



CARTA DA NAVEGAR DE NICOLO ET ANTONIO ZENI FVRONO IN TRANONTANA LANO - M.CCC.LXXX



Legend has it that Nicolo Zeno, the famous Italian mapmaker and explorer was the appointed Captain on the Sinclair voyage to America. Of an old seafaring family from Venice, Zeno's brother (some accounts say son) Antonio was appointed Fleet Commander of Prince Henry Sinclair's Vessels after the death of Nicolo. A Zeno family descendant, also named Nicolo (born 1515) later published a Narrative recounting his family's discoveries & travels. These accounts are based on the original writings of Nicolo, Antonio and brother Carlo. The Narrative describes this historical sailing as well as mentions the Westford Knight saga. Many years later the Zeno Map was passed a wedding gift to a young navigator from Genoa that had married into the Sinclair family descendants. His name was Christopher Columbus.

Note: the date on the map is 1300 & 80 in Latin numerals

Nicolo Zeno b.1326 - d.1402

THE WESTFORD KNIGHT

Sir James Gunn

The Memorial reads: Prince Henry First Sinclair of Orkney Born in Scotland made a voyage of discovery to North America in 1398. After wintering in Nova Scotia he sailed to Massachusetts and on an inland Expedition in 1399 to Prospect Hill to view the surrounding countryside, one of the party died. The punch-hole armorial effigy which adorns this ledge is a memorial to this knight.



Seeing smoke rising, a group of the explorers marched inland to Prospect Hill to get a better view. Along the way, Sir James Gunn, Sinclair's lifelong friend, died. In his memory, they carved his effigy in a rock ledge. It consisted of many punched holes, outlining the dead Knight. Archaeological experts have confirmed that the holes were punched 600 years ago! The effigy contains elements known only at that time to Northern Europeans. The sword and the shield trace solely to Prince Henry Sinclair and the Gunn Family.

