

SOME FACTS IN THE HISTORY OF ICELAND

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- 871 The Norwegian chiefs Ingólfur and Hjörleifur land in Iceland for permanent settling.
- 872 Hjörleifur is killed by his Irish slaves. Ingólfur avenges him.
- 874 High seat pillars of Ingólfur found drifted ashore at Reykjavík, where he finally settles.
- 878 Skallagrímur comes to Iceland, settles at Borg.
- 904 His son, Egill Skallagrímsson, the great poet and viking, b.
- 924 Egill Skallagrímsson and his brother Thórólfur visit king Aethelstan of England.
- 930 Althingi (the Icel. Parliament) established at Thingvellir and the Icelandic Commonwealth organized.
- 986 Eiríkur the Red (one of the settlers of Iceland) colonizes Greenland.
- 995 The noble hero Gunnar of Hlíðarendi slain.
- 996 Grettir the outlaw b.
- 999 Gizur the White and Hjalti Skeggjason go to Norway.
- 1000 They return to Iceland and at Althingi succeed in introducing the Christian Faith. All Icelanders baptized.
 - Leifur, son of Eiríkur the Red, discovers "Wineland the Good", alias North-America.
- 1004 The Fifth Court or Supreme Court established.
- 1006 Duels abolished. Bishop Ísleifur, son of Gizur the White, b.
- 1007 Thorfinnur Karlsefni attempts to colonize America.
- 1011 Thorfinnur Karlsefni returns from America.
 - Burning at Bergthórshvoll; the wise chief Njáll, his wife Bergthóra, and their three sons perish in the fire.
- 1012 Battle at Althingi, many of the Burners killed in revenge for Njáll and his family.