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The research on *Skíðaríma* was started in February 1970, during my second stay in Iceland for a year on grant from the Icelandic Ministry of Education; it was interrupted at the end of August of the same year. In the winter 1971-1972 I devoted some days to it at intervals. Full-time work was resumed in October 1972 on a graduation-grant from the Dutch Ministry of Education and Sciences. In February 1973 I was granted a three-month travelling-scholarship by the Netherlands Organization for the Advancement of Pure Research (Z.W.O.), as a result of which I was able to visit the departments of manuscripts in Oxford, London, Stockholm, Copenhagen and Reykjavík. It was this journey, above all, which enabled me to check many data and to gather material. All these libraries and institutes also provided me with photocopies and microfilms.

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