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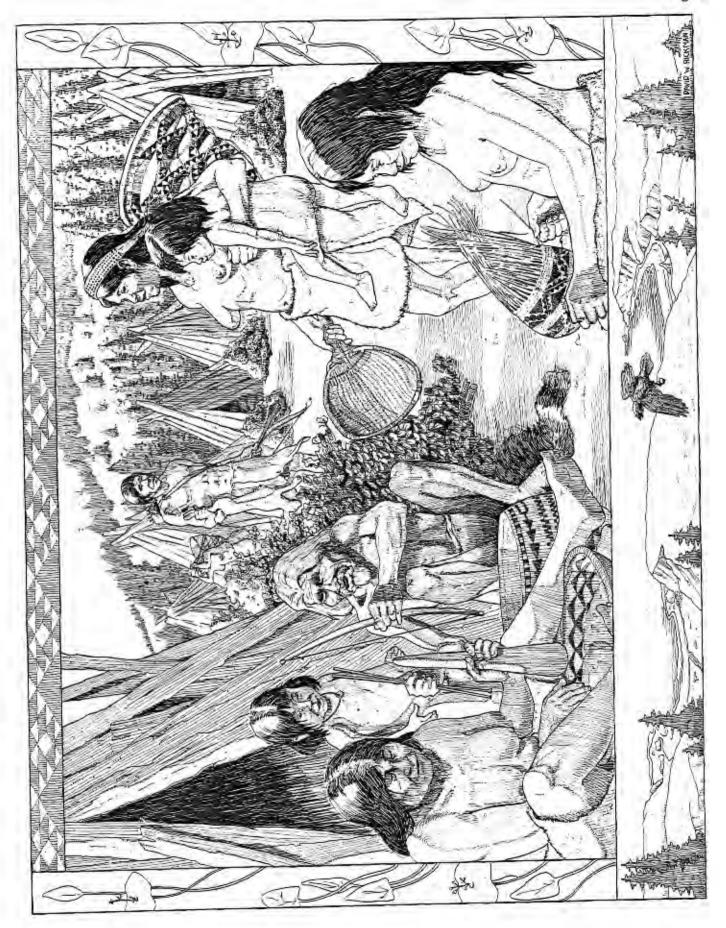
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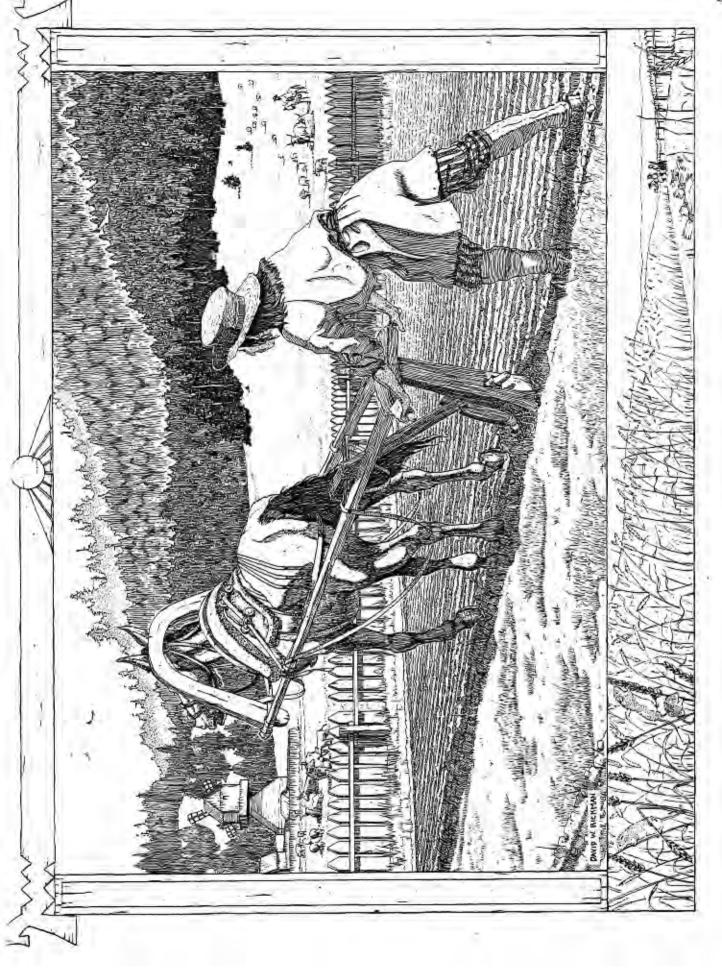
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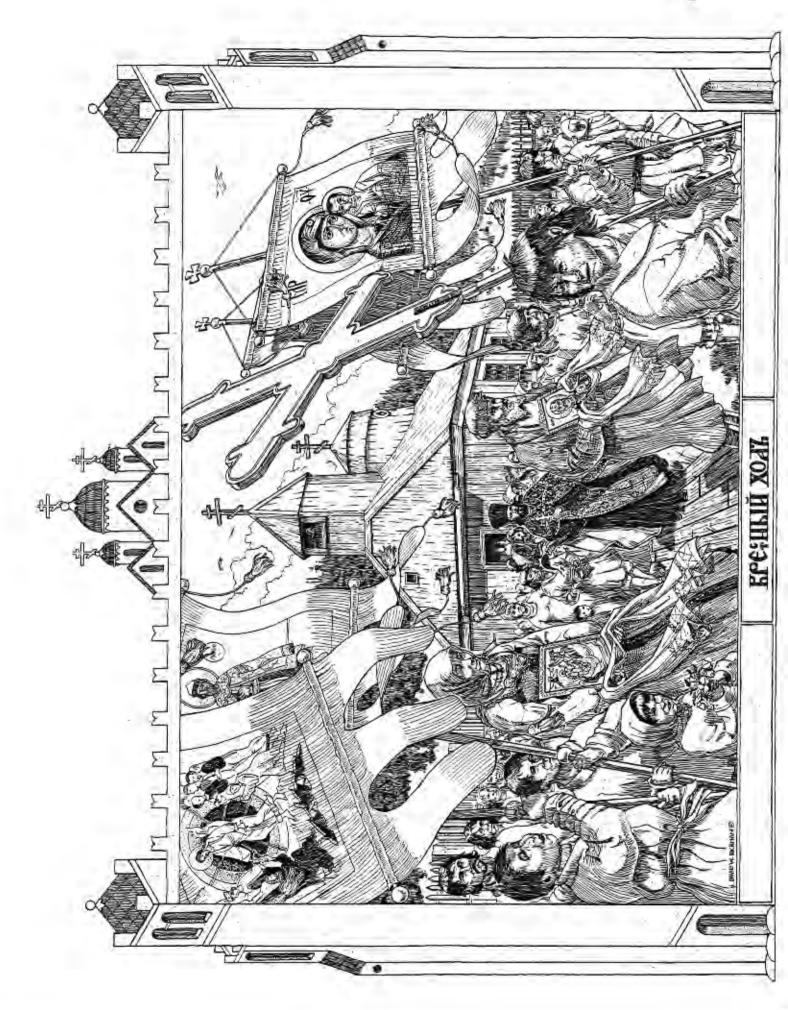
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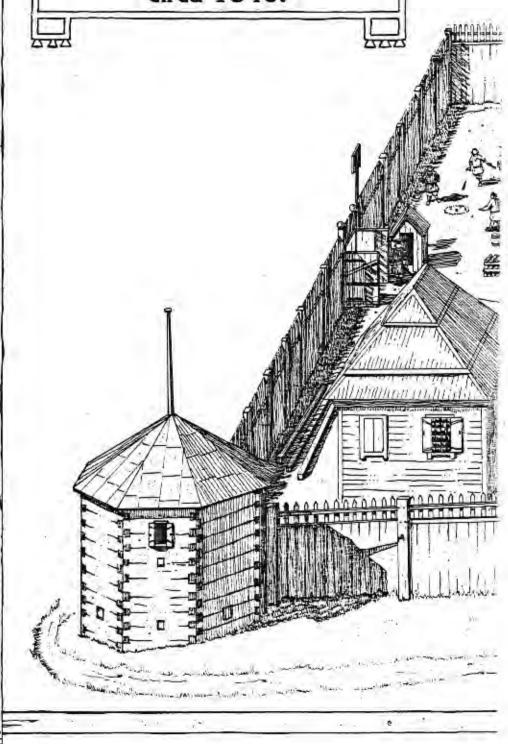


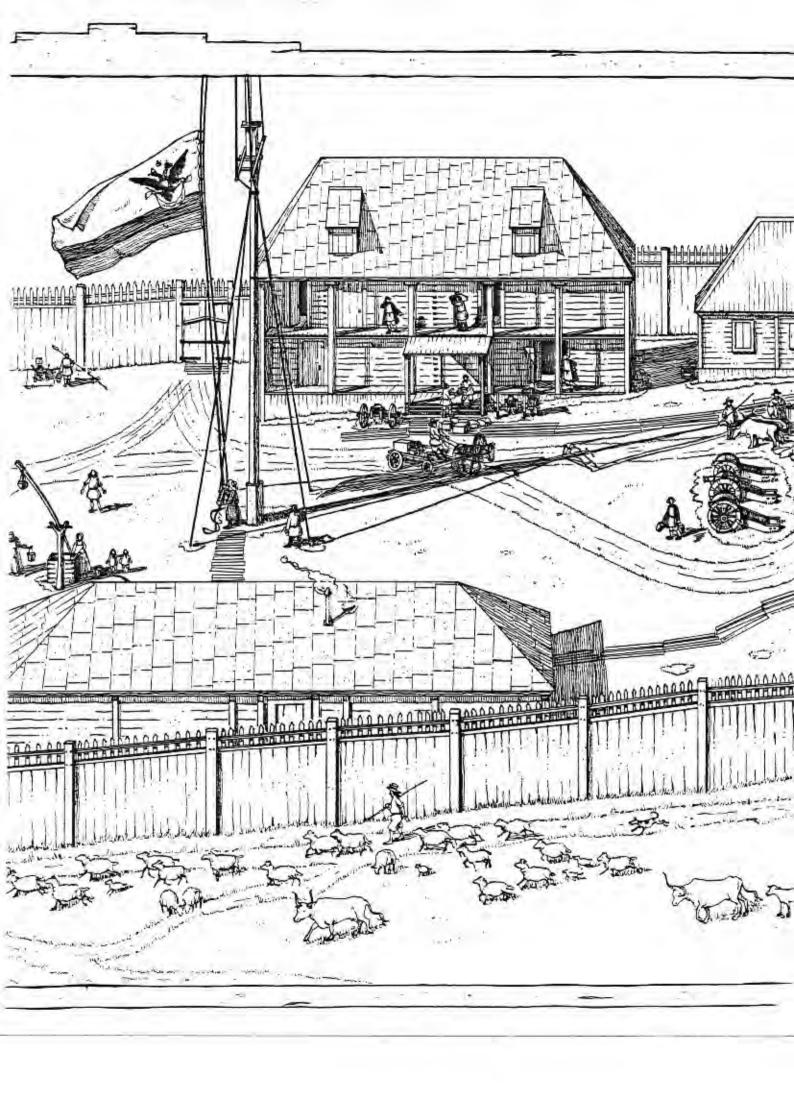


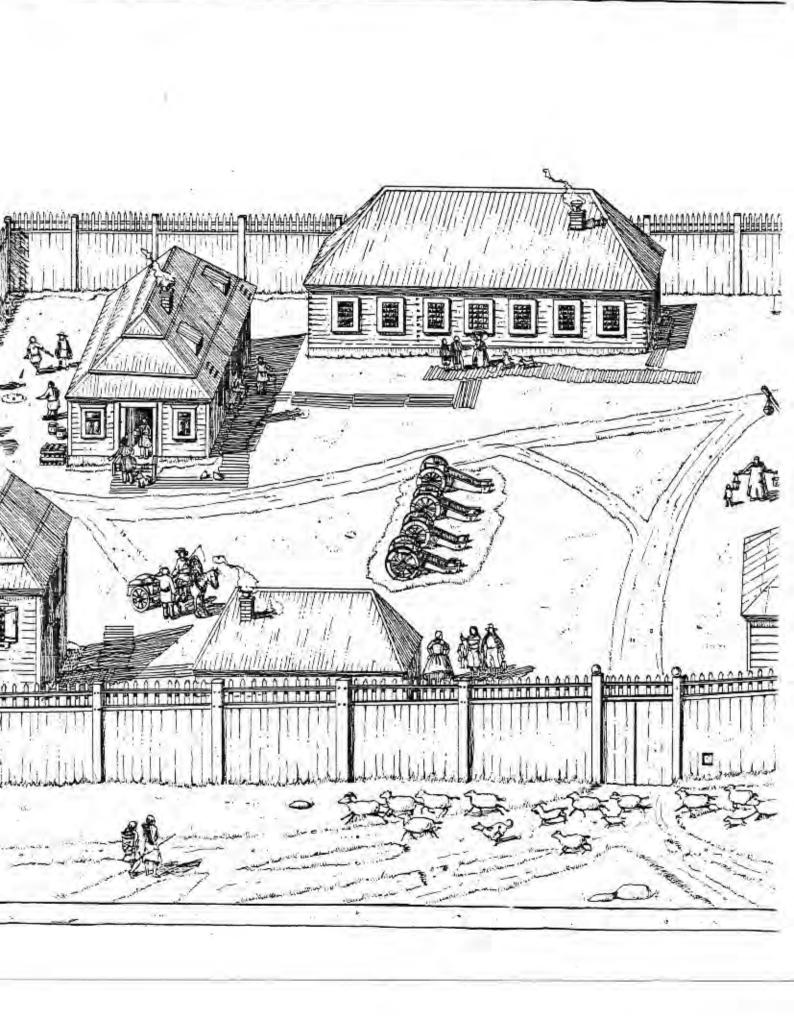


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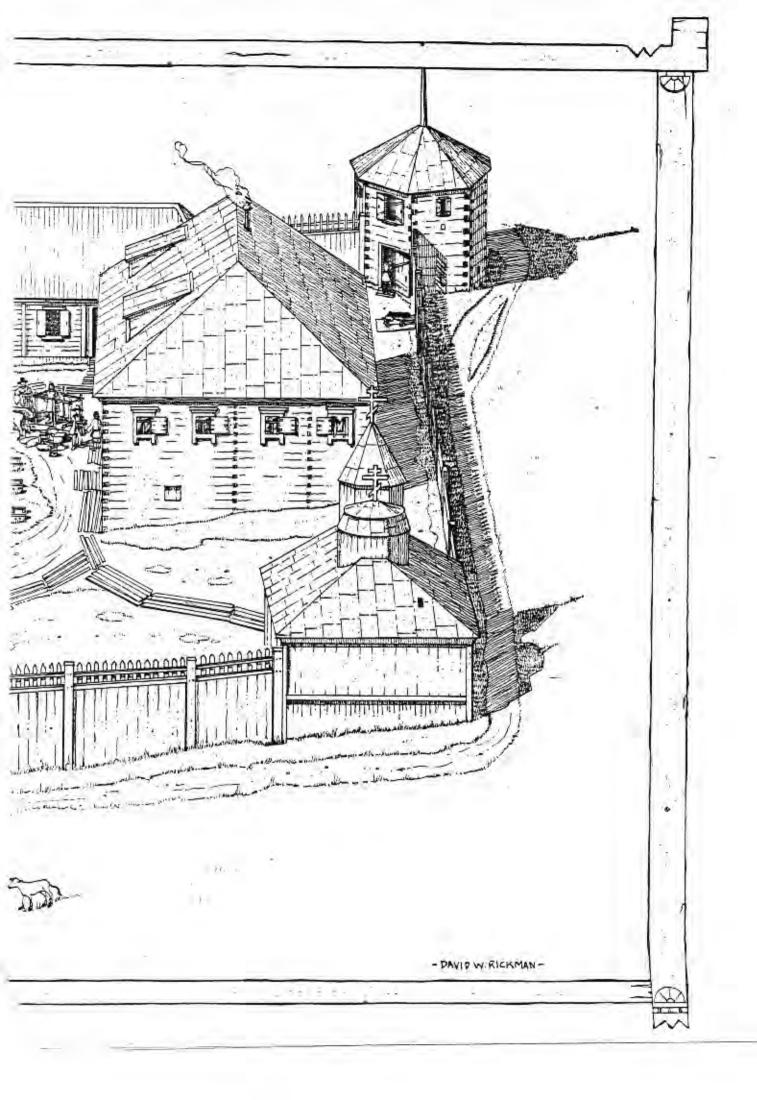
The Stockade circa 1840.

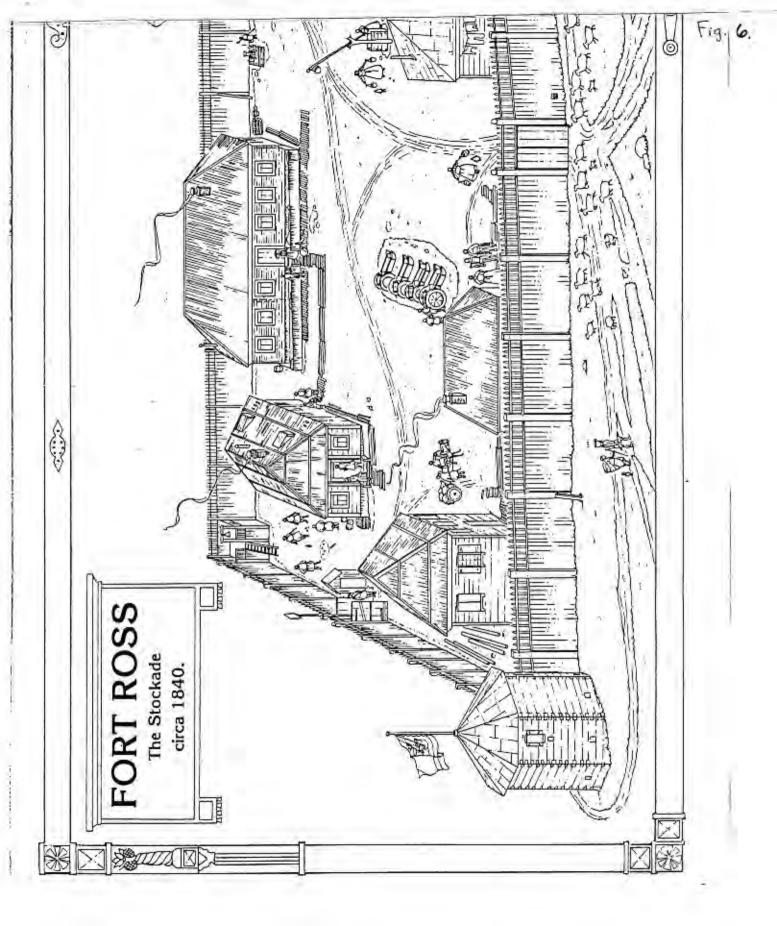


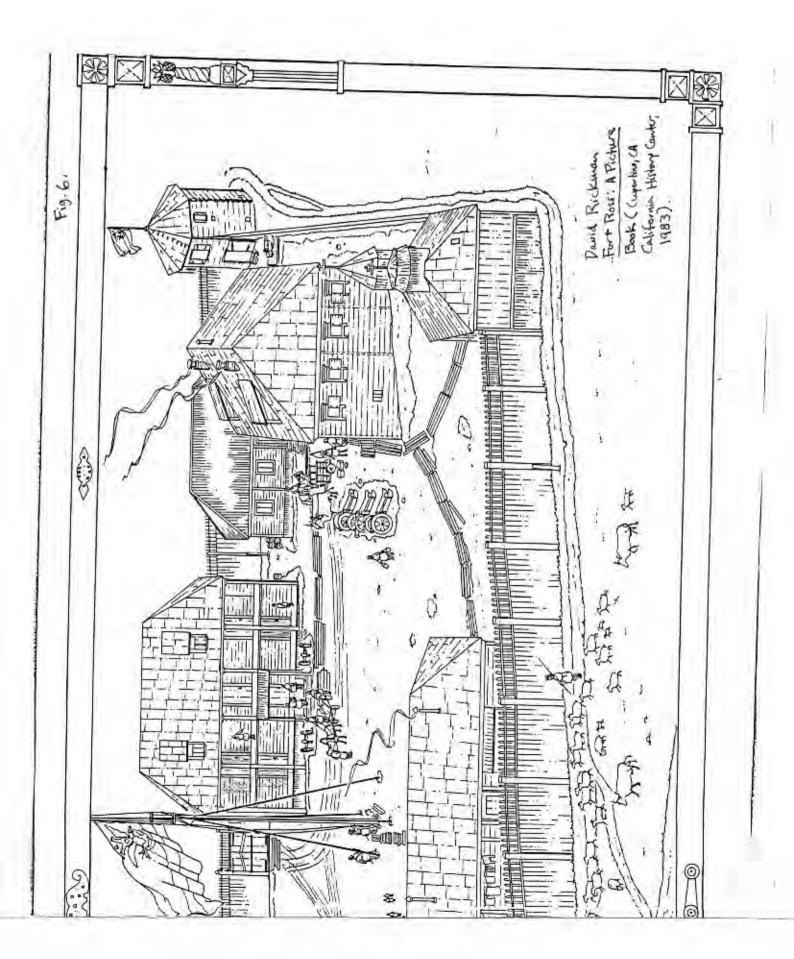




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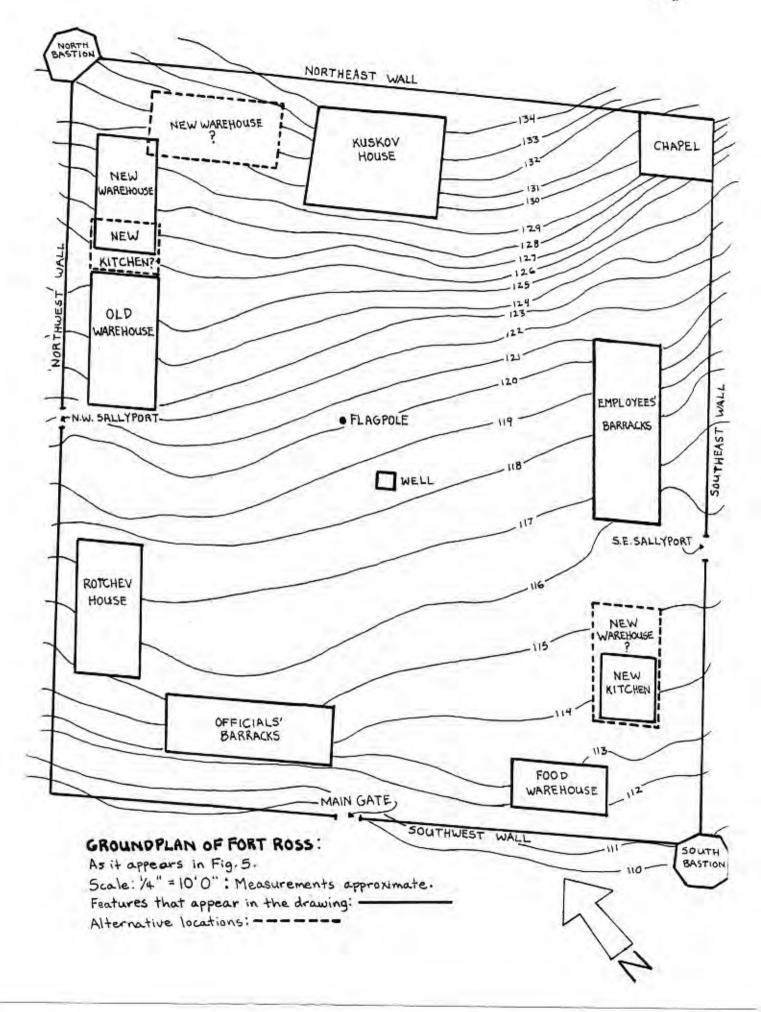




Рис. 13. Карта окрестностей крепости Росс 1817 г. ЦГАВМФ, ф. 1331, оп. 1, л. 221. Публикуются впервые

Fig. 8. FOOTHILL COLLEGE

July 5, 1972

FOOTHILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

12345 El Monte Road Los Altos Hills California 94022 (415) 948-8590

MAP OF FORT ROSS

No. 13. THE MAP OF 1817 HAS THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATIONS:

- A. Fort Ross
- B. Fort's wall made of heavy squared timber 3 SAZHEN high, which are enclosed at the top by wooden spear-like obstacles
- C. Two-story octagonal fortress
- D. Two-story Heptagonal fortress
- E. Cabin for the bell
- F. Water well
- G. Fort Sally Gate
- H. Small gate
- K. Flagstaff

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- a. House of commander, which is built from (text is not readable. S.F.)..rooms, passage hall, two storerooms, and at the lower level storage rooms and powder magazine.
- b. Barracks for employee, made of boards. This barracks composed of one general hall and two separate small rooms.
 - c. Two-story storage place which is built of logs. This storage room at the lower level composed of two rooms whereas the upper level consists of three storage rooms.
 - d. House made of boards which consists of three separate chambers.
 - e,f. House made of boards which has foundry and workshop for coppersmith. Closely connected structure made of boards which consists of the following:
 - g. pantry
 - h. kitchen for common use
 - k. office
 - i. jail
 - m. metal workshop
 - n. two-story provision storage room made of boards this make a protection
- I.L. 14 YURTS made of boards for Aleuts
- M. Live-stock yard
- N. Enclosure for sheep
- O. About 50 enclosed kitchen-gardens in the vicinity of Ft. Ross
- P. Enclosed place for raising wheat
- 2Q. Brig Rumiantsev
- 3R. Flagstaff
- 4S. Cemetery
- 5T. Barn
- 6Q. Shed for rowing boat
- 7X. Smithy
- 8Z. Bath house
- 9V. Pigsty
- 10W. Kitchen for baking bread
 - Windmill (shown on the map but not mentioned by S.F.)

SOURCE:

S. G. FEDOROVA - RUSSKOE NASELENIE ALIASKI

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(The Russian Population in Alaska and California)

Late 18th Century to 1867. Izd. "NAUKA", Moscow, 1971.

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Photo by Glenn Farris enlarged as fig. 11.



Photo by Glenn Farris enlarged as fig. 13



- A. South (8-Sided) Bostion
- B. North (7-Sided) Bastion
- C. Chapel
- D. Kuskov House
- E. Old Warehouse
- F. Provisions Warehouse
- J. Rotchew House (not seen + perhaps not built).
- ? Unidentified building near Old warehouse Perhaps inside walls of fort.



Man's urge to explore and acquire new lands has been universal throughout history, and in the centuries that followed the expansion of Europe into the Western Hemisphere reached a scale that changed the world. The sixteenth century voyages of the Atlantic based powers of Europe in the New World are well known, but the later explorations and settlements of Europeans in North America of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries are not so well understood.

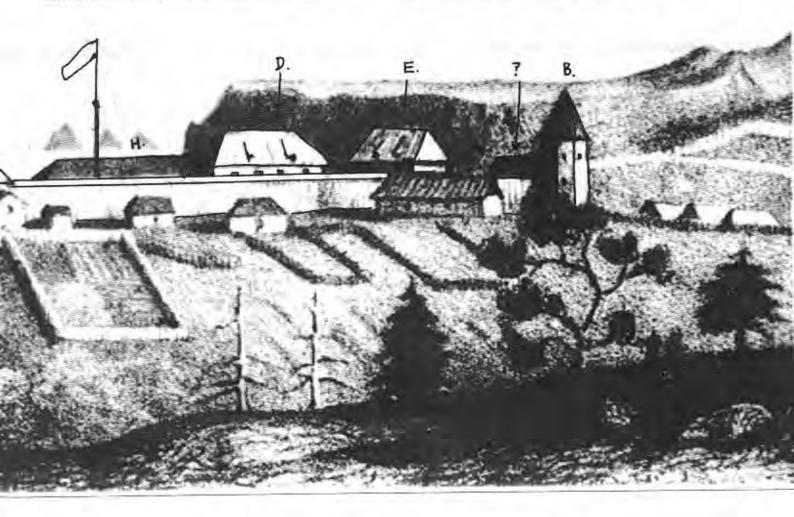
Russian eastward expansion, the counterpart of European and American westward expansion, was an age old trend in Russian history that took on a new dimension in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. At approximately the time that English colonists settled along the Atlantic seaboard of New England, Russian explorers, trappers and settlers penetrated northeast Siberia and in 1639 reached the Pacific Ocean opposite Alaska. By the mid-seventeenth century they had sailed through the strait that separated Asia and North America, and inadvertently discovered a sea route from the Arctic to the Pacific oceans. It was the determination of Tsar Peter the Great, however, to clarify the geography of the North Pacific that led to the Bering-Chirikov voyages and the discovery of Alaska. In two arduous voyages (1728, 1741) Vitus Bering and Aleksei Chirikov explored the strait that is now called "Bering Strait" and discovered the Aleutian Islands and Alaskan mainland, both of which were claimed for Russia.

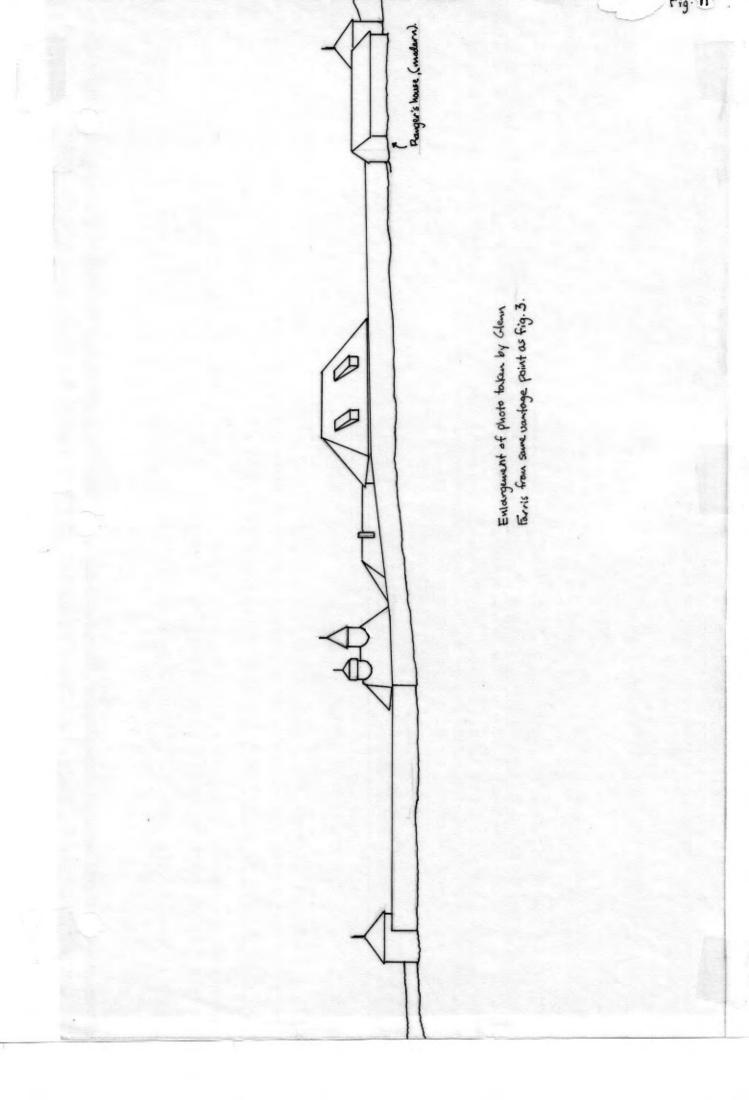
The Bering-Chirikov voyages aroused great interest among Russian hunters and traders and a desire to gain access to the herds of fur seal and sea otter that dwelt in the North Pacific. For centuries the fur trade had been the mainspring of Russian eastward expansion. Huge profits had been derived from furs both in Europe and Asia. Extending the hunting ground from Siberia to Alaska, therefore, opened an exciting new field for an age old enterprise. From 1745 to the end of the century some 40 Russian trading companies were formed which sponsored over 100 voyages to the Aleutians and Alaskan mainland to gather fur pelts valued at nearly 8,000,000 rubles.

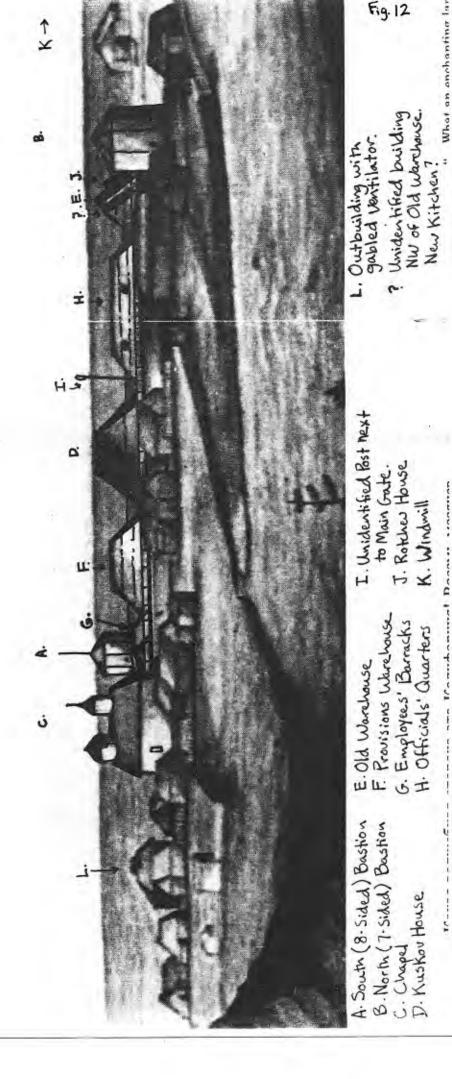
The rapid growth of the trade called for permanent Russian settlements in Alaska as well as redoubts for planning hunting expeditions and storing furs. These were often located on promontories at the mouths of rivers, or on bays or offshore islands. Russian settlements in the Aleutians and Unalaska probably began in the 1770's, but the first known permanent settlement was founded in 1783 by an enterprising merchant, Grigory Shelikhov, on Kodiak Island. This remained the principal Russian base until 1791. Shelikhov became one of the remarkable Siberian merchants of his day- hardy, ambitious and resourceful. Before his death in 1795 he advocated

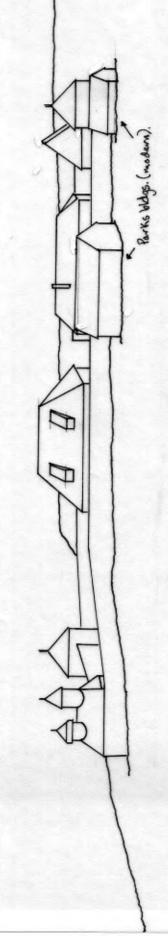
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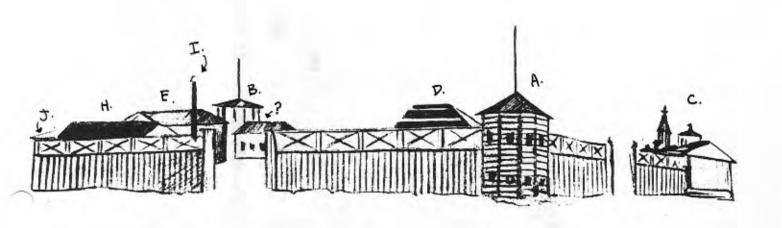








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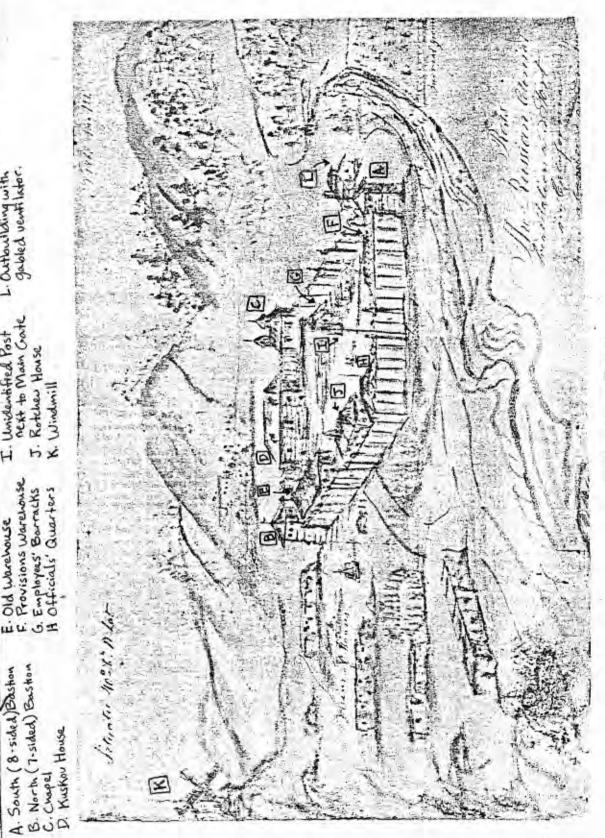


"Fort Ross," an unfinished sketch by I.G. Voznesenskii. The clearly depicted high palisaded walls and octagonal shore bastions bear a strong resemblance to the earlier traditional Siberian ostrogs. The Orthodox chapel is visible on the right. The structure collapsed in the 1906 earthquake, was rebuilt in 1915, burned to the ground in 1970-1971, and was again faithfully reconstructed according to the original plans. It was dedicated in the spring of 1976 by a devoted historian, His Grace, The Right Reverend Grigorii, Russian Orthodox Bishop of Sitka and Alaska. (Archive MAE AN SSSR.)

- A. South (8-Sided) Bastion
- B. North (7-Sided) Bastion
- C. Chapel
- D. Kuskoy House or Provisions Warehouse.
- E. Old Warehouse
- ? New (Grain) Warehouse?
- H. Officials' Quarters
- I. Unidentified Post next to Main Gate.
- J. Rotcher House

L. Outbuilding with gabled ventilator.

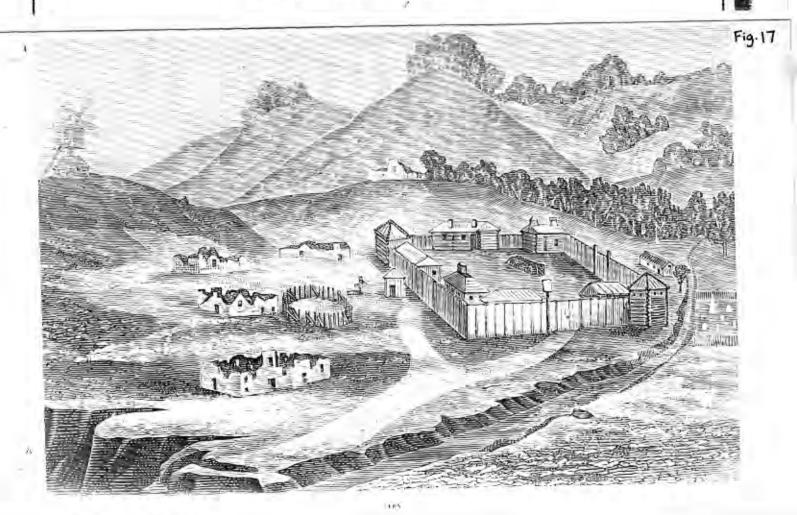
next to Main Gate



(From the original sketch made by G. M. Waseurtz af Sandels—one of the "King's Orphans" —in 1843. From the MS, in the collection of the Society of California Pioneers.) FORT ROSS IN THE FORTIES

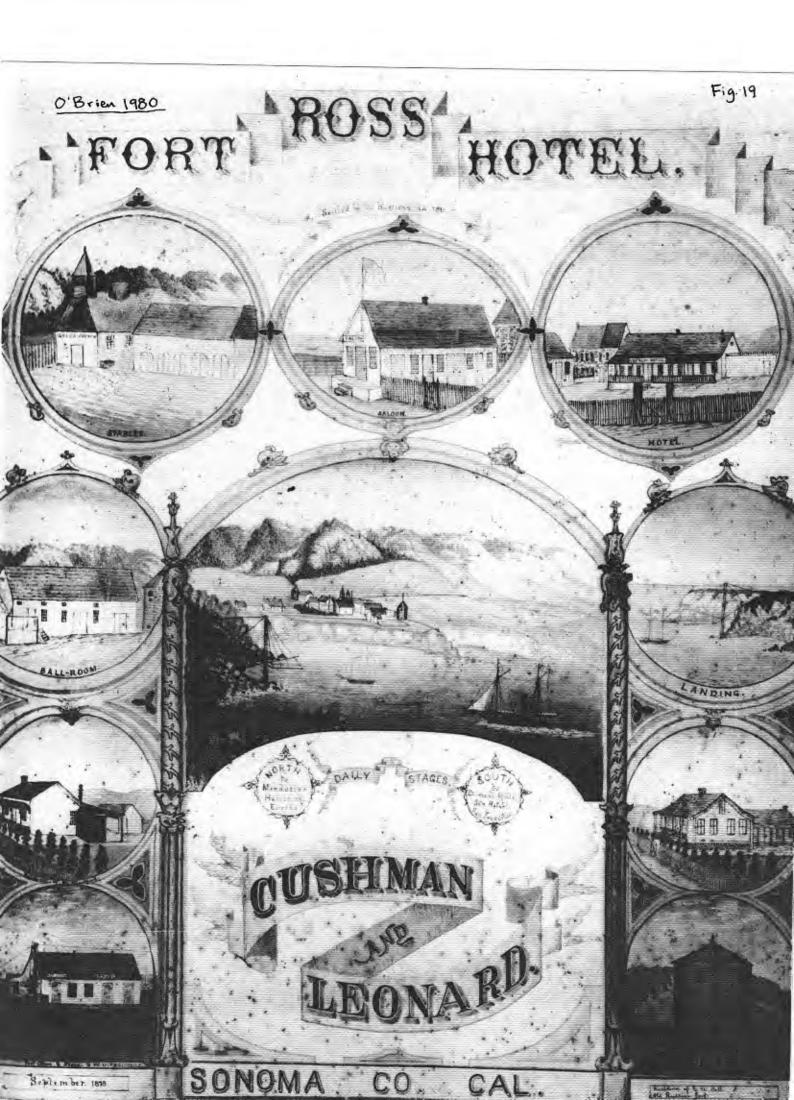


Fig. 16



Woodcut based on original sketch by Waseurte af Soudels.

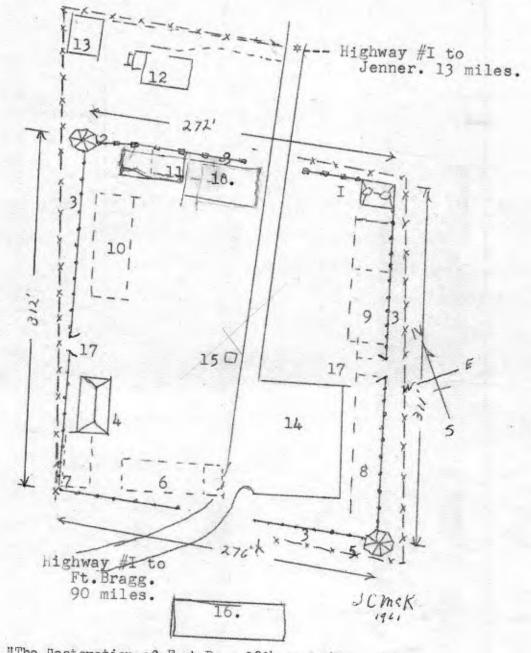




The Buildings of Fort Ross Past and present

- I. The Chapel of Fort Ross. (restored)
- The seven-sided Blockhouse (Restored)
 The 12 foot stockade. (Restored.)
- 4. The Commander's House (Restored.)
- 5. The Eight-sided Blockhouse (Restored.)
- 6. The Barracks Building (Site)
- 7. The Fort Ross Hotel (site) 8-9 Barns & Blacksmith shop (site)
- 10 Warehouse (site.)

- 11. Small building(Site)
- 12. Ranger's Residence
- 13. Garage
- 14. Parking Lot. 16. Russian well(Excavated.) 16. Ft.Ross Store.
- 17. Gates (Sally Ports) 16. Kuskov House(approx.)



From "The Restoration of Fort Ross 1834 to 1961 April 10,1961- J.C.McKemzie & Wm.B. Esishop Bishop.

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Ruins of One of the Fort Ross Bastions (From "The Romance of Fort Ross," by Gertrude Atherton; The Californian, Vol. V, No. 1, Dec. 1893.)

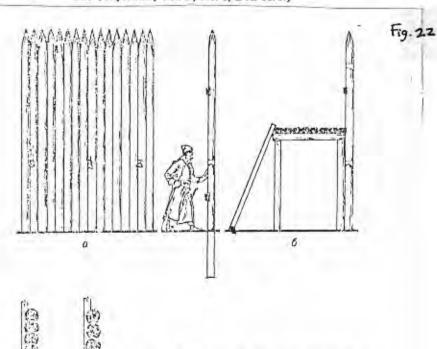


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Stockade wall fortifications

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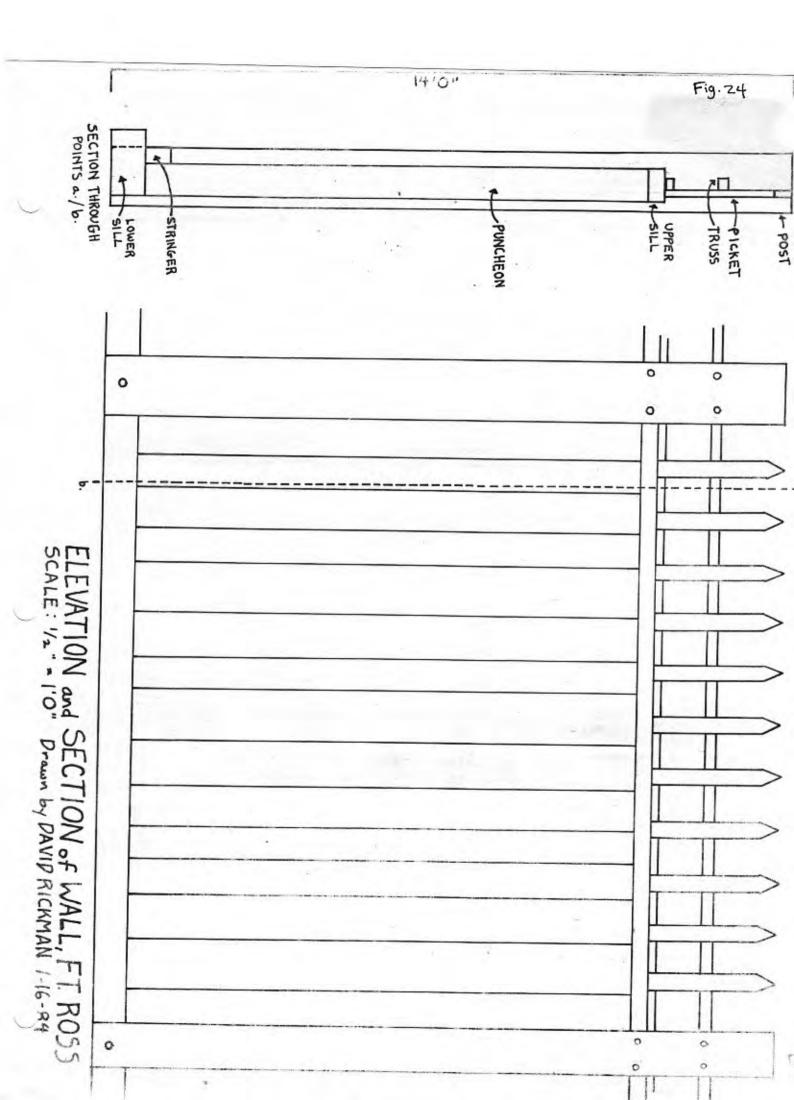
* From the gallay proofs of <u>Fathoning Fort Ross</u> by Clenn Fornis.

TABLE 1
COMPARATIVE MEASUREMENTS OF BUILDINGS LISTED IN INVENTORY DOCUMENTS

Area Measured	Vallejo Inventory		Sutter Inventory		Revised Figures ⁵	
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Fort Ross Stockade						
circumference	172	1032	172	320	172	1204
height	2	12	2	4	2	
Old Commandant's House					2	14
(Kuskov House)						
length	8	48	8	16	8	
width	6	36	6	12	6	56
New Commandant's House	6			12	0	42
(Rotchev House)						
length	8	48	8	16		
width	4	24	4	8	8	56
Commissioned Officers House		~ 1	7	0	4	28
(Officials' Quarters)						
length	10	60	10	30(?)	10	70
width	3.5	21	3.5	7	3.5	70
Barracks	-			,	3.3	24.5
length	11	48(?)	11	22	11	77
width	4	24	4	8	4	77 28
Warehouse (Old)				0	4	28
length	8	48	8	16	. 8	**
width	4	24	4	8	4	56 28
Warehouse (New)						28
length	7	42	7	Not	7	49
width	4	24	4	Listed	4	28
Kitchen (New)		77	-	Listea		28
length	4	24	4	8	4	28
width	3.5	21	. 3.5	7	3.5	24.5
Varehouse for food supplies	-		2.3		3.3	24.3
length .	6	48(?)	6	12	6	42
width	3	18	4(?)	6	3	21
Chapel		1.5	44 -		3	21
length	6	36	No Measurements		6	42
width	4	24	No Measurements		4	28
Vell for water			meandrenients		*	28
depth	2.5	15	2.5	5	2.5	17.5

Sources: 1) Vallejo Papers, Spanish language; 2) Dufour 1933; 3) Sutter Papers, French language; 4) DuFlot de Mofràs 1842; 5) Author's calculations.

Note: For the sake of brevity only the structures within the fort are shown here. The inventory documents go on to list many buildings outside the fort as well as at the ranches and at the port of Bodega Bay.



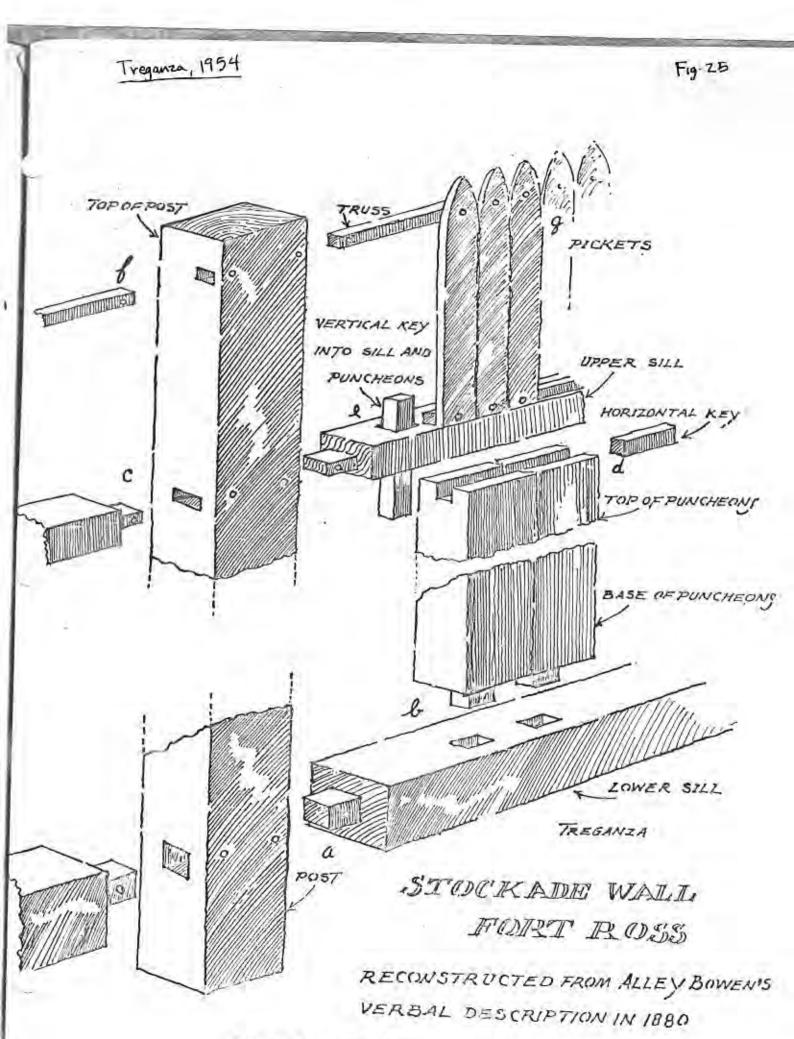


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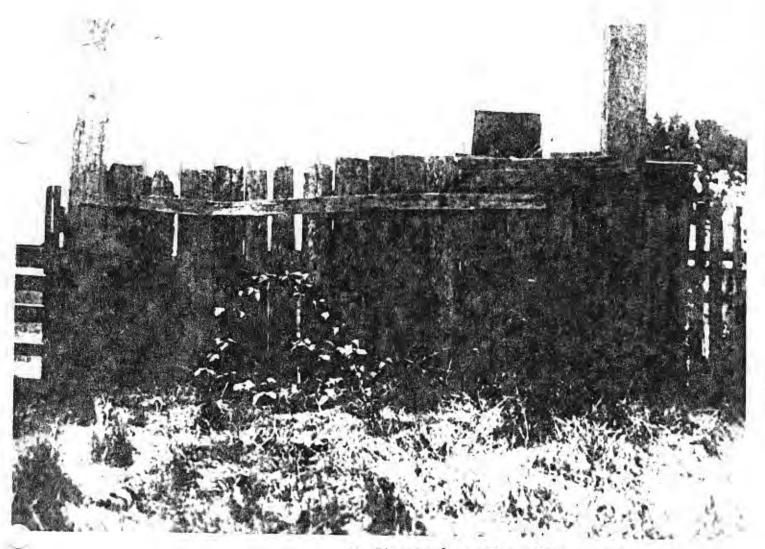


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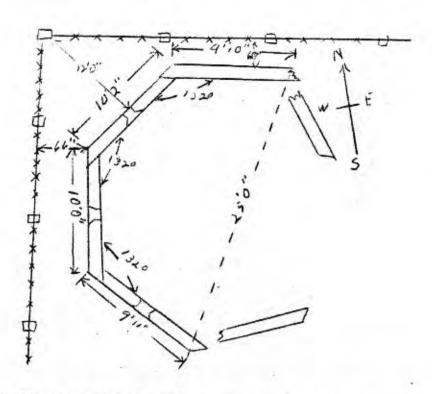


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THE RUINS OF THE CRICINAL XEVEN-SIDED BLOCKHOUSE North corner, Fort doss State Historical Monument 15-2-36 March 23, 1948

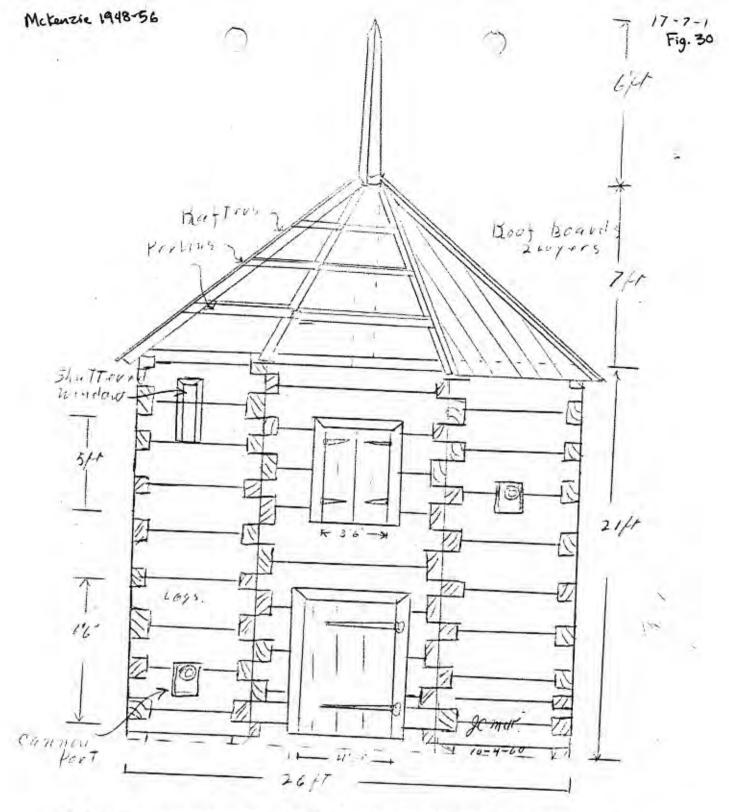


The following observations were made regarding the ruins of the original blockhouse at the corner of the fort: ("arch 23,1948 Memo.To C.Mehlert from J.C.Mc"enzie.)
"The standing sides measure 9'10", 10'2", 10'00" and 9'11" from outside corner to outside corner. The present cuts at the corners show three 132% angles----. Each outside wall now standing has a gun port on the ground floor. The iron staples which held the hard to secure these ports and the iron ring-pins which held the recoil lashings for the cannon are still inclace at some of the old cort holes."

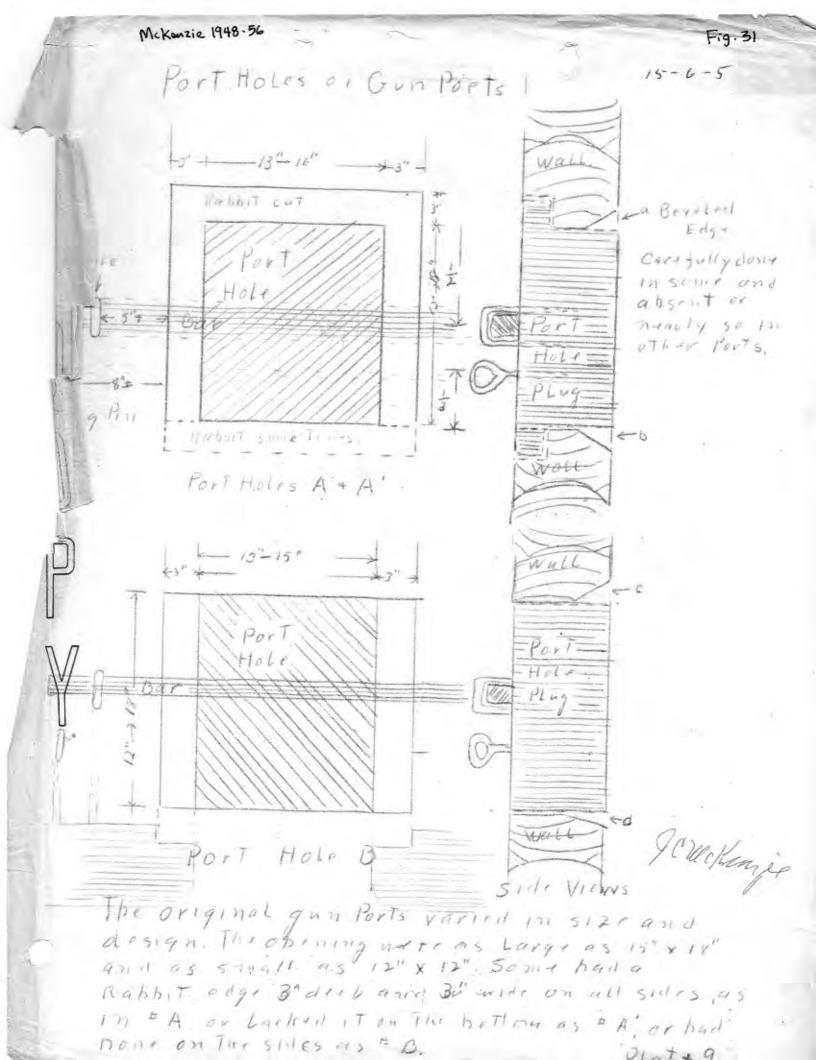
To D. Hussey 1-18-61

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This is a construction study of the Eight-sided blockhouse at the south corner of Fort Ross. There were 6 cannon ports on the lower floor and only 5 on the upper floor. A door (shown and three shuttered windows we e on the upper floor.



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April 28,1956

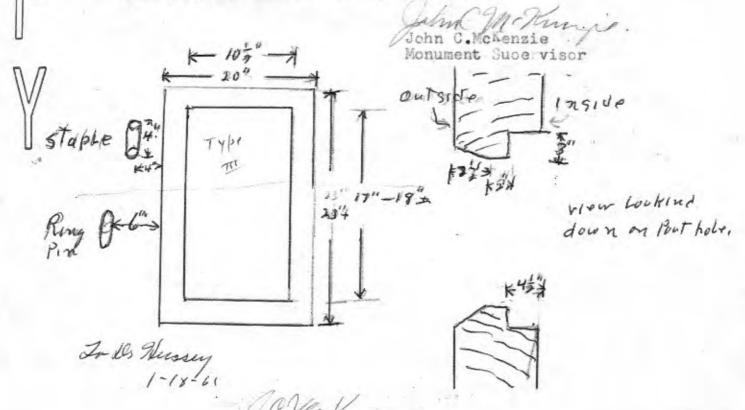
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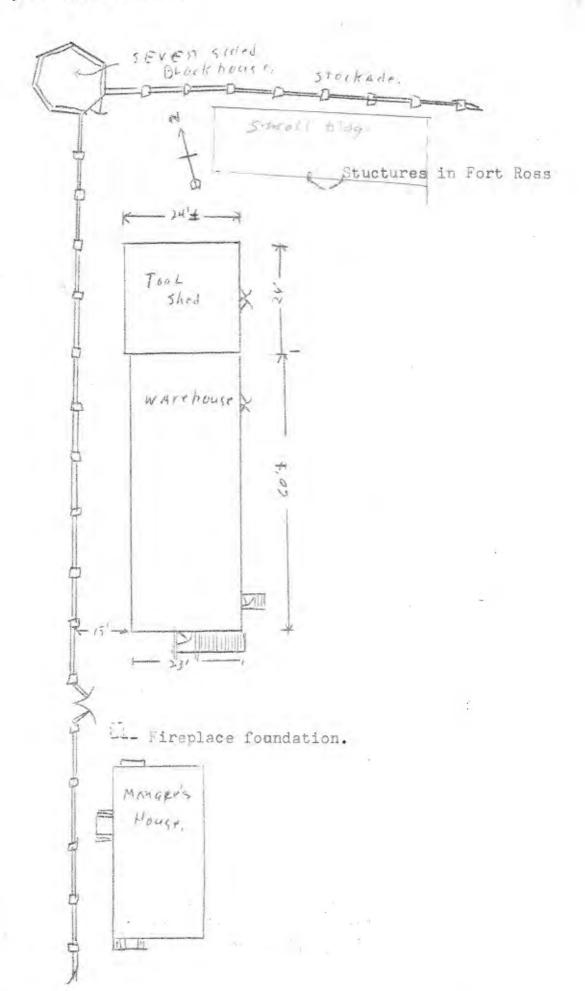
Sixe of Original Gun Ports in Blockhouse.

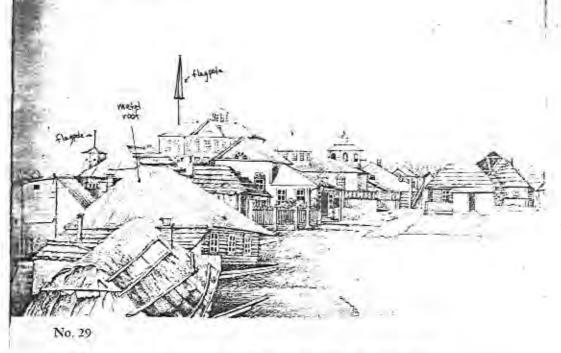
I tokk measurements on several of the old timbers from the original Blockhouse to determine the approximate size of the gun ports and the location of the iron staples and rings which were on either side of each post hole.

I estimate that the port holes measured 14½ to 16" wide and 17 to 18 inches high, inside measurement of the opening. The opening was rabbited out for a width of three inches on the top, bottom and sides in the inside edge of the hole. This rabbit was to a depth of 4½ to 5 inches depending upon the thickness of the wall timber. The outer side of the port hole was beveled back on all sides, top and bottom. See diagram below.



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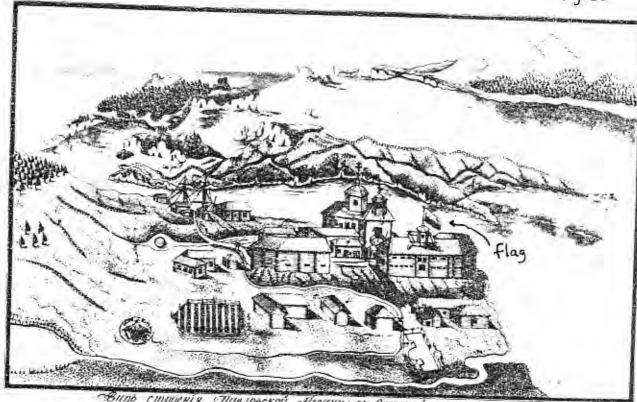




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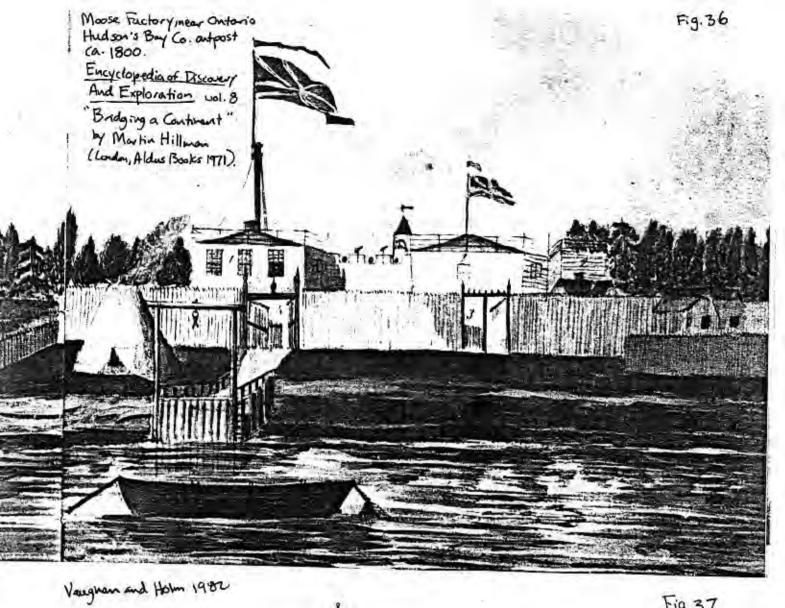
Kodiak in 1798

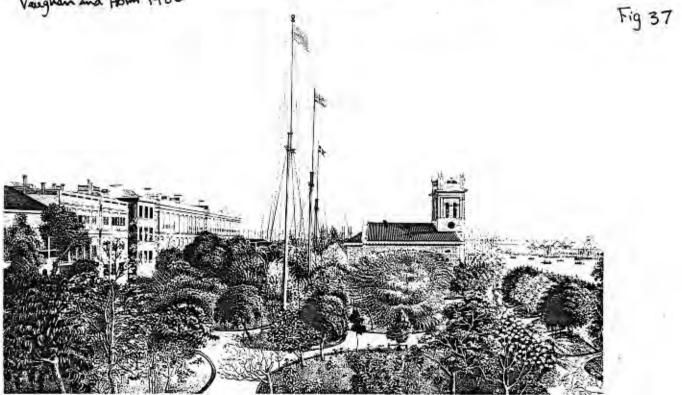




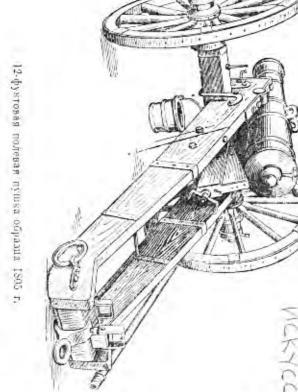
* Note 5'2e of Flag.

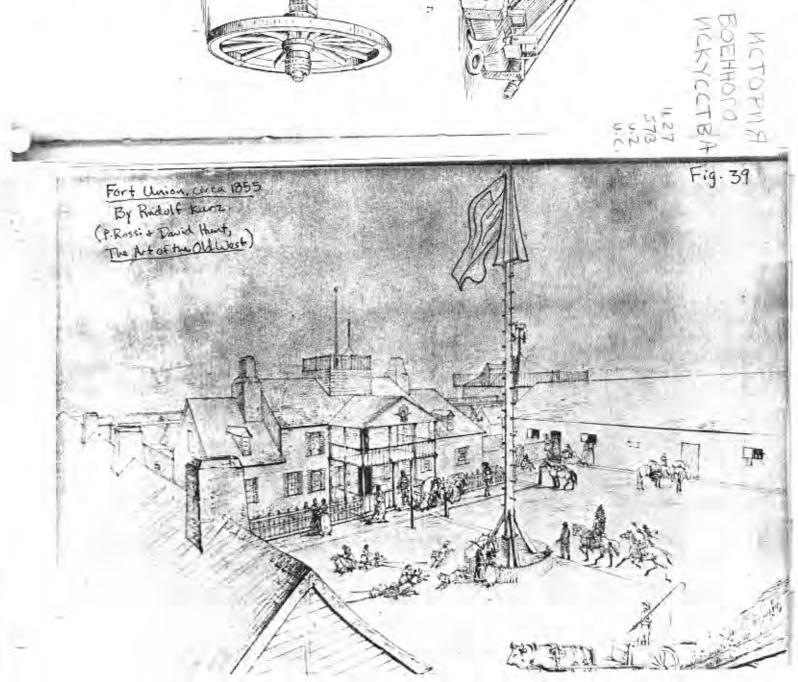
Рис. 6. Павлувская тавань на остроне Кадьяке вид с северной втоговы. 1798.1.





Western factories (left) and church at Canton. (Tinqua, Peabody Museum, Salem, Mass.)







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Drawn by Professor Nicholas Rokitiansky

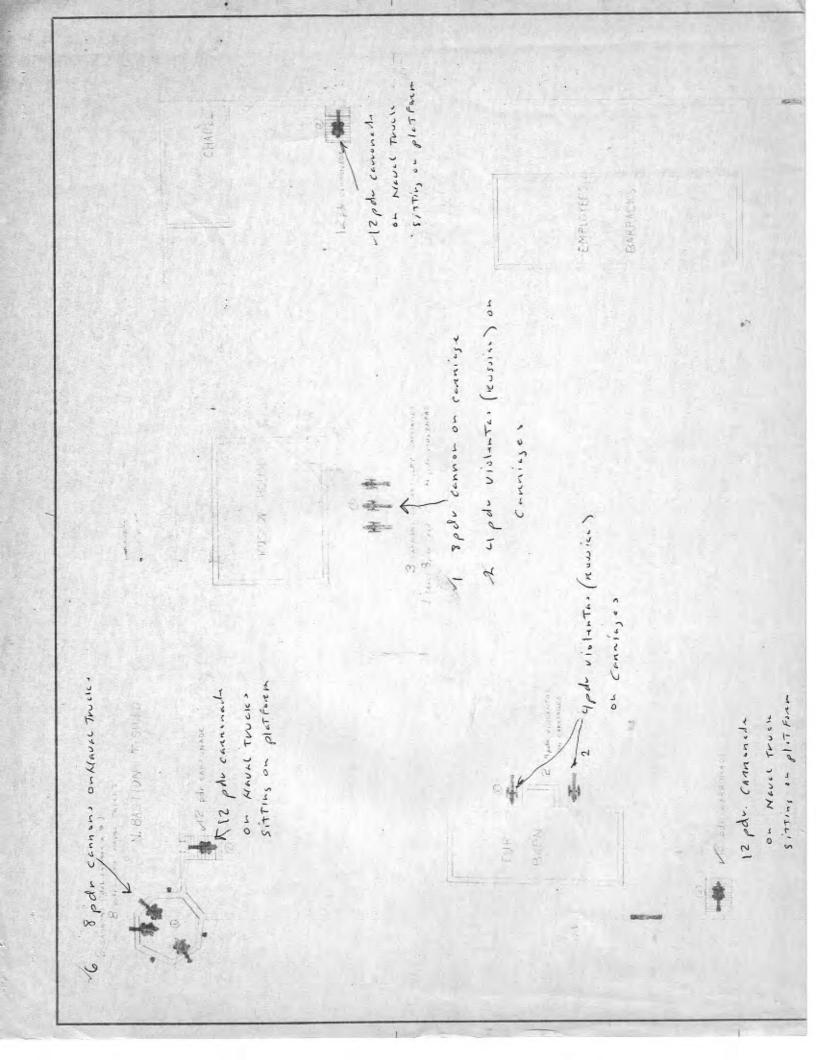
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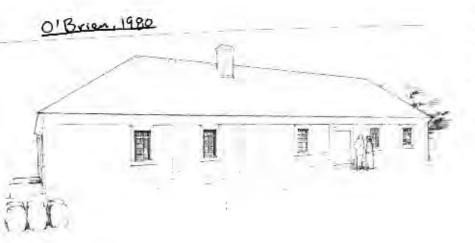
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Fig. 43

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The many visitors to Fort Ross — traders, officials, sailors, and travelers — were probably given temporary quarters in the Official's Barracks. Perhaps they would stay a few days, conducting business and exchanging news, and then depart for the next port of call.

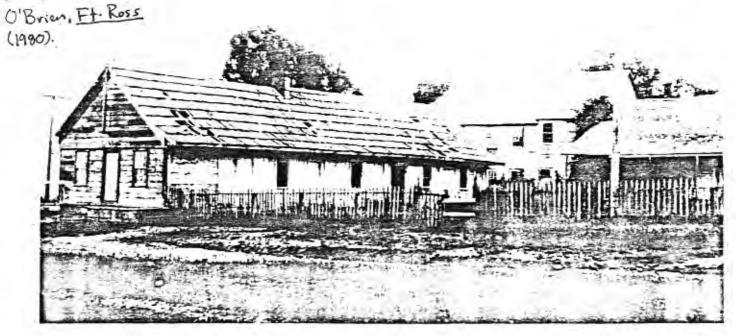
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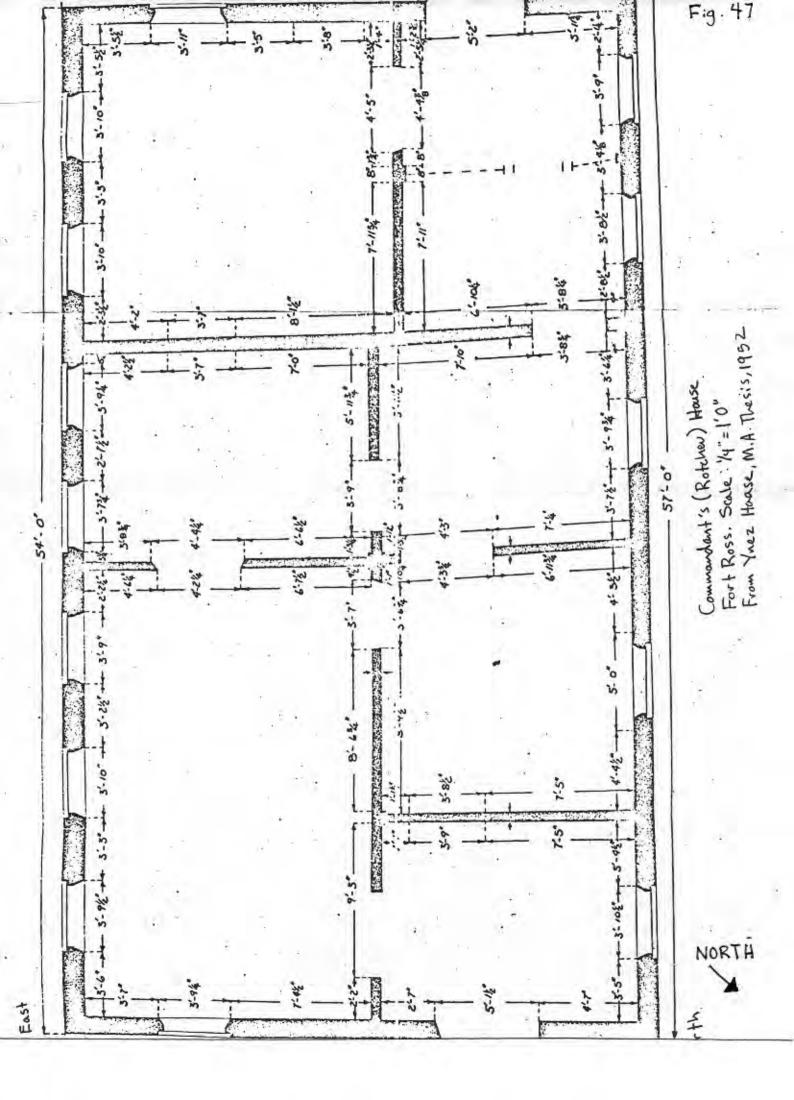
The Kuskov House served as the trading center for the colony. After Rotchev built the new commandant's house in 1836, it is possible the living spaces in the Kuskov House provided comfortable lodgings for the guests, such as the scientists, who stayed for long periods.



Fig. 46

Official's Quarters, Ross prob. prior to 1906





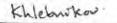
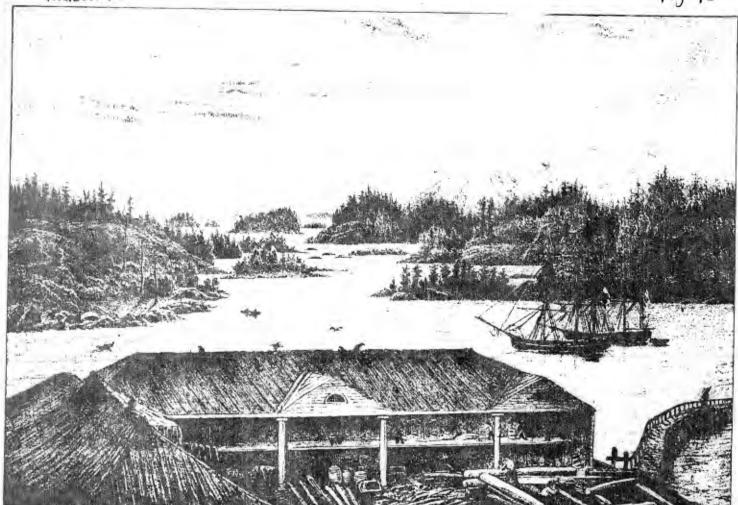


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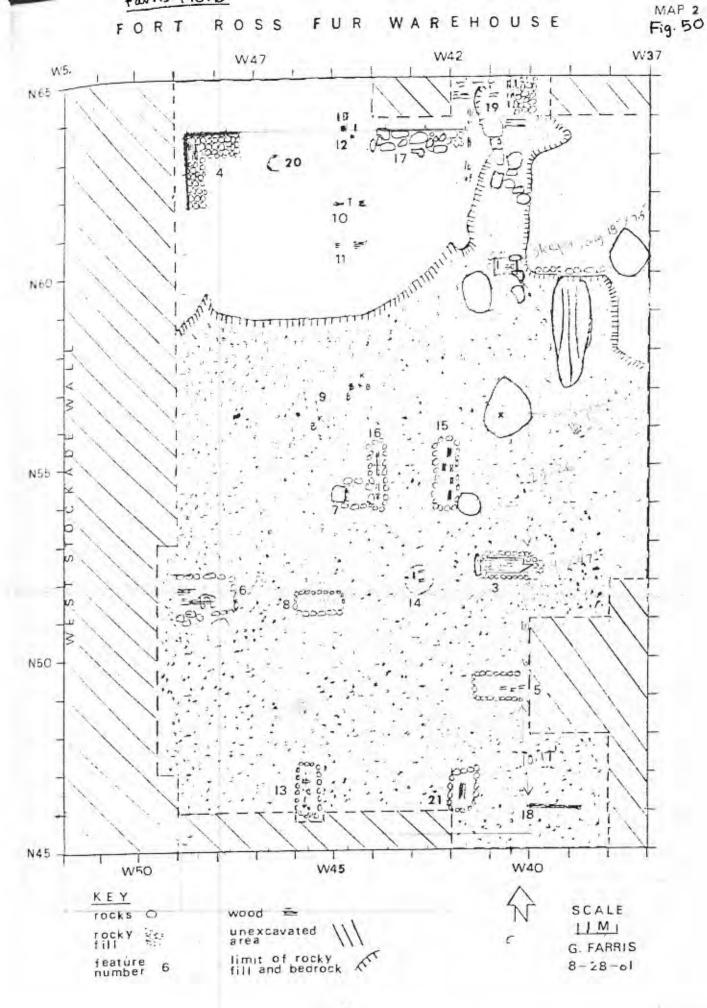


Warehouse in Sitka, 1830s

Fig. 49



Some building, American era.



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Figure 7. Photo of the Old Warehouse circa 1878.



Figure 8. Photo of the Old Warehouse circa 1890

Fig 5Za The Old Ware hous. K4' * 5' +3' +3 +3 South west Frid Fron T. Y 21001 N.Coast Highway Jenner, a. 95450

April 9,1985

David Wickman 12 Rayfield Road Westport Ct. 06860

Dear David:

I have copied the proportions of a tradional Russian rthdox

Cross as given to me by tw Orthdox clegymen.

Regarding the authenticty of the details of the Fur Barn: Every drawing of the fort which I have seen dond uring the 1812-41 period indicate a large building at this site and all show a "hip Roof". I haven't been able to determine if the building had one of two stories. The "Tool Shed" at the north end of this building is clearly shown similer in construction to the wolls of the "hapel and parracks building. Archaeology at the sate of the "ran Barn" and a ser o are appeared and a serious of the serious and a serious and trade items have been found on the site. Traces of ao old log walls have been found. Old drawings and photographs show the vertical boards covering the exterior walls and a big exterior frams staiway at the outh end of the building. Both features are contrary to Russian construction of the 1612-41 period at Pt. Hoss. It is intesting to note that the logs on the east side of the Rotchev House were flattened to receive a layer of similer vertical exterior boards. So it is possible the Fur Barn was a log structure with a covering of vertical boards. The stairs at the south end of the Fur Barn is obviously made of milled lumber and is of questionable authenticity. Mr. C.A.Call told me th t there was an internal stairway at the north end of the building. It met a door from the Fur barn into the "Tool Shed. Such a stairway is consistant with stairs in the blockhouses. One of the Call sisters fell down this stairs and broke her arm as a child. All the roofs on this building are indecated to be grooved long boards overlapping from the eave to the peak of the roof in two layers. These grooves were up to two inches wide and 3/4 of and inch deep in original roof boards. Mote that the windows and doors indicated on the east side of the Fur Sarn appear to be of a different d sign than those suggested in the Rotchev House and the Kuskov House.

If you have any other questions please do not hesitate to let me know by notes are poorly organized but i often find answers, I'd forgot en.

Note that all the timbers used in constrcting an Orthdox Cross are of the same equilateral dimensions (3" x 3", or 4"x 4".etc.) the cross arms did not rise above the level of the center post.

Well, I must get this off and done before the mail trok arrives.

Good luck and best regards, John C Molcerages

Ps. Rev Vladimir G. Derrubin

3457 Ross Dr. Palo Alto, Ca. 94302.

I do not have his phone number.

21001 W. Coast Highway Jenner, Ca. 95450

April 13,1965

Mr. David Rickman. L. Rayrield boad Westport, Ct. 06880

Dear Bave;

I have just come upon notes I made afetr an interview wi th Mr. Carlos A. Call. He specifically mentioned the fact that the "Tool Sged" was about two Weet wider than the floor of the Furbarn " and that the roof of the "Tool shed" was about two feet higher than the joining "Fur barn roof."

My drawing is a tracing of the lines on an old photograph cc; 1080, showing both the Tools shed and the Fur barn. It clearly indicates that the barn walls were boarded up with verical siding. My suspicion is that this was a "Ranch Period" Teature. There is evidence that the front and east side of the Rochav House was also boarded over, in the Ranch period and Hotel times. We saw an original log building about the size of this fur barn in Kodiak, Alaska. Which had been boarded over since Eussian days.

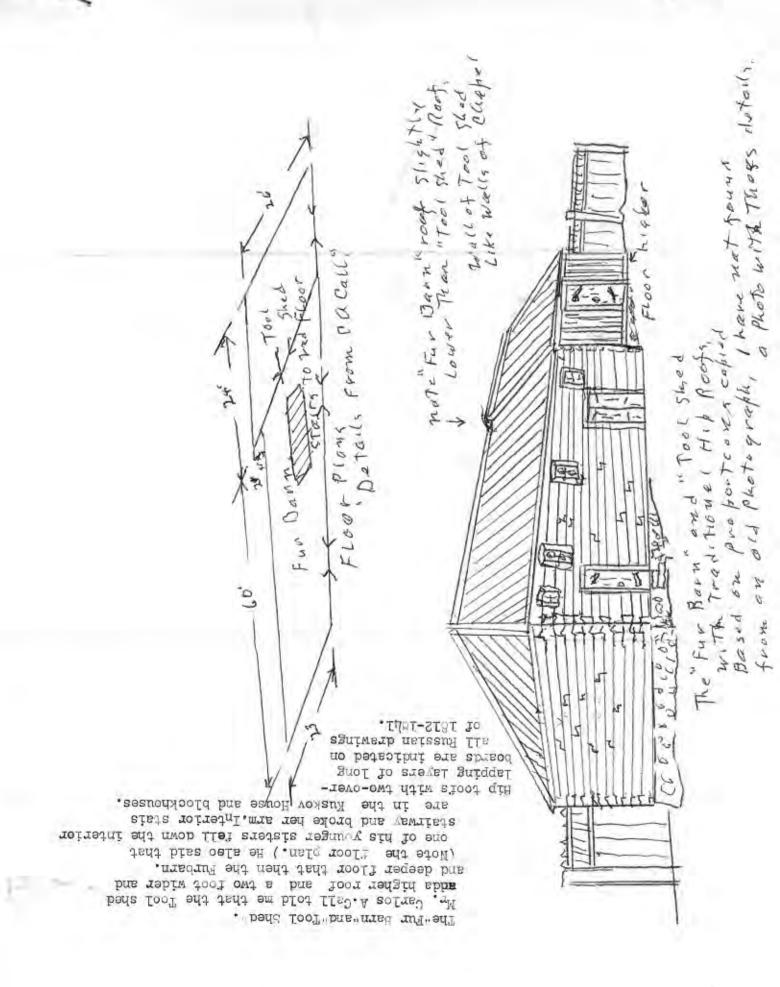
The window framing, door framing and porch conscruction should follow the details shown in the Rotchev House. The R.A.K. furnished each outpost with a technical Tibrary dictating how all buildings should be built, whether in Siberia, Alaska or California. The builders were obligged to follow these direction s.

iner are several drawings of a siting scientists and artists in the 1812-1841 period will of them indicate that all the buildings inside the stockade had hip roofs. I have never heard or seen descriptions of the doors or windows on the west side of either of these buildings. Note that the windows on the east side of the buildare alomost at the level of the second floor and infact may extend down into the lower floor. There may have been no windows on the first floor walls. Well, enough confusion and contradtive information for now. I'M soory my notes are so disorganized and incomplete.

With best regards,

enc; Drawing of "Fur barn" with hip roof.

John C. McKenzie July C. Mellenyis





LOG HOUSES of a small northern Russian village stand by the side of a rough, tree-lined road. At the left, a peasant woman uses a sweep to draw a bucket of water from a well.



TILLING THE SOIL, a peasant breaks the earth with a primitive plow. Partly because of such crude tools, most Russian fields produced low yields.

THE SIMPLE LIFE OF A VILLAGE

Sophisticated European travelers were a tonished and repelled by the harsh life the Russian villages. Such communiticonsisted of anywhere from a dozen to several hundred wooden houses clustere along a dirt or wooden street adjacent to stream. In the north the village house were made of logs insulated with moss in the tree-scarce southern steppes the were generally made of clay and mud. I whole family lived, worked, ate and slep in a single room; often there was no chim ney, and the smoke had to escape through shutters that covered the windows.

For entertainment the people visited one another, drank, and sang melancholy songs. Travelers were appalled by the amount of drinking that went on—especially when they had to join in. One Englishman warily commented that the Russians seemed to feel that getting drunk on holidays showed respect to the saints—and, he said, there were many holidays.



HIGH SPIR(IS prevail among revelers at a local village tavern. The drinks usually sold were kvass (made of fermented bread), beer and wine.



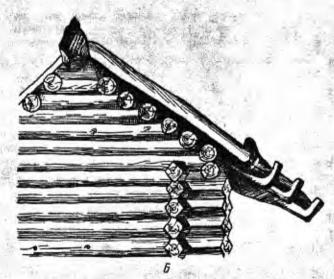


Рис. 1. Конструкция крыши (с. Альбитуй). фигурный охлупень и резные кронштейны; Б — крюки (курицы) и желоб-водосток.

A standing seam metal roof. another good investment in roof cladding. Maine, nineteenth cen-

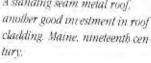


Fig.58

* Note widely-spaced ridges (standing seems) running perpendicular to ridge of roof. Also, rectangular plates which, here, are staggered.

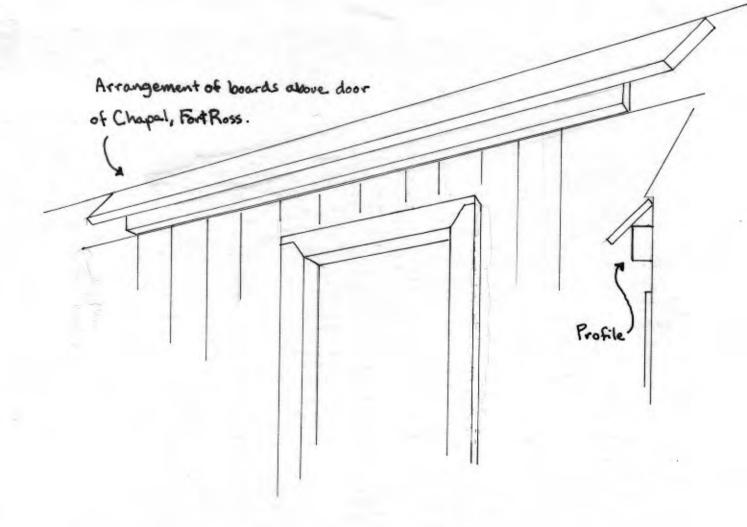
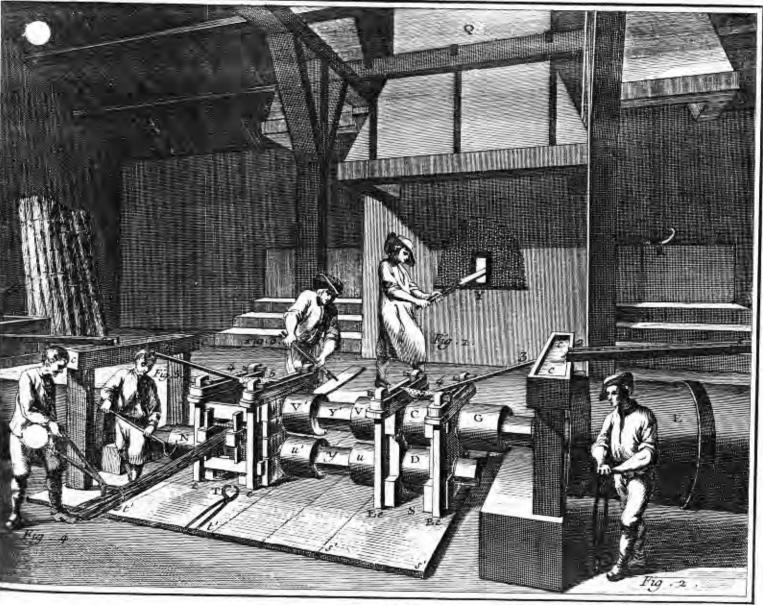




Plate 99 Wrought Iron V



Rolling and Slitting Mill, 1751

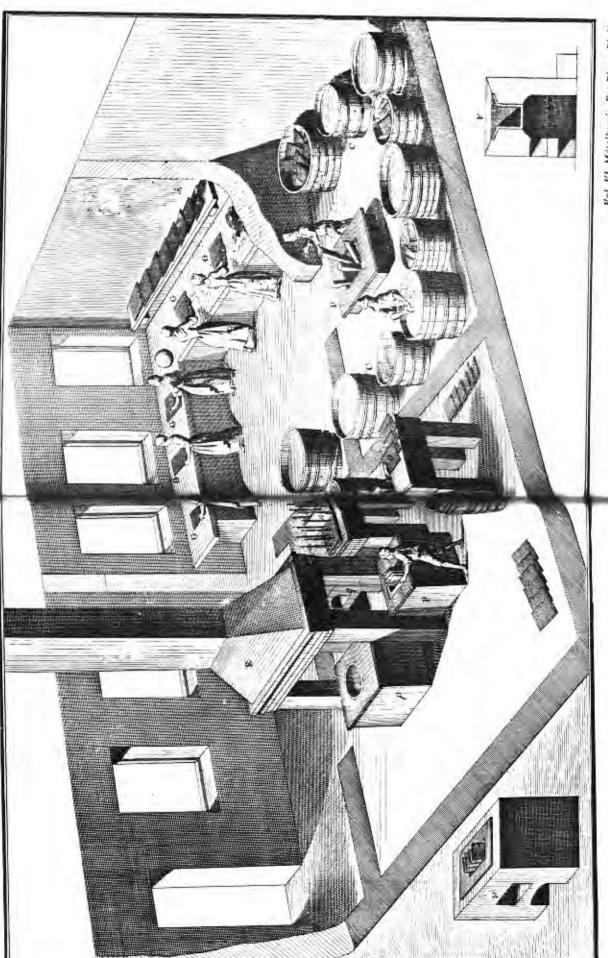
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A Diderot Pictorial EncycloFedia of Trades and Industry
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* Note widely spaced ridges (standing Seams) running perpendicular to the ridge of the roof.

The ecclesiastical Kremlin of Rostov, built on the order of the Metropolitan Jonas Sysoevich (1652-1691) when this city was at the peak of its prosperity. Though dating from the a century later than the Moscow Kremlin, its thick walls and many towers reflect the archaic style.

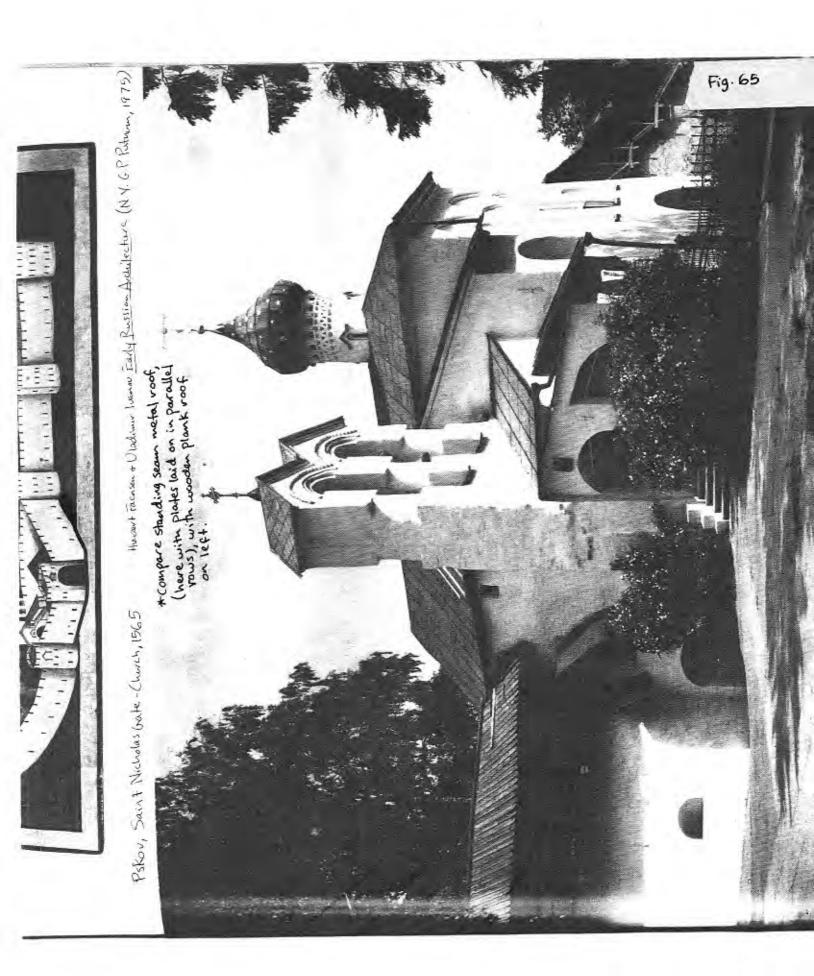
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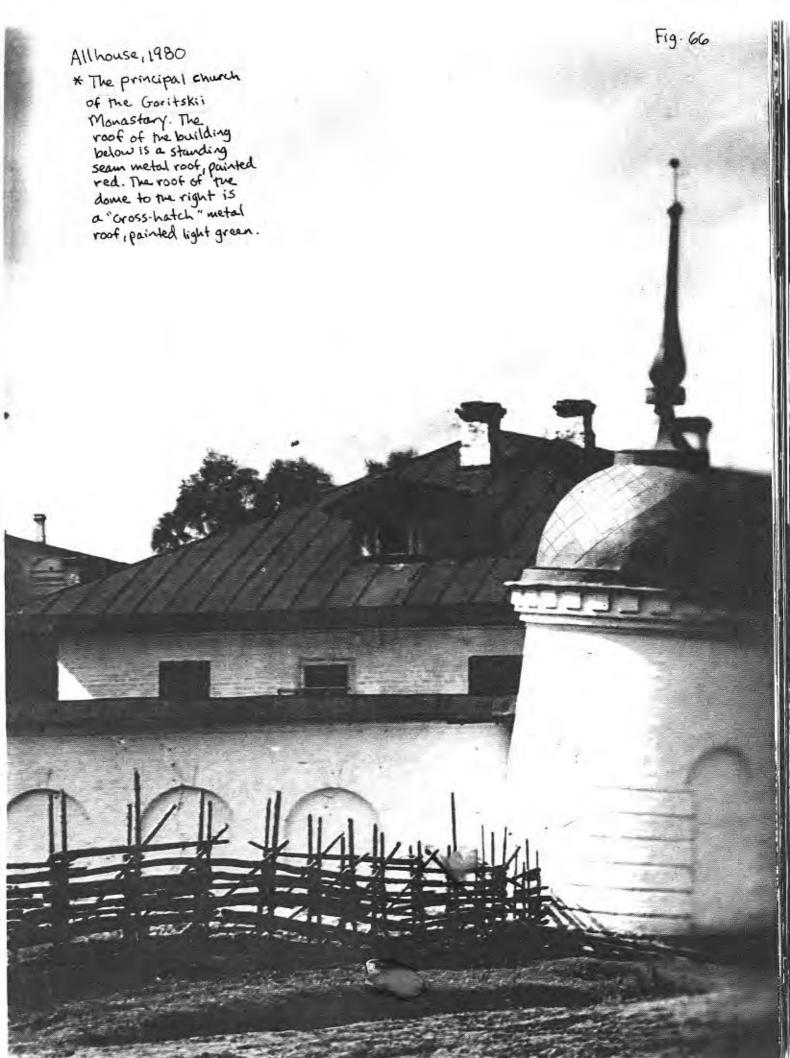
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Obolonsky, 1979

* carts in use in the Wrals, 1867. Fig . 64









Standing seam metal roof with plates laid on in parallel rows.

Stroganov Palace and Police Bridge, on the Nevsky Prospect and Moika Canal, St. Petersburg. B. Patersen, 1799.

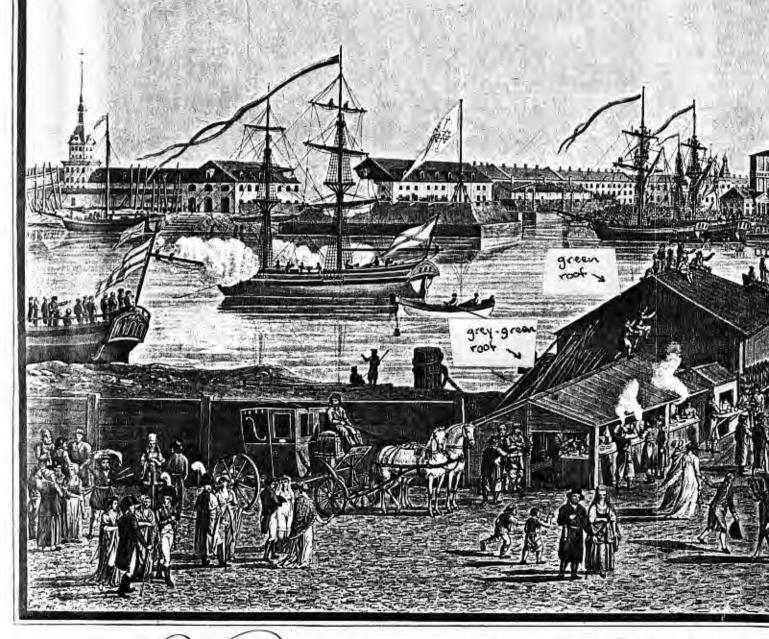
In the Bussian Style Jaqueline Chossis, ed. (N.Y. Metropolitain Mukeum, 1976) Lustport A really extraordinary idea, to put the capital of Russia at the world's end! though Moscow were not cold enough, we had to be given Petersburg! An wild wasteland that separates Mother Moscow from her little son! The air is with fog and the wan, grey-green earth bears nothing except charred tree-st pines and hummocks of grass... The only consolation is the dead-straight along which the singing, rattling troikas carry one at lightning speed. And a difference, what a tremendous difference, between the two towns!

Even today Moscow is still the bearded Russian, while Petersburg is at a polished European. Old Moscow spreads itself out and lolls at ease, whereas I burg, the fop, stands at attention, fingers pressed against trouser-seams! M surround it on all sides—the Neva, the Gulf of Finland, the canals. Ample of tunity for self-admiration... Petersburg is in perpetual motion, from cellar to at midnight it begins to bake the French rolls which will be devoured next motion by all the different nationalities that make up its population, and one or anot its yellow eyes is always blinking through the darkness. Whereas Moscow sno night and sets out at daybreak, crossing itself and bowing to all four points compass, to eat its modest breakfast in the market.



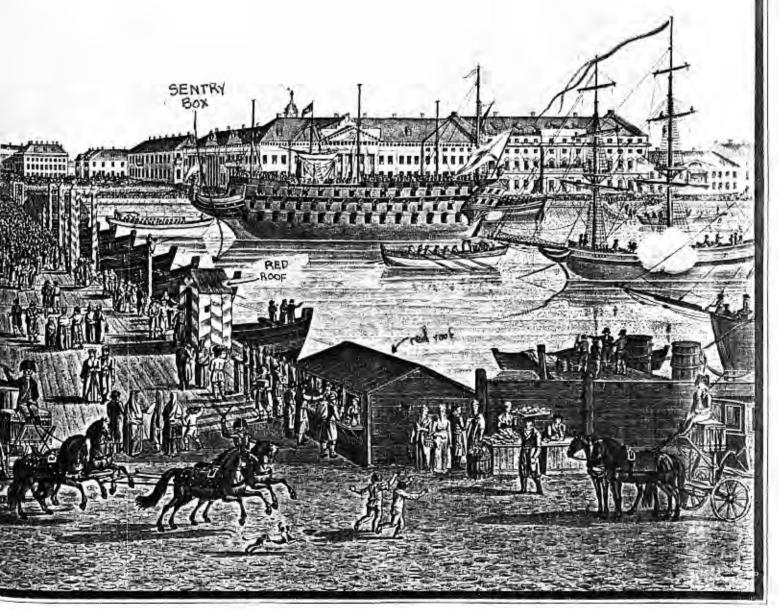
* Hundredth Anniversary of Founding of St. Retersburg, 1803. Engraving, 1804.

Joel Carmichael
An Illustrated
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(N.Y., Reynolt Co., n.d.)



Viue de la fête solemnelle à S. Letersbourg a jour de l'Anniversaire du siecle de la fondation de cette ville à l'honneur de son fondateur Pierr

* Note the sentry box painted with black and white stripes. It has a standing seam netal roof, painted red. The food stall in the right foreground has a red metal roof as well. On the left is another food stall with a green metal roof. The boat house behind it has one as well.



Empereur Alexandre 1. le 12. Mai 1803.

photographs by Fenton, taken in the autumn of 1852, remlin as seen from the Moskva, the gilded cupolas of athedrals and a row of houses facing the monastery of ne wooden house in the left foreground is a traktir, or ablishments were of various kinds, the grander serving

caviar, sturgeon and other delicacies, while the more humble provided vast quantities of weak tea, black bread and salted cucumber.

Unpaved streets, like the one shown here, were still to be encountered at the beginning of this century.

* Moscow, 1852

A close inspection of this photo reveals the use of standing seam metal roofs not only within the Kremlin walls, but also on the humbler timber-built structures without. I have marked the roofs I believe are metal with a star. * They are distinguished by widely spaced vertical seams quite different in appearance from the other wooden plank roofs. Darker roofs may also be metal. Also of interest is the cylindrical flue on one roof, which is very likely a metal pipe.

Liquids

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Description	No. of Ref.		Quantity
Intoxicants			
Rum Brandy Gin White wine Cognac Rum, cognac, gin, arak	7 5 2 2 1		222 gal., 1/8/540 xcdros gals. 17 cases/1/8 2 gal. 1/3 / 133 gals.
_Misc.			911 vedros
Molasses Treacle Vinegar, general Vinegar, cider Vinegar, wine Coconut oil Clive oil Resin Resin and pitch Tar and pitch Tar Turpentine Clive/sweet oil, Bottles	1 8 4 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 1 2 2	- 4	1 # 5 gal/9-1; 1bs/774 3 gal / 35-1/4 vedros 1/8 1/8 39 barrels/30 23 1 arrel Larrels 220 barrels 17 barrels 60 liters 9
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Metals			
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St. Petersburg, 1839.

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zerstört wurde*). Im Jahre 1804 nahm Baranow den Koljuschen ihre eigne Verschanzung ab, und gründete in deren Nähe die Faktorei Neu-Archangelsk, an derselben Stelle, wo sie noch hentiges Tages steht, unter 57° 2′ 50" N. Br. und 224° 42' O. L. von Greenwich.

§ 5. Ursachen der Besitznahme des Sitcha-Meerbusens.

In dem Sitcha-Meerbusen und den benachbarten Meerengen hielten sich zu jener Zeit die See-Ottern in grosser Menge auf; der Fang dieser Thiere war der Hauptbeweggrund der Besitznahme des Meerbusens. Allein auch ausser der reichen Ausbeute, die sich von den See-Ottern erwarten liess, schien die neue Besitzung für die Stiftung einer Haupt-Faktorei sehr bequem und vortheilliast gelegen. Ein vorzüglicher Hasen, Waldungen, die das herrlichste Bauholz liefern, grosse Höhe der Fluth, Ueberfluss an Fischen, kurz alle nothwendigen Erfordernisse eines guten Hafenortes, Schiffswerftes und einer nicht unbedeutenden Niederlassung, fanden sich bei dem Sitcha - Meerbusen vor, und gewähren noch jetzt Neu-Archangelsk grosse Vorzüge vor allen andern Besitzungen der Kompagnie, obgleich die See-Ottern gänzlich verschwunden sind.

§ 6. Gebäude und Lage dieser Niederlassung.

Die Gebäude sind ohne Ausnahme von Holz, gehören theils der Kompagnie, theils Privatleuten, und sind zu Wohnungen für die Beamten und Arbeitsleute bestimmt. Zu diesem Behuse sind Quartiere und Kasernen erbant worden; serner verschiedene Gehäude für das Hospital, die Schule, das Komptoir, die Packhäuser, die VVerkstätte des Hasenortes, ein Arsenal, die Kirche, Badstube, u. s. w.

Radstube u. A. Wie Company building were could with the Fast alle Gehäude der Kompagnie sind mit Eisen gedeckt. Die Ansiedelung ist von einer Seite durch das Meer beschützt, von den andern Seiten umschliesst sie eine hohe Holz-Wand, die an den wichtigsten Punkten Thürme und wohlbediente Batterien trägt. Die Fahrzeuge, liegen der Ansiedlung gegenüber, im Hafen vor Anker; die Anker hängen an Ketten und werden von Fässern gehalten, an welche das in den Hafen eingelaufene Fahrzeug befestigt wird. Alle Fahrzeuge sind mit Kanonen besetzt.

Im Bereiche einer der Küsten-Batterien liegt, gegen Westen, am Meeresuser, ein Koljuschen-Dorf, das bisweilen an 1000 Bewohner zählt, sämmtlich Eingehorne. Gegen Osten, längs dem User ist ein niedriggelegener Landstrich als Kartoffelseld benutzt worden, sowohl zum Gebrauche der Kompagnie, als auch sür Privatlente.

Moräste, Wälder, hohe und sehr steile Berge umschliessen Neu-Archangelsk, in dessen Nähe keine grüne Wiese, kein freundlicher Hain zu sehen ist.

§ 7. Bewohner von Neu-Archangelsk.

Im Jahre 1833 belief sich die Zahl derselben auf 847 Individuen, nämlich:

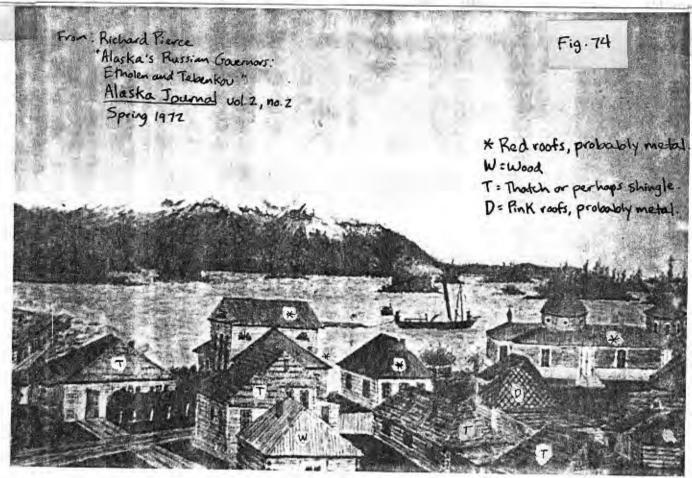
Der Ober - Direktor (Verwalter der Kompagnie).

Dessen Gehülfe.

Staabs-Offiziere der Kaiserlichen Marine.

Der Sekretair des Gouverneurs, ein Civilbeamter . Schilfsbeschlshaber, Oberossiziere der Kaiserl. Marine.

^{*)} Im Jahre 1806 wurde von den Koljuschen auch die Ansiedlung der Kompagnie in Jakutat gänzlich zerstört; sie ist bis auf den heutigen Tag nicht wieder erneuert worden.



Looking south over a part of the town of Sitka in Etholen's day. The tall red-roofed building at the left, with three fan windows showing, was the Lutheran Church. To the right, the old St Michael's Church which was torn down after the

completion of St. Michael's Cathedral. The small stears out may be the MUR, if so was the first steamer to be built on the Pacific Coast.



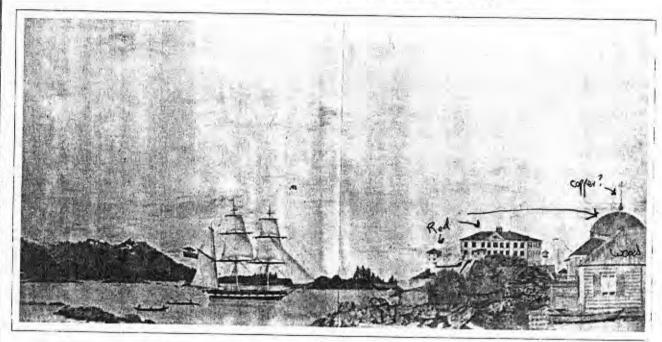
Looking toward the southwest. The Governor's House, which later became known as the Baranof Castle until it burned in 1894, stands prominently against the sky to the left. Below it are several log buildings that survived into the

Twentieth Century. The long building at the right was probably quarters for married officers of the company or the Navy and their families.

ALASKA'S RUSSIAN GOVERNORS

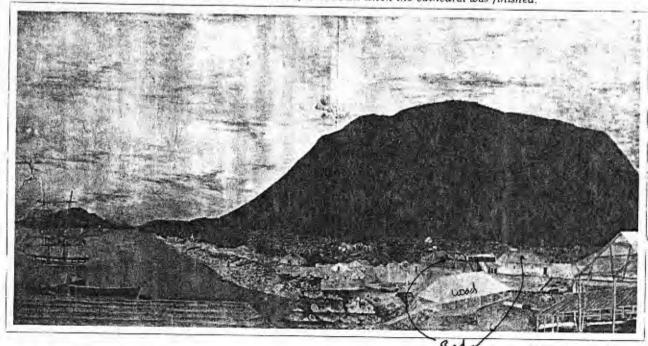
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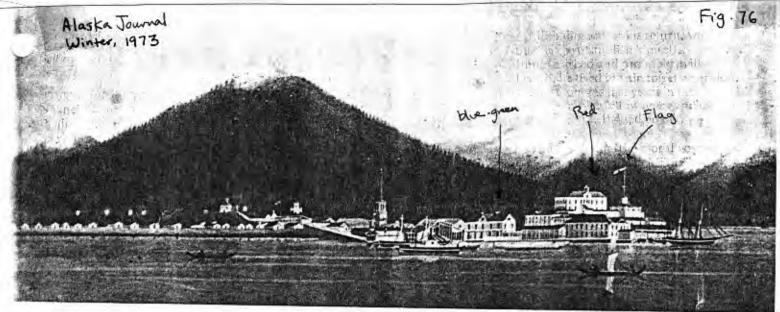
A bark in the outer harbor, plus a Tlingit dugout canoe and an Aleut baidarka. The governor's house shows prominently. The church at the right is probably the old Saint Michael's, torn down when the cathedral was finished.

Courtesy the Knogius Family



The inner harbor at Sitka with a bark and, directly behind the bark, a brig at anchor. At the right are buildings of the shipyard and ship repair shops, with the Indian village beyond,

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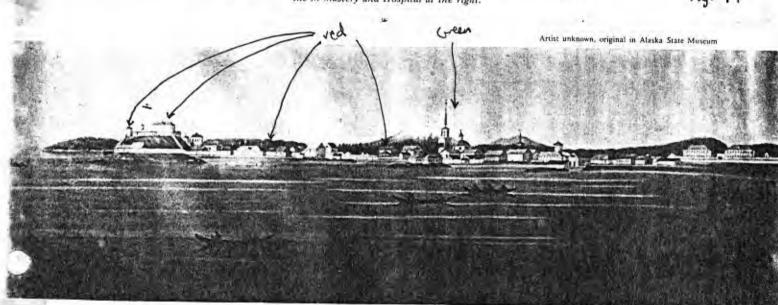


Artist unknown, original in Alaska State Museum

Sitka from the southwest in the 1860's. This series of water color name has been lost. His work is almost photographic in quality, with paintings is said to have been done by a Russian naval officer, but his buildings shown in great detail.

Looking west toward Mount Edgecumbe, with the Govenor's House at the extreme left and the Monastery and Hospital at the right.

Fig. 77



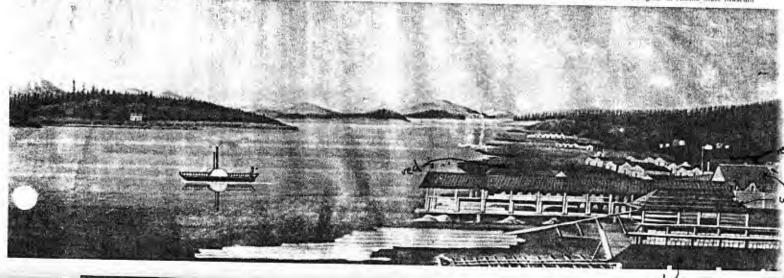
* prov. 18605.

Looking north from the Governor's House on what is now Castle Hill, with the shippard and fish saltery in the foreground and the Indian village or Ranche beyond.

Fig. 78

Note use of sheet iron roofs, distinguished by red color and broadly-spaced vertical lines (standing seams), in use on boat sheds.

Artist unknown, original in Alaska State Museum



The main part of the town of Sika, from the Governor's House, At upper right is a blockhouse and the Resurrection or Indian Church. In Church is shown just to the right of St. Michael's Cathedral Probability 1860s. Fig. 79.

Minter, 1913

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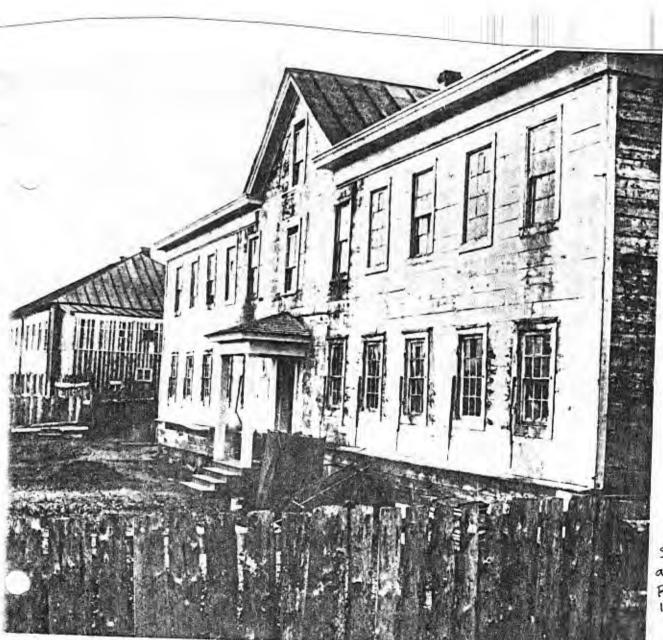


Fig. 80

Both buildings have standingseam metal roofs.

Sitka, Hospital and Priest's Residence 1868.

"Eadweard Muybridge, Alaska's First Photographer" Alaska Journal Autumn, 1977



Merril Photo

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL, SITKA

Erected in 1848, on the site of the first Sitka church, which was built in 1811, this is one of the most picturesque and historic religious structure on the Pacific Coast.

Photo from early 20th century. The standing-seem metal roof is evident on the porch. Both the belltower and cupola are also covered in soldered metal. Paintings from the 1860s (figs. 76,77 and 79) show the roofs painted light green

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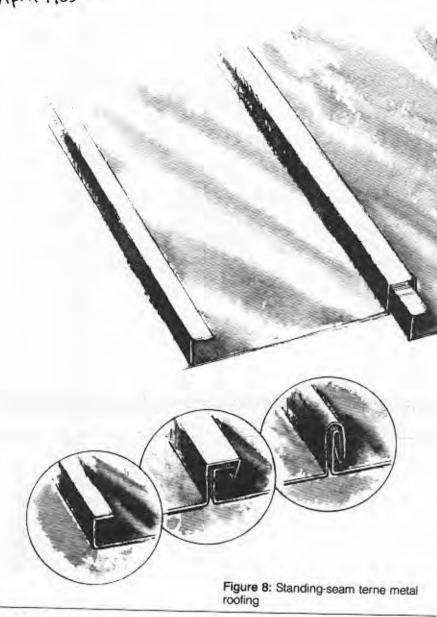
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and \$300 per square. That means that enough slate to cover a modest house is liable to cost \$2,000 or more, but then you'll have a roof that will last. If you have the good fortune to live in a slate-producing area, you may be able to buy slate at a discount by purchasing it directly from the quarry. Quarry owners will often sell slate with defects—such as broken corners or surface irregularities—that don't affect its utility.

Another possibility is finding some used slate, but don't expect to get it for nothing. Even after decades on a roof, slate doesn't necessarily depreciate in value. But if you discover some likely-looking slate on a crumbling outbuilding (in Vermont's slate belt, an hour's drive from where I

live, even woodsheds and chicken houses were often built with slate roofs a hundred years ago), you probably can strike a fair deal with the owner if you do the salvaging yourself. You'll need a slate ripper [Figure 7], a tool that enables you to reach up under each course and cut the nails free without damaging the slate. Even then, you can expect to break some slates before you get the hang of it. You can also expect the job to take up a lot of your time. But what's time to a slate roof?

Standing-Seam Metal

There are two general classes of metal roofing. The older, more traditional variety consists of flat, flexible metal sheets. Known as standing-seam metal, this variety is tailored to fit each roof individually by using sheet-metal tools to form the seams that connect the sheets. The second type, called metal panels, is more like an off-the-rack suit: it comes in stiff panels of standard lengths and widths which fit together by means of overlapping ridges or corrugations. I'll discuss standing-seam roofs first.

A standing seam locks together the edges of adjoining sheets in tightly crimped vertical folds [Figure 8]. Because rainwater never sits over the seams themselves, running instead along the troughs between them, the possibility of leakage between sheets is virtually nonexistent. There is also little chance of leakage through holes in the sheets; the roofer secures a standing-seam roof to the deck by driving the nails through underlying cleats rather than through the surface of the roofing material.

Any metal durable enough to withstand prolonged weathering and malleable enough to take the tight bends required in standing-seam construction can be used for roofing. During the closing decades of the nineteenth century, standing-seam copper roofs were popular—they're still occasionally used—but given the high price of copper today, a much

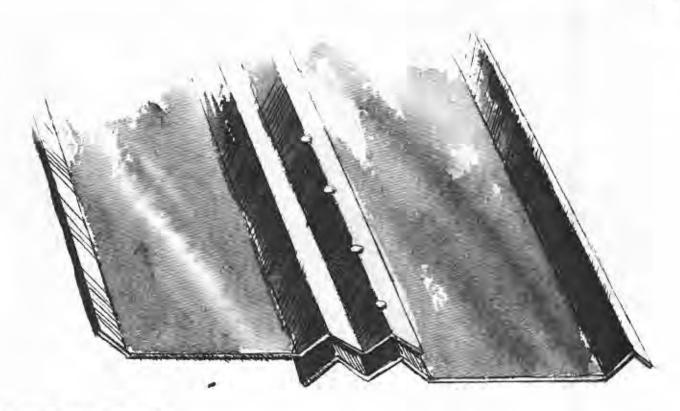


Figure 9: Ridged metal roofing

more practical alternative is a material called terne metal.

Terne is an alloy of 20-per-cent tin and 80-per-cent lead. Terne-metal roofing is manufactured by taking sheets of copper-bearing steel-the copper is added for increased malleability-and plating them with terne metal in a hot dipping process similar to galvanizing. Several grades and gauges are available. Gauge, or overall thickness, determines the stiffness and dent-resistance of the material. Durability is determined by the "grade" or weight of the weatherresistant terne plating. The longestlasting roofing-whether 30-, 28-, or 26-gauge-is identified as 40-pound terne, which indicates 40 pounds of plating for each 436 square feet of surface area. Even heavy-duty terne doesn't weigh much; 26-gauge, 40pound terne weighs a mere 76 pounds per roofing square. Standingseam terne is applied over a conventional board or plywood deck, with an underlayment of rosin-sized building paper rather than roofing felt. Terne metal is a good choice for low-sloped roofs (but not lower than a 3-12 slope).

A terne roof does require a certain amount of maintenance. It must be kept painted, or else rust will begin to streak through microscopic chinks in the lead-and-tin armor. If given a good coat of linseed-oil-based paint every five or ten years (never use tarbased sealants) it can last a long time. Thomas Jefferson's Monticello has standing-seam terne roofing more than 200 years old.

In addition to being extremely durable, terne also can harmonize with almost any type of architecture. Its clean vertical lines are as appropriate on an ultra-modern house as on a traditional Cape, and the range of color possibilities-limited only by paint manufacturers' imaginations—is unbeatable. The price is comparable to that of cedar shingles, at \$125 to \$160 per square. Terne roofing is also available on a stainless-steel base sheet at a cost about double that of the standard variety. It requires no painting, and weathers naturally to a uniform gray.

Unlike asphalt roofing, shingles, or slate, terne roofing is not well suited for do-it-yourself application.

Metal Panels

Metal roofing panels [Figure 9] don't last as long as standing-seam terne, and as most people would probably agree, they're not as good looking. But panels offer some definite advantages of their own. The first is cost. A homeowner can buy good-

quality galvanized-steel roofing for about \$70 per square, about the same as the best fiber-glass-based asphalt shingles. In addition, the cost of sheathing when using panels is far lower; because of the panels' inherent stiffness, a solid deck is unnecessary. Roofers normally lay the metal panels directly over 1-by-4 strapping spaced on 12- to 24-inch centers. No underlayment is required, although a layer of felt is sometimes used to help prevent air infiltration in cold climates.

Moreover, metal panels are the fastest and easiest roofing to apply. Individual sheets come in continuous lengths-up to 24 feet-and in widths from 24 to 36 inches. One panel provides a total coverageeven after overlapping the edges—of 22 to 30 inches, and because of the pressed ridges or corrugations, the panels self-align. Each successive sheet is simply lapped over the preceding one and nailed fast to the underlying 1-by-4 strapping. To prevent leakage through the nail holes, special roofing nails are driven only into the ridges-never into the troughs [Figures 9 and 10]. The nails have snug-fitting lead or neoprene washers just beneath the heads which effectively cap the punctures left by the shanks.

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Dear Glenn:



It was a special pleasure to meet you when you were in Portland earlier this spring - I was very much interested in all the work you have done on Fort Ross, and it is always a treat to meet in person with scholars who are working in the same area of research as we are. I am delighted to have the wonderful report you've done, as well as the articles - you are very generous to send these along for our library, where they are much appreciated.

I am enclosing a relatively recent view of the Erskine House. Of course as soon as I looked at the photograph and at an early drawing of the site, I realized I had mis-remembered the structure of the Erskine House. I am certain you are correct in identifying the structure in your report as the warehouse. I don't know the name of the present curator of the Erskine (now called Baranof) House, but certainly a letter addressed to the curator in Kodiak would reach her - Kodiak is a pretty small place and the museum is a town landmark.

In regard to your question about the Blomkvist article on the Voznesenskii drawings: the comment on p. 106 about metal roofs is almost certainly hers - but was undoubtedly taken from Voznesenskii's notes - this is speculation on my part, but I don't believe she could have concluded the roofs were metal just from the drawing. In the Sbornik Muzeia Antropologii i Etnografii No. XXIV (Leningrad: 1967): Kultura i Byt Narodov Ameriki, R. G. Liapunova has written an article entitled "The expedition of I. G. Voznesenskii and its significance for the ethnography of Russian America." On p. 6 she comments, "In 1951 E. E. Slomkvist published 36 of the drawings of I. G. Voznesenskii preserved in the Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography, which he had made during his travels in the former Russian possessions in America.... The material in the article was based on unpublished letters, reports, diaries, collection lists and other documentary materials of Voznesenskii, including materials from the K. K. Gilzen archive."

I am going to be at the Bohemian Grove this weekend - the last time I was there we had a special expedition (a small number of persons, that is) to Fort Ross - if I'm lucky, perhaps we will again this time. It would be most exciting to see all the work that has been done since I was last there five years ago.

Again - I do want to tell you what a pleasure it was to meet you, and how much I appreciate your kindness in sending all the fine materials to me. Warmest congratulations on all the superb work and research you are doing!

With all best wishes,

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