	1848-1852	5 items	Box 11
VanWyck, C. C.	1846-1847	2 items	Box 11
Vaughan, Petty	1845 July 11	1 item	Box 11
Vezzana, General	1849 April 9	1 item	Box 11
Victor, O. I.	1857 January 1	1 item	Box 11
Vinton, Francis	1856 October 26	1 item	Box 11
Vreeland, Benjamin	1850	5 items	Box 11

Two letters from Kane to Vreeland have name misspelled as Freeland: June 28-30 and July 5

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Waddell, W. C.	1855 December 27	1 item	Box 11
Waln, William Jr.	1847	2 items	Box 11
Ward, A. H.	1856-1857	2 items	Box 11
Weaver, William H.	1846-1850, n.d.	2 folders	Box 11
Folder 1	1846-1848	18 items	Box 11
Folder 2	1849-1850, n.d.	15 items	Box 11
Webster, D.	1842 November 23	1 item	Box 11
Webster, Fletcher	1852-1853, n.d.	6 items	Box 11
Welles, F. N.	1853 January 29	1 item	Box 11
Wells, Charles H.	n.d.	1 item	Box 11
Wells, H. T.	1852 February 18	1 item	Box 11
Wells, S. R.	1851-1852	3 items	Box 11
Welsh, Henry	1852	2 items	Box 11
Welsh, W. H.	1852 February 3	1 item	Box 11
Westall, John	1852 November 5	1 item	Box 11
Wetherill, Samuel	1848 November	3 items	Box 11
Wetmore and Co.	1848 May 4	2 items	Box 11
Wharton, Mr.	n.d	1 item	Box 11
Wharton, William H.	1857 February 18	1 item	Box 11
Wheaton, Charles	1856 July 7	1 item	Box 11
Whitting, John G.	1852 November 5	1 item	Box 11

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Whydah Slave Trade	1842	1 item	Box 11
Williams, Edwin	1852	2 items	Box 11
Williams, Israel L.	1849 January 30	1 item	Box 11
Williamson, Robert	1852 February 26	1 item	Box 11
Willis, Nathaniel P.	1856 October 5	1 item	Box 11
Wilson, John Wall	1853 January 12	1 item	Box 11
Wilson, R. P.	n.d.	1 items	Box 11
Wise, John	1853 January 13	1 item	Box 11
Wivild, N.	1856 September 10	1 item	Box 11
Wood, C. M.	n.d.	1 item	Box 11
Wood, H. N.	n.d.	1 item	Box 11
Wood, J. Walter	1852-n.d.	2 items	Box 11
Wood, William W.	1848, n.d.	2 items	Box 11
Wood, Mr.	n.d.	1 item	Box 11
Wright, Charles W.	1853 January 3	1 item	Box 11
Wright, Edwin	1852 October 22	1 item	Box 11
W.M.C.A.	1852 October 21	1 item	Box 11
Young, Dr. (Macao)	n.d.	1 item	Box 11
Zucker, William	1840 September 29	1 item	Box 11
Unidentified correspondents	1845-1857, n.d.	2 folders	Box 11
Folder 1	1845-1857	6 items	Box 11

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n.d.

11 items

Box 11

Series II. Financial Records

Series II. Financial Records	1831-1861	0.25 linear feet
Bills, receipts and accounts relating to Elisha Kent Kane's personal finances. The records are arranged chronologically.		
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Bills and receipts	1831-1861, n.d.	8 folders
Folder 1	1831-1845	
Folder 2	1846-1847	
Folder 3	1848-1849	
Folder 4	1850-1851	
Folder 5	1852	
Folder 6	1853-1855	
Folder 7	1856-1861	
Folder 8	n.d.	

Series III. George W. Corner, Notes on Elisha Ken...

Series III. George W. Corner, Notes on Elisha Kent Kane	1854-1973	0.25 linear feet
Notes and miscellaneous materials assembled by George W. Corner while writing his biography of Elisha Kent Kane. The series includes copies of letters and documents relating to Kane and his expeditions held in other libraries, as well as some of Corner's notes and drafts of writings on Kane.		
Acquisition Information		
Gift of Mrs. E. Paul DuPont, Aug. 13, 1973 (accn. 1973-1615ms).		
Elisha Kent Kane Medical History (drafts)	1965	3 folders
Folder 1 Includes Robert L. Levy, "Notes on the Case of Elisha Kent Kane. MD"		
Goodfellow, Henry. "The Facts Relating to the Separation of the Ship's Company of the Brig <i>Advance</i> In the Fall of 1854"	n.d.	TMs Cy, 16p.
Kane, Elisha Kent. Annotated bibliography	n.d.	2 folders
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Correspondence	1843, n.d.	4 folders
Folders 1-3	n.d.	
Folder 4	1843	
Includes photocopies of originals held by the National Archives, Naval Records		
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Letter to Mary	1853 April 11	Photocopy, 1p.
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Financial accounts	1853	Photocopies, 24p.
Originals at Smithsonian Institution		
Kane Family Genealogical notes	1969	4p.
1966-1973		

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Miscellaneous correspondence relating to
Kane biography

Miscellaneous notes 1965-1969

Miscellaneous notes on collections of Kane 1965-1966
Papers

Miscellaneous printed materials 1857-1897; 1960-1967 2 folders

Folder 1 1857-1897 Photocopies,
4 items

Includes biographical sketches of Kane and *Memoir of Dwarkanath Tagore*.

Folder 2 1960-1967 Reprints, 3
items

Includes A.F.C. Wallace, "An interdisciplinary approach to mental disorder among the Polar Eskimos of Northwest Greenland".

U.S. Navy. Naval History Division 1969 10p.
History of Ships Named Kane

Series IV. Bound Volumes

Series IV. Bound Volumes	1835-1860	1.5 linear feet
<p>A miscellaneous assemblage of bound volumes of notes, ranging from notes Kane kept as a student at the University of Virginia and University of Pennsylvania, to medical records kept at Blockley Hospital and after, and notebooks and a sketchbook relating to both of his arctic expeditions. Of particular interest are notes on Henry Darwin Rogers' class in mineralogy at the University of Pennsylvania, notes on medical courses taught by Samuel Jackson, and two volumes containing Kane's notes on female patients at Blockley, 1840-1841.</p>		
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Notebook of polar exploration	1851	Volume 1
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Medical notebooks	ca.1841-1842	10 vols Volume 2
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Notes on a Trip into North Carolina Some illustrations.	1850	Volume 3
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Journal of a Trip into the Philippines	ca.1844	Volume 4
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Journal of a Trip in Africa	1846	Volume 5
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Notebook on Asia Minor	n.d.	Volume 6
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Journal of a Trip in Egypt Some illustrations.	ca.1845	Volume 7
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Sketchbook from Egypt	ca.1845	Volume 7a
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	1848	Volume 8

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Journal pertaining to Mexico

Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Log of the <i>Tilt</i>	June 29-July 16, 1848	Volume 9
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Arctic exploration letterbook (Private) Contains many sketches.	ca.1850-1851	Volume 10
Inuit kayaking Inuit kayaking, ca.1850-1851 [http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/fedora/repository/graphics:2925]	ca. 1850-1851	
Inuit kayaking Inuit kayaking, ca.1850-1851 [http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/fedora/repository/graphics:2920]	ca. 1850-1851	
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Notebook of specimens located in the Arctic	ca.1850-1851	Volume 11
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Logbook	1850	Volume 12
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Meteorological Journal	1850-1851	Volume 13
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Examination book, University of Virginia Contains some sketches.	ca.1836	Volume 14
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857 Notes on Geology and Mineralogy Taken in Prof. Rogers' class.	1839	Volume 15
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	ca.1838-1839	Volume 16

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Medical lecture notes, University of
Pennsylvania

Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	n.d.		Volume 17
Geometry notebook			
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	1835		Volume 18
Language of algebra, literal quantities			
"Written with Uncle [Robert M.] Patterson."			
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	ca.1838		Volume 19
Memoranda and notes relative to engineering, University of Virginia			
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	1841		Volume 20
Medical notebook, Blockley Hospital			
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	ca.1841		Volume 21
Observations on Kiesteine (obstetrics, pregnant women), Blockley Hospital			
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	ca.1841		Volume 22
Kyestine			
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	n.d.		Volume 23
Commonplace book			
Weaver, W. H.	1848		Volume 24
Accounts			
U.S.S.	1850		Volume 25
Passbook with W. H. Lewis, Grover, Govt. Street, Mobile, Alabama			
Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	1853	2 vols.	Volume 26
Notebooks, meteorological observations			
With sketches			

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Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	1856-1860	Volume 27
Medical casebook		

Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	1840-1841	Volume 28
Journal kept at Blockley Hospital		

Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	1840-1841	Volume 29
Medical lecture notes for course by Samuel Jackson		

Kane, Elisha Kent, 1820-1857	1850-1851	Volume 30
Arctic diary		

Series V. Graphics

Series V. Graphics

ca.1840-1856

0.25 linear
feet

Miscellaneous drawings, sketches, and photographs by and of Elisha Kent Kane, including a number depicting scenes in the arctic. Kane was an incessant doodler and agreeable artist, and the collection includes representative sketches from most of his expeditions.

Native American Images note : Over 200 sketches, watercolors, silhouettes, maps, and engravings of Inuits of Baffin Bay drawn by Kane during the first (1850-1851) and second (1853-1855) Grinnell arctic expeditions. Primarily from the first trip, images include portraits in native attire, landscapes, dwellings, hunting tools, kayaks, and encampments. Kane's log and notebooks are dotted throughout with sketches. Of note in the graphic series, a watercolor of an Inuit boy netting auks. Donated with his papers, Kane's published works: The United States Grinnell expedition in search of Sir John Franklin (1853) and Arctic explorations: the second expedition...(1857) include engravings of all his original drawings. Referenced in the sketch file, the finding aid contains a detailed inventory. Also, referenced in Murphy Smith's Historical American Sketches...in the manuscripts collections of the APS.

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n.d.

House on bay with miscellaneous doodles of fences, plants, faces on verso.

Pencil
drawing**Kane, E. K.**

n.d.

Advance moored in fjord

Pencil and ink
drawing**Kane, E. K.**

n.d.

The Advance in ice

Mounted ink
drawing**Kane, E. K.**

n.d.

Advance schematic cross section (1 with doodles of starving men on verso)

2 diagrams,
1 pencil and 1
pen.**Kane, E. K.**

n.d.

Angular masses and detritus in Ice Berg

Pencil
drawing**Kane, E. K.**

n.d.

Boxes [schematic sketches]

Ink drawing

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Kane, E. K. The Brig in the winter ice	1856 December 10	Pencil drawing
Kane, E. K. Sketch of Henry Brooks	1851 March 5	Pencil drawing
Kane, E. K. Cape Melville	1856 August 14	Watercolor
Kane, E. K. Central High School	n.d.	Pencil drawing
Kane, E. K. Coast of Greenland	1850 June 22	2 pencil drawings
Kane, E. K. Coast of Greenland II	n.d.	Pencil drawing
Kane, E. K. Departure of the II Grinnell Expedition from New York Harbor	n.d.	Mounted pencil drawing
Kane, E. K. Entering Fjord near Storae Island	n.d.	Pencil drawing
Kane, E. K. Faces and pulley doodles	1850 February 18	1 page of pen drawings
Kane, E. K. First experience in the Pack	n.d.	Six small pen and ink drawings on one page
Kane, E. K. Houses	n.d.	2 pencil drawings
Kane, E. K. Ice, 3 varieties	n.d.	Pencil and ink drawings

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Kane, E. K. Imp; shuttered window sketch and other doodles on verso	n.d.	Pencil drawings
Kane, E. K. Inuit man, profile Inuit man, profile, n.d. [http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/fedora/repository/graphics:2924]	n.d.	Pencil and ink drawing
Kane, E. K. Island in South Pacific [?]	n.d.	Pencil drawing
Kane, E. K. Islets	n.d.	Pencil drawings
Kane, E. K. Maps - rough drafts	n.d.	3 items
Map of Baffin Bay Map of Baffin Bay, n.d. [http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/fedora/repository/graphics:2926]	n.d.	
Kane, E. K. Miscellaneous sketches: ship on coast, a man's head, a glacier, etc.	n.d.	5 pencil drawings
Kane, E. K. Models and diagrams	n.d.	3 items
Kane, E. K. Musicians [doodles]	[ca. 1840]	Pen and ink drawings
Kane, E. K. Porto Grande, views	n.d.	5 pencil drawings on one page

Series V. Graphics

Kane, E. K. Silhouettes Silhouettes, n.d [http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/fedora/repository/graphics:2918]	n.d	5 cut-outs
Kane, E. K. Sailboat and steamer	n.d.	Pencil drawing
Sea kayak	1850-1851	1.0 Item(s)
Sea kayak Sea kayak, 1850-1851 [http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/fedora/repository/graphics:2921]	1850-1851	
Kane, E. K. Seal flipper, 2 views: extended and ventral portion of extended	n.d.	2 pencil drawings on 1 page
Kane, E. K. Small sailboat at sea	n.d.	Pencil drawing
Kane, E. K. [Nagendronoth?] Tagore, profile sketch; small map of Greece on verso.	1845 June 1	Pen and ink sketches
Kane, E. K. Tomb of R. P. Kane	n.d.	Pencil drawing on verso of printed invitation from Wistar Party
Kane, E. K. Venta de Fayal [Azores]	n.d.	ink drawing

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Kane, E. K. View of Heather Field	n.d.	Pencil drawing
Kane, E. K. View of Dios Polis Parva [?]	n.d.	2 pencil drawings
Kane, R. P. Botanical sketches	n.d.	2 pages of various pencil drawings
The Philadelphia Club Invitation to Judge and Mrs. Kane	1851 January	1 item
Weaver, W. H. Brandywine Cottage, exterior; interior measurements on verso	n.d.	Small pencil drawing.
Baffin Bay refraction	1850-1851	3 3/4 x 4 1/2 inches, watercolor
Baffin Bay refraction, 1850-1851 [http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/fedora/repository/graphics:2922]		
Inuit netting birds	1850-1851	7 x 10 1/2 inches, watercolor
Inuit netting birds, 1850-1851 [http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/fedora/repository/graphics:2923]		
Engraving of John Kintzing Kane.	ca. 1860	1.0 Item(s)
Engraving of John Kintzing Kane. , ca. 1860 [http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/fedora/repository/graphics:4388]		
	n. d.	1.0 Item(s)

Series V. Graphics

John Kintzing Kane with sons Elisha Kent
Kane and Thomas Leiper Kane.

John Kintzing Kane with sons Elisha Kent Kane and Thomas Leiper Kane. , n. d.

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Photograph of portrait of Elisha Kent Kane in uniform.	ca. 1860	1.0 Item(s)
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Other Descriptive Information

Possibly a photograph of original portrait owned by family and sold at Kane auction in Kane, PA, 2003.

Photograph of portrait of Elisha Kent Kane in uniform. , ca. 1860

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Sketch of Inuits in kayaks.	ca. 1850	1.0 Item(s)
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Sketch of Inuits in kayaks. , ca. 1850

[\[http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/fedora/repository/graphics:2919\]](http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/fedora/repository/graphics:2919)
