

Macintyre's Ghost May Still Haunt Erskine House

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Any building that is 200 years old almost certainly has ghost stories associated with it, and Kodiak's Erskine House, the oldest building in Alaska, is no exception. KMXT's Jay Barrett has more.

Originally built by the Russian American Company as a warehouse, the Erskine House, also known as the Russian-American Magazin (magazine) now houses the Kodiak Historical Society's Baranov Museum. It may also be the home to the ghost of a man murdered in its kitchen.

Pat Holmes, president of the Kodiak Historical Society, has long heard the stories of the ghost:

-- (Ghost 1 45 sec "Some time ago, I don't ... 1890-something, long time ago.")

That's
Marion Johnson, who managed the Baranov Museum for 25 years:

-- (Ghost 2 44 sec "Macintyre
was a Scottish ... was at the dock.")

Holmes says
many unexplained events have occurred over the past 100 years, supporting the
theory that Macintyre's ghost may still restlessly roam the halls of the old
structure:

-- (Ghost 3 1:09 "One
of our ladies who ... she never worked here at night.")

Despite the
decades she's spent in the Erskine House, Johnson hasn't encountered Macintyre,
but she too knows of folks who refuse to work there alone at night:

-- (Ghost 4 25 sec "I've
never really been ... no, we won't do that.")

Holmes says
despite all the remodeling that's been done on the Erskine House over the
winter, none of the construction workers uncovered Macintyre's ghost. But then
again, they weren't working alone on a dark and stormy night.

In Kodiak,
I'm Jay Barrett.

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