

Audio Transcript of 1527 John Rut (of Ratcliffe, England; for England) 1527

Audio Transcript: Rut was commissioned by Henry VIII of England to find a passage to Asia and engage in trade. He left Plymouth 10 June with two ships reaching the Labrador coast at about 53°N Lat. in mid July. Forced south by ice condition he made port at St. John's, Newfoundland, where he noted 14 French and Portuguese fishing vessels. Along the way one ship was lost. The remaining vessel coasted south seeking a western passage and eventually reached the West Indies. By the summer of 1528 the ship was back in England.



Figure 1 : Portrait of Henry VIII

Source: Hans Holbein the Younger. Royal Collection.

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