James Dwight Dana Archives

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Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History  
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CALL NUMBER: IZAR.001614

CREATOR: Dana, James Dwight, 1813-1895

TITLE: James Dwight Dana Archives

DATES: 1830–1895

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 10 linear feet (various boxes)

LANGUAGE: In English.

SUMMARY: Archives of James Dana, mostly dealing with invertebrate zoology.

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Administrative Information

Cite As
James Dwight Dana Archives, Invertebrate Zoology, Yale Peabody Museum

Biographical Sketch

In terms of enduring scientific achievement, James Dwight Dana (b. 1813, d. 1895) is one of Yale’s most notable scientific figures. His contributions to geology, mineralogy and zoology are the basis of classification systems still in use today by scientists in these fields. Dana was educated at Yale, where he received scientific training from Benjamin Silliman, the prominent scientist and founder of The American Journal of Science.

In 1836, Dana was invited to be a scientific participant of the United States Exploring Expedition, due to sail to the South Seas in 1838. Originally invited on the expedition as its geologist, Dana assumed the role of zoologist after the departure of James Couthouy in 1840. Dana produced 2 important monographs based on his study of animals collected by the expedition. These monographs, one on corals and anemones and the other on crustaceans, were extraordinary for their sheer size, scope and detail. Virtually no modern coral or crustacean researcher today can undertake significant systematic research without encountering the legacy left by James Dana.

Description of the Material
The archives of J.D. Dana notably include field notes from his time on the U.S. Exploring Expedition.
### Collection Contents

**Series I. U.S. Exploring Expedition**

James Dana archives relating to his time during the U.S. Exploring Expedition.

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Series II. Research Materials
James Dana research materials.

Reference Material. A collection of reprints on Crustacea. There are annotations by Dana. Call Number: 001628 Apr 1851
Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Geographic Names
Connecticut
Hawaii
New York

Corporate Bodies
Yale Peabody Museum
Yale University