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His published works:

Commentatio historica de rebus gestis Færeyansium seu Færøensium, Copenhagen 1695

Orcades seu rerum Orcadensium historiae, Copenhagen 1697 (English trans. 1866)

Series dynastarum et regum Daniæ, Copenhagen 1702

Historia Vinlandiæ antiquæ, Copenhagen 1705 (English trans. 1891, Norwegian 2004)

Historia Hrolfi Kraki, Copenhagen 1705

Gronlandia antiquæ, Copenhagen 1706 (new edi. w/notes 1947)

Trifolium historicum, Copenhagen 1707
Historia rerum Norvegicarum, 4 b.,
Copenhagen 1711
Torfæana (brevveksling), Copenhagen
1777
Arne Magnusson – Brevveksling med
Torfæus, rel. by K. Kålund, Copenhagen
1916

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