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## How Riga developed



# A legend on the founding of Riga.



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In ancient times, when Riga was not yet, a very tall man , Big Kristaps, has brought people across the river Daugava. Kristaps has built a cabin on the right coast of river Daugava for living and sleeping.



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Once in the night it heard a small child crying on the left coast of Daugava. He has immediately followed a child and has carried it over Daugava.

In the middle of Daugava, the child was so heavy that Big Kri staps carried it over and deposited it in his hut.

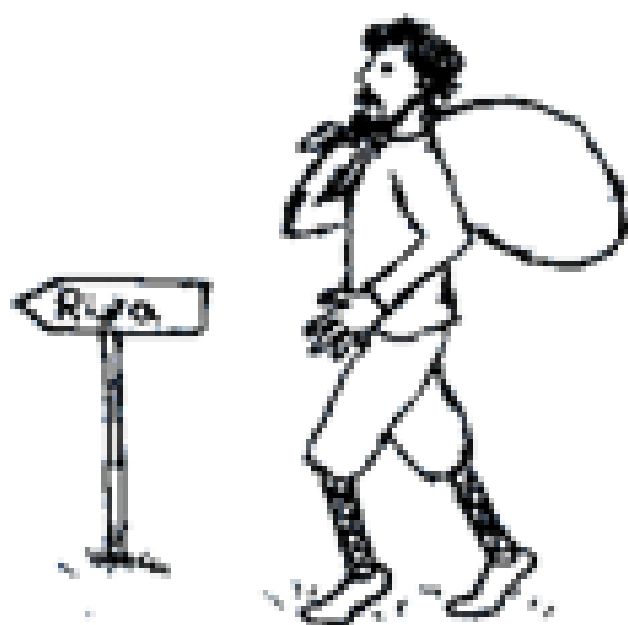


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The next morning, when Kristaps awoke, he found the child in a big box full of gold money.



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Kristaps has kept this money unpicked until his day of death. After his death, the money has been used for the formation of Riga. The first home in Riga was constructed just where Kristaps's hut was located.



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# How Riga got the name?



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At first there was an old (grain) drying house, where now Riga

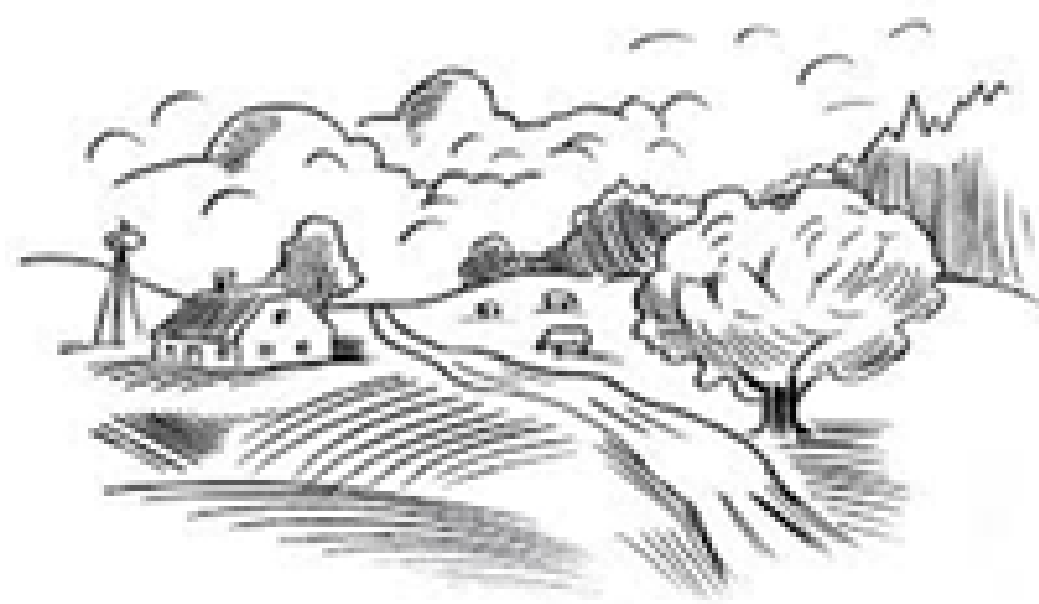


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At first, there was an old kiln house (RIJA), where RIGA is now. Built around the house and named the built-up site as RIGA because the first house had been drying house (RIJA)



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