

BACKGROUND

The American Association for Runic Studies (AARS) was formed to promote scholarly research regarding runes and runic-like letters in Europe and North America. Our organization grew out of several individuals' passion, expertise, and pride in our Scandinavian heritage and an intense interest in runes and runic inscriptions.

COVER PHOTO

The Karlevi stone on the island of Öland (ÖI 1) contains one of the earliest original poems in Old Norse from around the year 1000 A.D.

TRANSLATION:

This stone is placed in memory of Sibbi the good, Fuldarr's son, and his companion placed it on this island. He lies concealed, he who was followed by the greatest deeds (most men knew that), a chieftain in this mound; Never again shall such a battle-hardened sea-warrior rule unsurpassed over land in Denmark.

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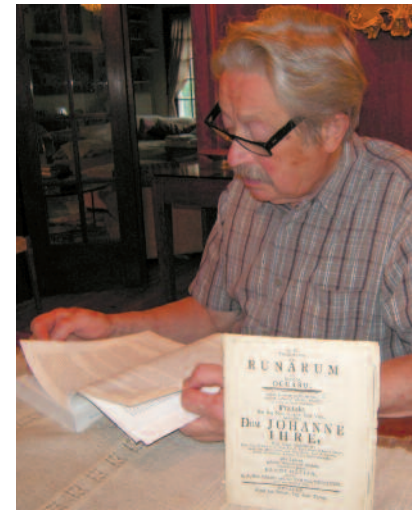
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Goals

- Support educational activities that promote historically accurate and research-based information about runes and rune stones.
- Establish an endowed chair in Runology at a major university to revitalize Runology as an academic discipline.
- Support international academic exchanges with special emphasis on exchanges between Sweden and America.
- Establish partnerships with colleges, universities, organizations and individuals that support our mission.
- Support museums and organizations that promote historically accurate interpretations of runes and rune-like letters.
- Promote scientific investigation, scholarly research and new technologies to further understand runes and runic inscriptions.



The Järsberg stone in the province of Värmland (Vr 1) is from the 5th century and written with pre-Viking runes.

TRANSLATION:

Lovely am I called. Raven am I called. I, the eril, write the runes. An "eril" was probably a person in the service of a chieftain.