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Journal of Rev C. C. Mitchell from New York/Boston to Smyrna 1841
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Biographical Note

The Reverend Colby C. Mitchell resided in New York City in the early-mid 1800s and traveled from Boston, Massachusetts, to Smyrna, Turkey, with his wife in 1841. He was to serve as a missionary to the Nestorians (an ancient Christian sect) in the mountains of Kurdistan (a region between what are now Van, Turkey, and Mosul, Iraq). While traveling between Aleppo (present-day Halab, Syria) and Mosul, Mitchell died of a fever on June 27, 1841. He was buried in a village of Jacobite Christians called Telbel. His wife became ill shortly afterward. She died on July 12 in Mosul.

Sources:


Additional biographical information derived from the collection.
Scope and Content Note

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Mitchell and his wife (first name unknown) left Boston on January 18, 1841. The majority of entries describe his daily activities on board the ship. Topics covered include sea sickness, accidents and other incidents, illnesses, weather, marine life, the sermons he gave, and the books he read. After the ship passed through the Strait of Gibraltar, Mitchell also described the historical and biblical significance of areas the ship passed in the Mediterranean.

On February 24, Mitchell arrived in Smyrna. The next few pages describe sights he saw in Turkey including forts and temples. In the last entry, dated March 10, Mitchell described traveling by steam to the island of Rhodes and some sightseeing on the island. The journal ends in the middle of a sentence at the bottom of the last page.
Selected Search Terms

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