

Noted Historian

Richard Pierce, noted historian and author of Russian America works, will give a public lecture on Alaska natives in the Russian period of Alaska history at 8 p.m. Friday at the Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum.

Pierce's talk titled: "Promyshlenniki, Natives and the Land in Russian American," is sponsored by the Alaska Humanities Forum in cooperation with the Cook Inlet Historical Society and the University of Alaska, Anchorage Senior College.

Pierce has written several works on Russian expansion eastward through Siberia and Russian activity in Hawaii. He is general editor of a series of translations of important works on Russian America, including Klebnikov's 1835 "Life of Baranov" and Svetlana Fedorova's new study of "Population in Russian America."

The Alaska Journal published a series of articles by Pierce on "Alaska's Russian Governors", which appeared from 1971 to 1973.

The Friday lecture, open to the public free of charge, will be Pierce's first address in Anchorage since 1968.