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.

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