

SAMUEL PARKMAN

Papers, 1853-1856, 1881

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Biographical Note

Samuel Parkman, 1816-1854, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, the son of Samuel and Mary Bromfield Parkman. He graduated from Harvard College in 1834 and was awarded his M.D. in 1838. While he was studying medicine he spent a year in Europe and spent a year as the house surgeon at the Massachusetts General Hospital. In 1842 he edited the New England Quarterly Journal of Medicine. He was appointed lecturer of surgery and anatomy at the Medical College of Castleton Vermont in 1844. In 1846 he returned to Boston and became one of the new surgeons at the recently enlarged Massachusetts General Hospital.

Parkman participated in a number of professional organizations including the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Massachusetts Medical Society. Parkman's publications include, "A Report of a Committee of the Massachusetts Medical Society Upon Suits for Malpractice," (1853).

Parkman died suddenly in 1854.

He was the brother of George Parkman, the physician murdered at Harvard Medical College by John Webster in 1849. He was the uncle of historian Francis Parkman.

Summary Note

The collection includes Parkman's domestic account book from January, 1853-December, 1856. It should be noted that the account book extends beyond Parkman's death. Also included is a letter, 1881, from Edwin Brigham, assistant librarian at the Boston Medical Society, to a Miss Parkman regarding a portrait of Samuel Parkman.

Folder List

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