

Wrangell History Unlocked Presents:

Strange Customs

Sneak Preview

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Hey Wrangell history listeners! I'm excited to announce our next series: *Strange Customs, the Corrupt Collector John Carr*. It takes place in the years after the bombardment, at the peak of the Cassiar Gold Rush. It's about law and justice in Indian Country.

Part I goes online Thursday, February 15, 2024 — with Part II and Part III each week after. Subscribe to Wrangell History Unlocked on your favorite podcast app, or visit us at [wrangellhistoryunlocked.com](http://www.wrangellhistoryunlocked.com).

Here's a Sneak Preview from Part II: Fools Rush In. Enjoy!

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When Captain J.B. Campbell arrived in Sitka, he relieved Captain George B. Rodney, who had been in command of the Army in Alaska through the tumultuous summer of 1874. As Captain Rodney prepared to leave Alaska for good, Captain Campbell assigned him a solemn responsibility on his way out: raid Fort Wrangel.

With that, Captain Rodney, and a detachment of soldiers, boarded a steamship for Fort Wrangel. They were about to bring down the hammer. Literally.

The (August 25, 1874) Daily Colonist described Rodney's Raid:

DAILY COLONIST: Wrangel, 5 p.m. Aug 19. Steamer California just arrived from Sitka. Shortly after her arrival four detachments of U.S. troops were landed and

every store and house was searched for liquor. Wherever found it was instantly destroyed. In Sam Goldstein's a barrel of brandy was found, the clerk arrested and the store, which contained about \$6000 worth of goods, was closed and is now in charge of a U.S. officer. Wilson's saloon was closed; Curry & Waters' was also closed with several others. Barrels, cases, bottles, etc. were taken out and broken to pieces. The town was quite lively for a few hours.

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