



**Russian Bishop's House National Historic Landmark
Sitka, Alaska**

The Russian Bishop's House was the residence of Ivan Veniaminov (also known as Rev. Ioann Veniaminov, and later canonized as Saint Innocent of Alaska), the first Bishop of Alaska. Located in Sitka and built from 1841-1843, it served as the administrative center for the Bishop and other Orthodox missionary efforts among Alaska's indigenous people. This influence can still be observed today, with numerous Orthodox communicants living in the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands, and other Alaskan coastal communities. The building itself is significant from an architectural and engineering point of view due to its unique construction characteristics of Russian vernacular design, including intricate joinery methods, and a more sophisticated building system for distributing loads than that typically found in log construction on this continent. Today, the National Park Service offers guided tours of the building, which has been restored to its 1853 appearance.