

Nielsen, Richard (1933-Present): Engineer Born in Santa Monica, California, on November 26, the middle child of three (two sisters) children of Richard and Dagmar. He graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1955 and from the University of Michigan with a Master of Science degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering in 1961. Nielsen also holds a Masters of Arts in Applied Mathematics that he earned in 1964 from the University of Michigan. In 1965, Dr. Nielsen earned a Doctor of Technology Degree at the University of Denmark in Copenhagen. Dick has five children, Deborah Ann, Thomas Mark, Anne Marie, Kari Louise, and Richard Tage. In 1985, after returning to the United States from Europe, he took up the study of the Kensington Rune Stone to keep his reading ability in Scandinavian languages. His study led to the discovery of the Arabic use of ten in the inscription, which led to the discovery of the "crossed-L" rune's existence in 14th century manuscripts. These discoveries fueled an extensive and continuing investigation that has lasted twenty years. He speaks Danish, reads the runic and linguistic books of Sweden, Denmark, and Norway, and is somewhat at home with the diplomas of the mid-1300s in Sweden that concern the Kensington Rune Stone.

By simply checking the data available he found risor (journeys) in the Old Dictionary Supplements of 1956, and the preposition from (from) as a dialect word in an 1881 publication in Sweden (from Henrik Williams). With the exception of Karl Martin Nielsen on from, all runologists and linguists since Noreen in 1906 have claimed that neither from nor risor were Swedish. Quoting Nielsen (2004) "The Kensington Rune Stone is too important to be left to the linguists, who fail to check the dictionary."

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