

# THE KIPLING DNA PROJECT



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Relatively little to report this time, largely because I have been working on my MSc dissertation on the impact of the decline in Northern Pennine lead mining, which affected several Kipling families in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, especially those from the Arkengarthdale and Brough families.

I have also written another article for the Kipling Society Journal, this time on Rudyard Kipling's former house in Vermont, where my wife and I stayed for three nights in October last year. Hopefully this will be published in the autumn.

Recently, the genealogical website, Findmypast, announced that it had commenced a project to digitise millions of Yorkshire parish records held in the county archives. Whilst this may take several years to complete, the chances must be high that new Kipling family history will come to light. Watch this space!

## DNA Test Results

As mentioned last time, the tests on the two 'Rudyard' family participants were being upgraded from 37 to 67 markers. This has increased from 57% to 79% their indicated chance of having a common ancestor within 12 generations, encouraging although still not confirming the traditional genealogy. 'Brough' has also been upgraded to 67 markers.

Also, there are two non-Kipling close matches on the FTDNA database. These are from individuals named Parker and Clarkson. This particular Clarkson line traces back to late 18<sup>th</sup> century Essex although the name itself is about as frequent as Kipling in Teesdale. The connections between these two families could date back to before surnames became fixed, or of course Kiplings could really be Clarksons or vice versa due to illegitimacy, adultery adoption or name change. Parker is from the USA and this particular line has not been traced back to the UK; the name itself is also less common in Teesdale.

The chart below now reflects this additional information:

	Rudyard(2)	Barningham	Brough	Clarkson	Parker
Rudyard(1)	79%	91%	90%	90%	91%
Rudyard(2)		59%	90%	59%	61%
Barningham			76%	90%	77%
Brough				76%	76%
Clarkson					91%

*Chance of having a common ancestor within 12 generations (around 350 years)*

The additional tests have actually shed no additional information on the order in which the various mutations occurred and all could have descended independently from a common ancestor.

Next step is to move the Gilling family result from Ancestry to FTDNA (at 67 marker) and to test those not originally tested at Ancestry for DYS452, which is the only difference so far between the Gilling pair and the modal haplotype.

The National Geographic Society (of the USA) has also recently introduced a new DNA test which tests a large number of additional DNA mutations. I have submitted a sample of my DNA for the new test and will report on what it reveals, especially about the more distant ancestry of the R1b Kiplings, in the next edition. Parker and Clarkson have also taken these tests.

## The 1940 US Census

### California

#### Los Angeles

The 1937 LA City Directory shows several Kiplings in the city (and an Hotel Kipling!)

Kipling Albt (Alice) mech h3767 Arlington av  
" Alice (wid Robt) h3426 Tallman  
" Edw (Lois) (Auto Parts Exch Co) h2318  
Chariton  
" Hotel 4077 W 3d  
" Robt (Valetha) mech h3604 5th av

Alice Kipling (74) was the widow of Robert Kipling who had been a machinist in Philadelphia and later (1920) in Newark, NJ. She had come to the USA from England in the early 1880s and he around 1880. She died in 1941 and is buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale.



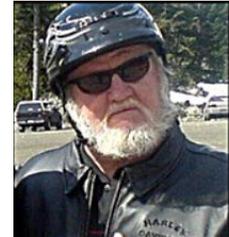
Robert was born in Bradford in Yorkshire, the son of William Kipling of the 'Staindrop' Kiplings. Alice had been born Alice Tansey, also in Bradford, Yorkshire, daughter of mill mechanic John Tansey.

It is not known when or where Robert died, but Alice appears to have been living alone in LA by 1924 (according to the electoral register) and had been joined by sons Albert, Edward and Robert by 1928. Albert was a machinist like his late father. In 1930, he had been lodging next door to younger brother Edward. He later married his 'landlady', Lela Childers, although what happened to his wife German-origin wife

Augusta back in Pennsylvania is not clear. Lela died in 1963 and Albert in 1967, both in LA. There is no record of children of either marriage.

Edward was a car parts salesman and his wife, Lois was an artist. They had sons Edward Rudyard and Ronald Clark. Edward died in 1972 and Lois in 1999. Both are buried at Forest Lawn. Edward Rudyard was known to be living in Atlanta in 1996 and Ronald Clark died near Seattle in 2011.

Ronald Clark KIPLING Sept 5, 1936 ~ June 25, 2011 Ron Kipling died Saturday 6/25/11, while doing what he loved: riding his motorcycle. The children of Ron Kipling, (Ron, Cindy & Debbie) request your presence at the Memorial Service, honoring the life of our Dad, Ron Kipling, a man of many talents. Please come, and share a memory, and say a final farewell, to a unique and much loved man. Memorial Service: Date: Saturday July 9th Time: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm At: American Legion Hall-15 25405 97th Place South Kent, WA. 98031

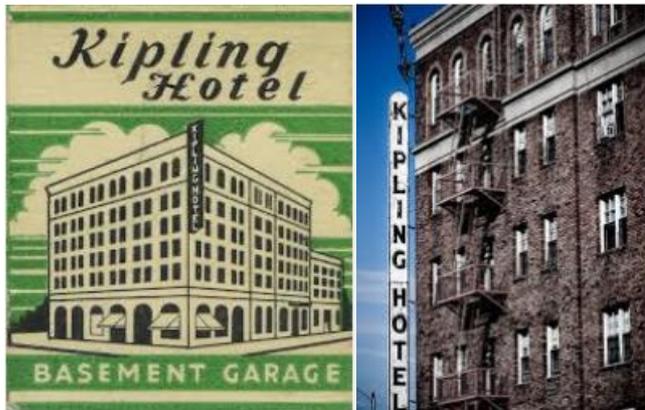


Ron was amongst other things a bit part actor in a Twilight Zone episode in 1961. Quite intriguingly, both he and his brother were also defendants in a 2009 law case:

**Plaintiffs:** United States of America and California Department of Toxic Substances Control  
**Defendants:** Northrop Grumman Space & Mission Systems Corp., Arvinmeritor, Inc, Edward R. Kipling, Ronald C. Kipling *et al*

Third brother Robert was an auto mechanic and died in 1977 in LA. Wife Valetha (nee Latimer) died in 1984. They also appear to have left no children.

The Kipling Hotel is still there today!



More California Kiplings next time. Happy Easter!

**Mike Kipling**