

Rurik



The Varangians in Kievan Rus

Rurik or **Riurik** (Old East Norse: *Rørik*, meaning "famous ruler"; c. 830 – c. 879) was a *Varangian* chieftain who gained control of *Ladoga* in 862, built the *Holmgard* settlement near *Novgorod*, and founded the *Rurik Dynasty* which ruled *Kievan Rus* and then *Russia* until the 16th century

The runes **ruRikr** representing the Old Norse name *Hrœrekr* on the Viking Age runestone U 413 in the church of Norrsunda, Uppland, Sweden.



A monument celebrating the millennium of Rurik's arrival to Novgorod



There is a debate over how Rurik came to control [Ladoga](#) and [Novgorod](#). The only information about him is contained in the 12th-century [Russian Primary Chronicle](#), which states that [Chuds](#), [Slavs](#), [Merias](#), [Veses](#) and [Krivichs](#) "...drove the Varangians back beyond the sea, refused to pay them tribute, and set out to govern themselves". Afterwards the tribes started fighting each other and decided to invite Rurik to reestablish order.

Rurik remained in power until his death in 879. His successors (the [Rurik Dynasty](#)), however, moved the capital to [Kiev](#) and founded the state of [Kievan Rus](#), which persisted until 1240, the time of [Mongol invasion](#). A number of extant princely families are patrilineally descended from Rurik, although the last [Rurikid](#) to rule Russia, [Vasily IV](#), died in 1612.



There is a large 9th-century [funerary barrow](#) in [Novgorod Oblast](#), reminiscent of the mounds at [Old Uppsala](#). Intricately defended against looting, it remains to be excavated. The local inhabitants refer to it as [Rurik's Grave](#).

Disputed origin

According to the Primary Chronicle Rurik was one of [the Rus](#), a [Varangian](#) tribe likened by the chronicler to Danes, Swedes, English and [Gotlanders](#). In the 20th century, archaeologists partly corroborated the chronicle's version of events. It was discovered that the settlement of [Ladoga](#), whose foundation has been ascribed to Rurik, was actually established in the mid-8th century. [Earthenware](#), household utensils, and types of buildings from the period of Rurik's foundation correspond to patterns then prevalent in [Jutland](#).

There is another theory that Rurik, on account of common intermarriages between Varangians and Slavic women, was of mixed Slavic-Varangian descent. This theory is based on the information of the first modern historian of Russia, [Vasily Tatishchev](#) (a Rurikid himself), who claimed that Rurik was of [Wendish](#) extraction. He went so far as to name his mother, Umila; his maternal grandfather, [Gostomysl](#); and a cousin, [Vadim](#). Rurik's father were from [Finland](#).



Rurik and his brothers Truvor and Sineus arrive in Ladoga

Descendants of: Rurik Ruler of Kievan Rus As Related to: Lars Erik Granholm

1 **Rurik Ruler of Kievan Rus** b. 830 d. 879 (32nd great grand father)
m. **Efenda (Edvina) Novgorod** m. ABT 876 b. ABT 850

2 **Igor Grand Prince of Kiev** b. ABT 835 Kiev,Ukraine,Russia d. 945 Kiev,Ukraine,Russia (31st great grand father)
m. **Olga Prekrasa of Kiev** b. ABT 890 d. 11 Jul 969 Kiev

3 **Sviatoslav I Grand Prince of Kiev** b. ABT 942 d. MAR 972 (30th great grand father)
m. **Malusha of Lybeck** b. ABT 944

4 **Saint Vladimir I the Great Grand Prince of Kiev** b. 960 Kiev, Ukraine d. 15 Jul 1015 Berestovo, Kiev (29th great grand father)
m. **Rogneda Princess of Polotsk** b. 962 Polotsk, Byelorussia d. 1002
[daughter of Ragnvald Olafsson Count of Polatsk]

5 **Yaroslav I the Wise Grand Duke of Kiev** b. 978 Kiev d. 20 Feb 1054 Kiev (28th great grand father)
m. **Ingegerd Olofsdotter Princess of Sweden** m. 1019 Russia b. 1001 Sigtuna, Sweden d. 10 Feb 1050
[daughter of Olof Skötkonung King of Sweden and Estrid (Ingerid) Princess of Sweden]

6 **Vsevolod I Yaroslavich Grand Prince of Kiev** b. 1030 d. 13 Apr 1093 (27th great grand father)
m. **Irene (Anastasia) Maria Princess of Byzantium** b. ABT 1032 Konstantinopel, Turkey d. NOV 1067
[daughter of Constantine IX Monomachos Emperor of Byzantium and Helena (Maria ?) Sclerina Empress of Byzantium]

7 **Vladimir II "Monomach" Grand Duke of Kiev** b. 1053 d. 19 May 1125 (26th great grand father)
m. **Gytha Haraldsdotter Princess of England** m. 1074 b. ABT 1053 d. 1 May 1107
[daughter of Harold II Godwinson King of England and Edyth (Ealdgyth) Swannesha]

8 **Mstislav I (Harald) Grand Duke of Kiev** b. 1076 d. 15 Apr 1132 (25th great grand father)
m. **Christina Ingesdotter Princess of Sweden** b. ABT 1078 d. 18 Jan 1122
[daughter of Inge I Stenkilsson King of Sweden and Helena Torildsdatter Queen of Sweden]

9 **Ingeborg Princess of Russia** b. ABT 1099 d. 1140 (24th great grand mother)
m. **Knud Eriksson Lavard King of Denmark** b. 12 Mar 1091 d. 7 Jan 1131 Murdered by Magnus
[son of Erik I Ejegod King of Denmark and Bothild Thorgatsdotter Queen of Denmark]

10 **Valdemar I the Great King of Denmark** b. 14 Jan 1131 d. 12 May 1182 (23rd great grand father)
m. **Sofiya Vladimirovna Princess of Russia** b. 1140 Novgorod d. 5 May 1198
[daughter of Volodar Glebovitj of Minsk Prince of Russia and Richia Sventoslava Princess of Poland]

11 **Richiza Valdemarsdotter Princess of Denmark** b. ABT 1178 d. 8 May 1220 (22nd great grand mother)
m. **Erik X Knutsson King of Sweden** b. 1180 Stockholm, Sweden d. 10 Apr 1216 Visingsö, Sweden
[son of Knut I Eriksson King of Sweden and Cecilia Johansdotter Queen of Sweden]

12 **Märtha Eriksdotter Princess of Sweden** b. ABT 1213 (21st great grand mother)
m. **Nils Sixtensson Sparre av Tofta** b. ABT 1188 Tofta, Uppsala, Sweden
[son of Sixten Sixtensson Sparre of Tofta]

13 **Sixten Nilsson Sparre av Tofta** d. 1310 (20th great grand father)
m. **Ingrid Abjörnsdotter** b. Abt 1220 Adelso, Uppsala

14 **Abjörn Sixtensson Sparre av Tofta** b. ABT 1240 d. 1310 (19th great grand father)
m. **Ingeborg Ulfsdotter Ulf** b. ABT 1258 d. AFT 1307
[daughter of Ulf Karlsson Ulv and Karlsdotter Lejonbalk]

15 **Ulf Abjörnsson Sparre** b. 1348 (18th great grand father)
m. **Kristina Sigmundsdotter Tre Klöverblad** m. 1330 b. 1295
[daughter of Sigmund Keldorsson Tre Klöverblad]

16 **Karl Ulfsson Sparre av Tofta** (17th great grand father)
m. **Helena Israelsdotter** b. 1340 d. 1410
[daughter of Israel Birgersson and Bengta Färla Karlsdotter]

17 **Margareta Karlsdotter Sparre av Tofta** d. 1429 (16th great grand mother)
m. **Knut Tordsson Bonde** b. ABT 1377 Vadstena, Sweden d. 1413
[son of Tord Röríksson Bonde and Ramborg Cecilia Nilsdotter Vasa]

18 **Karl VIII Knutsson Bonde King of Sweden** b. 1409 Uppsala d. 15 May 1470 Stockholm (15th great grand father)
m. **Birgitta Turessdotter Bielke** m. 1428 d. 1436
[daughter of Ture Stensson Bielke and Birgitta Abrahamsdotter Tjurhuvud]

19 **Karin Karlsdotter Bonde** (14th great grand mother)
m. **Erengisle Björnsson Djäkn** d. bef 1447
[son of Björn Pedersson Djäkn]

20 **Märta Erengisledotter Djäkn** (13th great grand mother)
m. **Johan Henriksson Fleming** b. 1465 Rada, Sverige d. AFT 1514
[son of Henrik Klausson Fleming and Valborg Jönsdotter Tawast]

21 **Anna Johansdotter Fleming** b. 1435 d. 1505 (12th great grand mother)
m. **Olof Pedersson (Wildeman) Lille** d. 1535

22 **Karin Olofsdotter Wildeman** b. 1465 d. 1535 (11th great grand mother)
m. **Ludolf Boose** b. 1465 Holstein d. 1535

23 **Johan Ludolfsson Boose** b. 1526 d. 1596 Karuna (10th great grand father)
m. **Ingeborg Henriksdotter**

24 **Kirstin Johansdotter Boose** b. 1576 d. 1646 Karuna (9th great grand mother)
m. **Bertil von Nieroht** b. 1582 d. 1652

25 **Maria Bertilsdotter von Nieroht** b. 1612 d. 1682 (8th great grand mother)
m. **Carl Henriksson Lindelöf**
[son of Henrik Hansson Lindelöf and Anna Bengtsdotter Gyllenlood]

26 **Carl Carlsson von Lindelöf** b. 1642 d. 1712 (7th great grand father)
m. **N.N. Laurisdotter Laurentz**

27 **Anna Maria Carlsdotter von Lindelöf** b. 1670 d. 1 Feb 1747 Suomusjärvi (6th great grand mother)
m. **Ericus Christierni Orenius** b. ABT 1658 d. 2 Mar 1740 Suomusjärvi
[son of Krister (Christiernus) Matthiae Orenius and Ingeborg]

28 **Christina Margareta Urnovia** (4th great grand mother)
m. **Johan Flinck** m. 20 Dec 1781 Turku

29 **Johan (Flinck) Årenius** b. 12 Jan 1787 Pemar Vista d. 6 Nov 1823 Eckois Tyrvää (great-great-great-grand father)
m. **Ulrika Abrahamsdotter Sevon** m. 15 Mar 1810 b. 9 Jun 1784
[daughter of Abraham Abrahamsson Sevon and Juliana Ulrika Hallonblad]

30 **Johan Gustaf Johansson Årenius** b. 5 Jun 1810 Eckois Tyrvaa (great-great-grand father)
m. **Johanna Carolina Röring** b. 24 Jun 1802 d. ABT 1839
[daughter of N.N. Röring and Maria Jakobsdotter Tägtström]

31 **Charlotta Constantia Renlund** b. 4 Jun 1830 d. 28 Jan 1905 (great-grand mother)
m. **Erik Eriksson Käll** m. 19 Mar 1854 b. 24 Jun 1829 d. 23 Jan 1905
[son of Erik Persson Lillkäll and Maria Johansdotter Lillkäll]

32 **Johanna Karolina Eriksdotter Käll** b. 9 Jan 1863 d. 8 Nov 1934 (grand mother)
m. **Karl-Johan Granholm** m. 24 Mar 1887 b. 14 Mar 1866 d. 22 Jun 1920
[son of Anders Gustaf Johansson Granholm and Brita Andersdotter Djupsjö]

33 **Erik Anton Granholm** b. 28 May 1906 d. 29 Jan 1959 (father)
m. **Karin Hildegard Kasén** m. 20 Aug 1933 b. 3 Jul 1914
[daughter of Alfred Jakobsson Kasén and Wera Ingeborg Björk]

34 **Lars Erik Granholm** b. 28 Jul 1934 (myself)
m. **Leena Elisabeth Kentala**
[daughter of Anders Artur Kentala and Anna Heleena Reuter]

34 **Karl-Johan Granholm** b. 29 May 1936 d. 1 Aug 2001 (brother)
m. **Irma Hakala** b. 2 Jul 1934

34 **Alf Göran Granholm** b. 15 Aug 1939 d. 14 Jul 2003 (brother)
m. **Anja Harmaala**
m. **Marilyn Schmall**

34 **Kaj Håkan Granholm** b. 11 Jun 1946 (brother)
m. **Evelyn Margaret Peterson** b. 31 Jan 1949
[daughter of John Gustav Tage Peterson and Karin Helga Maria Esselström]
m. **Judy Ann McCarthy** b. Feb 16 1949