

Canning, Ebenezer Smith, 1809-1834

Travel journal, "Spawn from an Odd Fish or the Man of War's Man Journal of a Cruise on the U.S. Ship 'Brandywine' from Feb. 4, 1833 to July 15, 1833."
[n. p., 1833]

1 vol. manuscript 30.5 cm

Note: Highly literate and engaging account of a voyage on the war Frigate "Brandywine", beginning at Port Mahon, Minorca; extensive description of Centa, Gibraltar, St. Rogue and Algeciras; next to Tangiers, then Lisbon; then to the Azores and Madeira; finally crossing the Atlantic ending in New York. Romance and adventure in Madeira, a cholera epidemic in Lisbon – all related in fine journalistic fashion. Brother of the "Peasant Bard" of Gill, Josiah D. Canning, the author apparently died in Detroit, MI. Volume concludes with newspaper clippings titled "Leaves from a Journal," apparently based on this account.

Note: the travel journal, "A cruise on the 'Constellation' 1830-1831, thought to be by Ebenezer Smith Canning (PVMA 13664) which came as a gift at the same time as the above, was not written by Canning who was teaching school at the time of the writing, see Canning family papers.

Gill vital records, p. 14.