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TO MY WIFE ELLEN who made possible the existence of the statue of thorfinn karlsefni through her bequest to the fairmount park art association

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CHRONOLOGY

A SHORT CHRONOLOGY OF THORFINN KARLSEFNI

Copied from Hawk's book.

Translated by G. M. Gathorne-Hardy, F.R.G.S.

There was a man named Thord, who lived in Hofda in Hofdastrand. He married Fridgerda, daughter of Thori-Hyma and of Fridgerda, daughter of Kjarval, King of the Irish. Thord was a son of Bjorn Byrdusmor, son of Thorvald-Hrygg, son of Asleick, son of Bjorn-Ironside, son of Ragnar-Shaggy-Breeches. They had a son called Snorri. He married Thorhild-Rype, a daughter of Thord Gelli. Their son was Thord-Horsehead and he had a son called Thorfinn Karlsefni, who lived in the north at Reynisness in Skagafjord, as it is now called. Besides being of good stock, Karlsefni was a wealthy man. His mother's name was Thorunn. He was in the cruising trade, and had a good reputation as a sailor. *

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