

what had previously been given by the adventurous Biarne. Leif, however, pushed his discoveries much farther than Biarne, and reached a land that abounded in grapes (being, no doubt, the blue berry growing profusely on the summit and sides of hills, called by the present inhabitants whorts), to which he gave the name of Vinland. Here he remained during the winter, and returned to Greenland the spring following.

"In 1002, a brother of Leif, named Thorwald, undertook a voyage to the far-west land;—he and his companions arrived safely at Vinland. They found, and for a time occupied, the very huts, or Leifsbooths, which their predecessors had erected; explored much of the country, continuing therein two whole years; and finally, coasting their way eastward towards home, fell in with the Skrellings, or Esquimaux, with whom, as the chronicler relates, they came to blows, in which rencontre Thorwald lost his life, and his remains were buried on a promontory which he had admired a day or two before for its picturesque beauty. Upon this promontory, or point of land, the survivors erected a number of crosses, naming it Cross-ness in all time coming. We are further told that Thorstein Ericson, a brother of the deceased, fitted out a ship with the view of fetching home the remains of Thorwald, but was frustrated in the attempt by a succession of adverse gales, which eventually drove him upon