

The Kensington Runestone Following The Clues & Solving the Puzzle



After Over Six Decades I am Finally Getting There!

**"Nothing in the world is more exciting
than a moment of sudden discovery"**

Sir Bertrand Russel

Philosopher, Logician, Nobel laureate

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In 1959 at the age of thirteen, I now have permission from my parents to take the bus alone from my suburban home to downtown Minneapolis and the old Minneapolis Public Library. A young teenage bookworm like me enjoyed reading their books on Minnesota and Ancient World History, Archaeology, and Treasure Hunting.

This is when I first learned about the Kensington Runestone, found by Olof Ohman a Swedish immigrant farmer near the town of Kensington in western Minnesota in 1898. This 202-pound slab of sandstone was shaped with a mallet and chisel into a rectangle tablet and then inscribed on two sides in a runic script, the story of a medieval Scandinavian Expedition to North America in 1362.



1908 Translation by Hjalmar R. Holand (*Inaccurate*)

- 1. 8 GOTHs AND 22 NORWEGIANs ON**
- 2. EXPLORATION VOYAGE FROM**
- 3. VINLAND FAR TO THE WEST. WE**
- 4. HAD A CAMP BY 2 SKERRIES ONE**
- 5. DAY'S VOYAGE NORTH FROM THIS STONE.**
- 6. WE WERE OUT FISHING ONE DAY. AFTER**
- 7. WE CAME HOME WE FOUND 10 MEN RED**
- 8. FROM BLOOD AND DEATH. AVE MARIA**
- 9. SAVE FROM EVIL**
- 10. THERE ARE 10 MEN BY THE SEA TO LOOK**
- 11. AFTER OUR SHIPS 14 DAY'S VOYAGE**
- 12. FROM THIS ISLAND YEAR 1362**

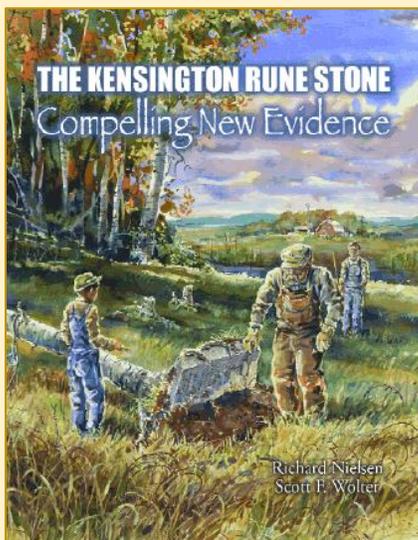
I found the story on The Kensington Runestone to be fascinating. There was a ton of information in the library, including books, boxes of articles, pictures, and newspaper clippings. This was the beginning of my lifelong armchair research and fieldwork on the Kensington Runestone and the story on it. Even as a senior in high school my required graduation thesis was titled:

"The Pre-Columbian European Discovery of North America."

In the following decades, books, publications, articles, videos, TV series, and even musical plays would come out about The Kensington Runestone. Authors, historical researchers, professionals, and amateurs expressed their beliefs that it was either a 14th-century creation or a late 19th-century hoax. Some authors would write about fanciful Viking voyages in a dragon-headed warship to North America. I guess "Vikings" is a more effective marketing tool than "Medieval Scandinavians". I would read many of them or portions of them over the decades, but I never came across anything new in solving the authenticity of the Kensington Runestone and its story.

I believed The Kensington Runestone was a 14th-century creation, but I was in the minority. The majority, such as archaeologists, historians, runic scholars and much of academia are skeptical of its authenticity. Even though many have never even seen the Runestone or visited the discovery site! I agree the skeptics had some good arguments. But I still had to say,

"The Story on the Stone NEVER Made Logical Sense!"



Then in 2006, the 570-page book came out, *"The Kensington Rune Stone Compelling New Evidence"* was written by historical researcher and linguist Dr. Richard Nielsen and geologist Scott Wolter. Their research provided solid evidence that The Kensington Runestone was an authentic 14th-century creation. They put together the many pieces of the Kensington Runestone puzzle, but many pieces still did not fit, and unanswered questions remained.



In 2009 Dr. Richard Nielsen also had a new translation that looked similar the Holand's 1908 translation, with just a few words changed here and there. It looked like nothing major. I never looked at it closely until a few years later, in 2016, when

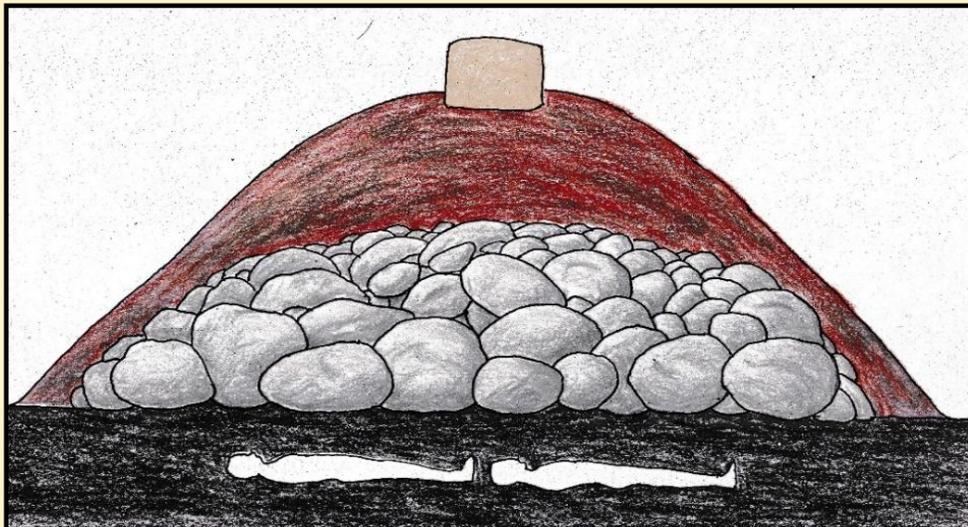
typing a comparison of the two translations to see if I could find anything new. Did I ever! (Essay: [New Translation Discoveries](#)) After comparing, I could see both translations are not similar but different. Very Different! There, hidden in plain sight, was the story of a medieval Scandinavian 1362 Expedition to the interior of North America. Now with Dr. Richard Nielsen's 2009 translation and new interpretations, I could say,

"The Story on the Stone **NOW Made Logical Sense!"**

The 2009 translation discoveries created more questions that needed answering. This was going to be "The Project" to put together the pieces of this puzzle from many different sources and tell the story of the 1362 Expedition to North America.

In April of 2025 we found the burial site on private property of the 10 Martyrs.

“10 MEN RED FROM BLOOD AND DEATH”



Mound/Cairn Burial Site in 1362
(Cross Section)