

Russian-American Company Magazin National Historic Landmark Kodiak, Alaska

The Russian-American Company Magazin is the oldest of only four Russian structures standing in the U.S. and is the only surviving structure known to have been associated with both the Russian-American Company and the Alaska Commercial Company. Likely built in 1808, the Magazin (or storehouse) was built of traditional Russian horizontal log construction. The building was used as a warehouse for furs collected by the Russian-American Company, primarily seal and sea otter, but also beaver, fox, bear, lynx, sable mink and wolverine. As ownership changed over the years, so too did the building's purpose. The building has experienced modifications to accommodate a more residential use, including a gable roof and other additions to the original log structure. Today, the Magazin serves as the Kodiak History Museum.