

Interior Sketches: Ramblings around Interior Alaska historic sites

Interior Sketches leads readers on an artful tour of Eastern Interior Alaska historic sites, and appeals to aficionados of:

- fine art
- local history
- historic preservation
- travel (one reader described the books as guides for "historical scavenger hunts.")

For 40 years Fairbanks artist and writer Ray Bonnell has been tramping the roads and trails of Eastern Interior Alaska. His destinations have been old mining camps, roadhouses, homesteads, villages, and other historic locations.

Some of these sites are being preserved, but many are fading away—the result of accidents, development, time, and vandalism. A few of the historic structures he has visited have already disappeared or undergone dramatic changes.

Through his essays and detailed pen-&-ink drawings Ray has been taking "snapshots in time" of these historic sites. Many of those snapshots appear in his 3-book series, *Interior Sketches: Ramblings around Interior Alaska historic sites*. These books, which cover almost 200 sites, will guide readers from Scottie Creek near the Canadian border to Manley Hot Springs in the west, and from Circle and Eagle in the north to Maclaren River and Kantishna in the south.

- Books I and II each feature 61 historic sites. Book III features 70 sites.
- Each entry consists of a detailed pen-&-ink illustration plus essay describing the site. Entries first appeared in Ray's award-winning column, *Sketches of Alaska*.
- All of the sites are on or near the road system, so the reader can drive or walk to most of them.
- A reproduction of a hand-drawn map of Eastern Interior Alaska showing the general location of sites is included.

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Ray graduated from Alaska Methodist University (now Alaska Pacific University) in 1974, and has worked as a freelance artist and historian since the 1980s.

For 12 years he produced a historical column entitled "Sketches of Alaska" for the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* newspaper. That column received the Contributions to Alaska History award from the Alaska Historical Society. Ray just completed a term on the Alaska State Historical Commission, and continues to ramble around Alaska, drawing historic sites and writing about Alaska history.

For samples of his art and writing check out sketchesofalaska.com.

