

ARNGRIMR - [Sira Arngrimr Brandsson]

14thc, probably Icelandic, organist and organ builder. *A* is the earliest recorded Scandinavian organ builder known by name. The Icelandic Laurentius-Saga relates that he was sent to Norway on a diplomatic mission in relation to a perceived clerical dispute in 1329 just as the Nidaros b1328 organ replacement or repair was being completed. It transpired that the dispute was unfounded and *A*, along with another emissary, Sira Egil, had quarter for the winter at the Nidaros Bishop's palace. Then and there, with nothing else to do, *A* learned the craft of organ building and playing from the local builder, absenting himself from his ecclesiastical host to go and study the organ. The Flatö book chronicles that he came "home" to Iceland in 1329, bringing an organ ("organum") with him, probably a copy of the Nidaros instrument.