

ROY FURE'S CABIN



ROY FURE, A LITHUANIAN, CAME TO THE ALASKA PENINSULA IN THE EARLY 1800'S TO WORK IN THE BURGEONING FISHING INDUSTRY OF BRISTOL BAY. HE TRAPPED, PROSPECTED, FISHED, AND WORKED AS A LABRER AND A CARPENTER IN THE AREA FOR NEARLY FIFTY YEARS. AROUND 1850-55 HE BUILT THIS CABIN WITH AN EXCEPTIONAL LEVEL OF CRAFTSMANSHIP. ALL THE LOGS WERE HAND-HEWN TO CONSISTENT DIMENSIONS. JOINTS AND DOWNTAILED CORNERS WERE CAREFULLY CRAFTED TO FIT TIGHTLY. THE CABIN SHOWS FURE'S LITHUANIAN-RUSSIAN HERITAGE, AS ITS DETAILING IS UNCOMMON IN ALASKA EXCEPT IN OTHER STRUCTURES BUILT BY RUSSIANS OR RUSSIAN-AMERICANS.

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