

## Elisha Kent Kane (1820-1857)

- Elisha Kent Kane was an American explorer of the Arctic.
- Kane was a member of two Arctic expeditions to rescue the explorer Sir John Franklin in 1850-1851.
- While searching for Franklin, Kane discovered the Humboldt Glacier and mapped the Smith Sound, to be later traversed by Robert Peary's expedition.
- In 1852 Kane became involved with Margaret Fox, a well known medium and one of the creators of Spiritualism
- He is buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

### **Primary Sources:**

*Description of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane's Arctic Boat, "The Faith"* [electronic resource]

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David J. Kennedy Watercolors collection

Digital Library link: <http://digitallibrary.hsp.org/index.php/Detail/Object/Show/idno/4336>

*Dr. Elisha Kent Kane's Arctic Brig "Advance," 1854* [electronic resource]

Call Number: 4444

David J. Kennedy Watercolors collection

Digital Library link:

<http://digitallibrary.hsp.org/index.php/Detail/Object/Show/idno/4444>

*Elisha Kent Kane, M.D., U.S.N* [electronic resource]

Portrait and copy of signature

Record Number: 4859

Box Number: Case 7, Box 37

Simon Gratz Collection

Digital Library link:

<http://digitallibrary.hsp.org/index.php/Detail/Object/Show/idno/4859>



Portrait and Signature  
*Elisha Kent Kane, M.D., U.S.N. (4859)*

E. K. Kane

**Secondary Sources:**

*Biography of Elisha Kent Kane*

by Elder, William, 1806-1885.

Published 1858

Call Number: Gk.24

*Race to the polar sea: the Heroic Adventures of Elisha Kent Kane*

by Kenneth McGoogan

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