

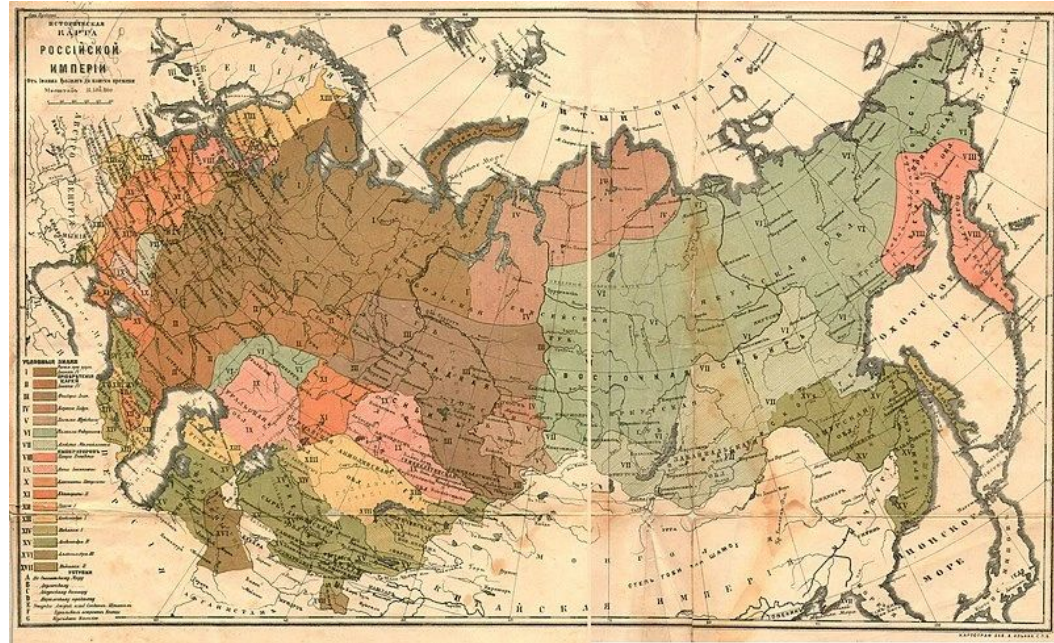


From Kruzenshtern to Sheffer: Russian Footprint in Hawaiian Islands

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Introduction

- Heading East: 18th century
- Russian America: Alaska, Hawaii, California
- Russian-American Company
- Georg Schäffer



Russian navigators

- Russian discovery of America *since* 1728 (Vitus Bering)
- Expeditions of *Mikhail Gvozdev* and *Ivan Fyodorov* (1732), *Grigory Shelikhov* (1789), and others
- First Russian circumnavigation of *Adam von Krusenstern* and *Yuri Lisiansky* (1803-1806)



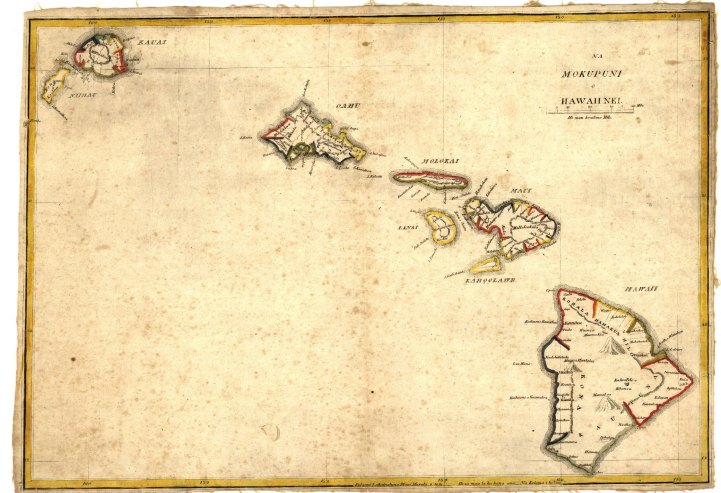
Russian-American Company

- Established *in 1799* (officially, by Paul I)
- Founden *in 1797* (Nikolai Rezanov)
- *Alexander Baranov* - first Governor
- 1804 - first appearance *in Hawaii*
(Discovered by James Cook in 1778)
- Trade and navigation
- 1815 - *Georg Shäffer's* mission



Georg Schäffer

- Doctor and Adventurer
- Russian scientist born in Bavaria
- Meeting with Kamehameha I
- Schäffer cured the king of *heart disease*, his wife of *fever*



Activities in Hawaii

- Authorization for a *trading post*
- 3 Russian Forts: *Elizabeth* (stone),
Alexander and *Barclay de Tolly* (wooden)
- Rivers *Schefferstal* and *Don*
- 1817 - Clashes with Americans



Conclusion

- Traditions of Russian navigation
- Hawaii as a crucial stop on the way to America
- A short presence, but a long story
- Established relationships with the people of Hawaii



Post scriptum

In 1821, the RAC recognized Hawaii as an area of the U.S. interests and shifted its attention to California...



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