

September 2012

A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Alaska's Russian Jack—Federal Prison to Fairly Proper

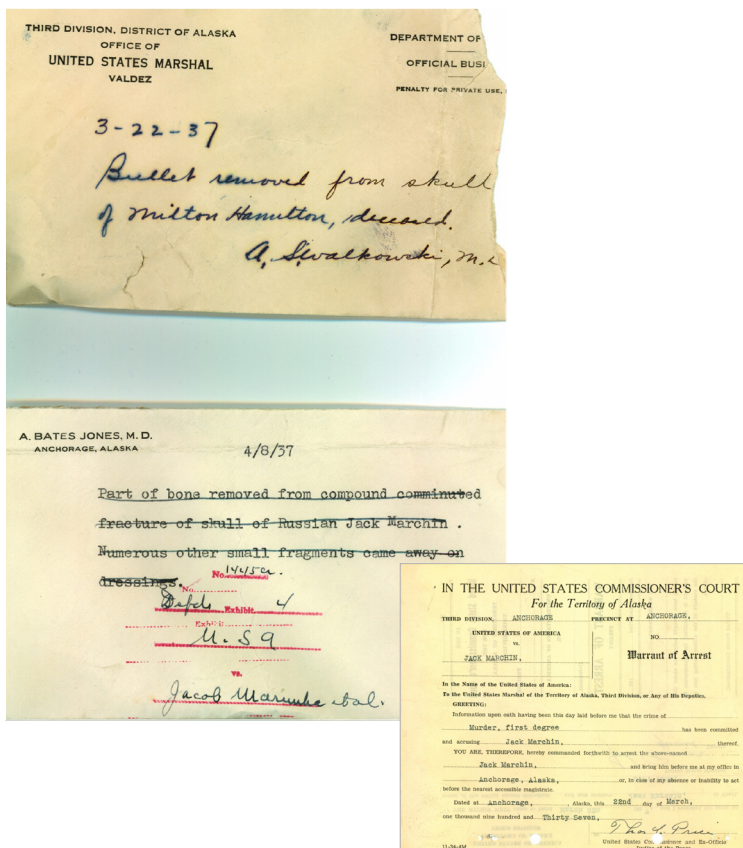
By Robyn Dexter

It is not often that an alleged bootlegger and convicted murderer gets an elementary school, a development district, a golf course, and a park named after him—except for Jacob Marunenko, also known as Russian Jack.

In March 1937, Russian Jack was in a cabin with another homesteader, Milton Hamilton. Fueled by alcohol, he and Hamilton began to argue. Shortly after, Russian Jack was severely beaten and Hamilton was dead. Russian Jack was tried for manslaughter, claiming self defense. Given the bruised sternum, two broken ribs, a badly bruised face, eyes swollen shut, a broken nose, broken teeth, and a fractured skull, it seemed a reasonable defense. Russian Jack was still convicted of manslaughter on January 22, 1938, and served two-and-a-half years at the Federal prison in Washington State. After returning to Alaska, he kept a very low Federal profile, resurfacing only to pursue naturalization. NARA at Anchorage holds documentary evidence from both the trial and his naturalization process. He received his citizenship in 1954, at age 70.

So, how does a convicted criminal beget the kind of honors usually reserved for the pillars of society? Alaska is just kind of like that. Russian Jack had a homestead that he'd been trying to improve about five miles from Anchorage. "Out near Russian Jack's" was

just part of the directional vernacular, due to the man's notoriety. It became the unofficial name of that district and through time, the official name. The conventional population insists that things are not named after the man, but the district in which it resides. The more amused set kindly does not point out that the district got its name after the man himself.



Records of the United States District Court, Third Division, Anchorage Nationalization Records File A1725-A1752, and Anchorage Criminal Case Files 1902-1960 File 1445-CR, Record Group 21.

NARA WestCoast September 2012

Dolomi Harbor Alaska
Collection WME: Sir Henry Wellcome, 1856-1936
Exhibit from the National Archives at Anchorage



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Exhibit:
Seattle, WA
"Faces of the Pacific Northwest"
Ongoing

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Seattle, WA
"Brick Wall"
Genealogy
Discussion Group
11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.
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NARA East Coast September 2012

Image of Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market
Records of the Work Projects Administration,
1922–1944, Record Group 69
National Archives at Boston



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Exhibit: Boston, MA "America Votes: Our Power and Responsibility. Presidential Elections Preserved in the National Archives" Through 1/21/13					Exhibit: Philadelphia, PA "Documented Rights" Ongoing	
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Exhibit: Morrow, GA "Ellis Island: The Lost Mural" Through 12/31/12				Waltham, MA Volunteer Appreciation Ice Cream Social Guest Speaker Maura Porter, JFK Library 2 P.M. General Public 866-406-2379	Philadelphia, PA First Friday Roundtable: St. George's: Behind the Vault Door Guest Speaker, Donna Miller, St. George's Methodist Archives Noon– 2 P.M. Genealogists 215-606-0100	
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Exhibit: One Bowling Green, NY "The Worlds Port: Through the Documents of the National Archives" 9/21 – 11/25/12			Atlanta, GA U.S. History in a Nutshell: Timeline 10 A.M. Workshop K–12 Students 770-968-2555		Exhibit: Schomburg Center, NY "The First Step to Freedom: Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation" 9/21–24	
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	New York, NY Constitution's 225th Anniversary Noon General Public 866-840-1752 Boston, MA Available Online New online resources for appreciating, learning about, and teaching the Constitution on its 225th birthday: archives.gov/north-east/boston/		Huntington Public Library, NY Researching the 1940 Census 7 P.M. General Public Workshop 866-840-1752	New York, NY Family History Game Show at Ellis Island 1 P.M. General Public 866-840-1752	New York, NY World's Port Exhibit Curator Tour 1 P.M. Tour 866-840-1752 New York, NY Custom House Information Meeting Noon. General Public 866-840-1752	New York, NY World's Port Family Activities and Tours 10 A.M. General Public Tour 866-840-1752
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NARA Midwest September 2012

Red Pine Trees at Squaw Creek on Rapid River District, August 15, 1952
Records of the Forest Service, 1870–2008
Record Group 95
National Archives at Chicago



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Exhibit:
Kansas City, MO
"Between the Rivers: Steamboating in Missouri and Iowa"
9/25/12 – 4/27/13

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Exhibit: Kansas City, MO "School House to White House" Through 2/23/13				Chicago, IL Local History Special Interest Group 10 A.M. – Noon Orientation and Tour General Public 773-948-9001		Kansas City, MO Township, Section, Range: Looking at Land Records 10 A.M. Workshop Genealogists 816-268-8000

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Kansas City, MO Finding Your Family in the 1940 Census 2 P.M. Lecture Genealogists 816-268-8000				11:15 A.M. and 1 P.M. Workshop Undergraduate Students 816-268-8000		Kansas City, MO Order in the Court: Finding Family in Federal Court Records 1 P.M. Workshop Genealogists 816-268-8000

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Exhibit: Chicago, IL "Becoming American: Immigrants, the Federal Courts in Chicago, and the Expansion of Citizenship, 1872–1991" Ongoing			Kansas City, MO Who We Are: A Genealogist's Introduction to the National Archives 10 A.M. Lecture General Public 816-268-8000	Kansas City, MO Aliens in Our Midst: Finding Your Family Alien Files 3 P.M. Lecture Archival and Allied Professionals 816-268-8000	Kansas City, MO Exploring Civil Rights and Ethnic Genealogy at the National Archives 3 P.M. Lecture Archival and Allied Professionals 816-268-8000	

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		Kansas City, MO Who We Are and What We Do 1:30 P.M. Lecture General Public 816-268-8000		Kansas City, MO "John Quincy Adams: Mad Man or Man of Eloquence?" 6:30 P.M. Lecture General Public 816-268-8000		
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