

Mildred Walker disclaimer in The Quarry:

The characters and situations in these pages are wholly fictional and have lived only in the world of this book.

In the words of an admired friend, the novelist Mildred Walker, the characters in these pages "have ~~lived~~ lived only in the world of this book." (The brief exceptions are Governor Rosenberg and the Lutheran pastor, but the conversation between them is wholly imaginary.) But in the winter of 1852-53, four men did achieve a canoe voyage out of indeturement at New Archangel to a point near the mouth of the Columbia River. Carl Gronland, Andreas Lyndfiast and Earl Wasterholm were reported found on 00, "00..00"; the fourth man, whose name has been lost, was killed by Indians along the way.

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Nor does Arisankhara Island exist, except as an acronym made up of the islands  
the fourth man may have died among.

Author's afterword or acknowledgments should be datelined:

Seattle-Juneau-Sitka-Dungeness, 1980-1981



add: skua-gull fight?

possible author's note:

In the winter of 1852-53, four men did ~~embark~~ undertake an escape by canoe from New Archangel, the capital of Russian America. The story of their desperate voyage southward, from Alaska along the wilderness coast of British Columbia and Washington Territory, exists in a single eleven-inch newspaper article of the time. In their adventure, life was lost, life persevered; New Archangel of the time--Sitka of today--I have tried to portray with fidelity to detail...  
as in my fictional version,

Seattle-Juneau-Sitka-Dungeness, 1980-81

Hire Sheila Nickerson to look over 1st portion of ms?

possible epigraphs from Pine Wife: 7, Winds from Kamchatka...  
9, 19, 21

-34, P. 208



cut from ms p. 45--island of Sitka (it is Baranof on today's charts  
of the splattered southeastern Alaska coastline)...

--mention this in Afterword? I cut it because it's confusing, and  
I think extraneous.

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Roy Roberts?

Mary Scindon

Mike Demchenko

Jerry Keig

Mike Miller

Walter Boly

Carol Baker

Ed Mooney

Mike Stinto

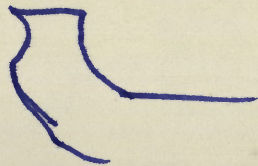
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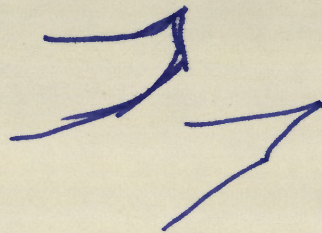


K'oon Lito, Sitka: Romaine Handcastle photo collection

canoes: Thlingit dugouts c 1900 are high-cut at both ends;  
prow is blade-like:



- other pics;



my note: "high-nosed" is accurate

## Runners

--What was climate the men were accustomed to in Sweden, compared with Sitka's?

--Was Sitka a vastly noisier place than any but Braaf of Stockholm was used to?  
(Probably so.)

Hager, Earl & Traver

- 19 - object 1 weather
- 80 - hand number
- 98 - memorize
- 100 - Gnom: pt 1 rain
- 104 - leadership
- 254 - canoe to snow weeds



title: The Sea Runners

alternative: The Sea Soldiers



## Runners

Reveal offhandedly ~~the~~ some point of tension or disagreement - that one of . escapees, perhaps Melander, did not want to include ~~one~~ one of . others in . plan, ~~because~~ believing him too old or dumb or incapable.



possible Runners dedication: To Bob Monroe, bookman

Muskets, rifles, pistols

Info from park ranger Gary Candelaria

He thinks that in early 1850s the government issue would have been like the 1839-40 Russian military musket they have: smooth bore, about .69 calibre which fired 1 oz. lead ball. It's a flint lock; he says percussion caps weren't in general use until about time of Civil War. The musket is 57" length over-all; 41½" bored length.

Hunting <sup>60</sup>rifles would have been scarce, he thinks, and some hunters might have had own rifles. They would have been single shot, same length as musket, but with much heavier barrel. They may have been embellished, and would be similar to types used in Kentucky.

Pistols would have been scarce. They'd be single shot, flint lock. He says if a private owner had a rifle, he might also had a percussion pistol.

Best local source: proprietor of Ye ~~Tot~~ Olde Sitka Armory.

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--check Dostoevsky--The Gambler?--and other Rn~~x~~ books on hand to try figure out what card games were played.

-roulette



Use with Hecate

The sense of lift, as if the canoe upon meeting the wave after next would fly up out of the water. Braaf was laughing, K and W chuckled to hear him.

Their ancestors took heads from the English...

--see if Tom Stewart can get blurb from Tom Keneally?



--from our coastal slides, Alaska to Willapa, make Liz some pics to help sell Sea Runners as movie.

Karlsson he nominated into the escape within a further week.

Karlsson was slender and withdrawn, with a narrow bland face like that of a village parson. The sort of man with not much to say, nor of whom much was said. A figure almost in camouflage, compared to the so-seldom wordless Melander. But Melander one time

By autumn of 1852, Karlsson was well on his way to legendary status among the native women along Sitka Sound, and Bilibin had been primed carefully as a stubborn pump for the escape.



p. 6--did Hudson's Bay also use indenturement, or was R-A's policy unique?

Are Finns Scandinavians?

Not a sentence put wrong.



check: how--and does--a Muslim use a prayer rug?