

## A Kipling of the Oldest Profession

We first read of Emma in 1839.

Two watermen named *Hunt* and *Fawcett*, are in custody on a charge of robbing an "unfortunate" female, named **Emma** Kipling, of a quantity of wearing apparel, on Friday evening last. They went into the house where *Miss Kipling* resides, and sent her out for something to drink, during which time they ransacked her drawers and made off with a variety of articles, including a chemise, false curls, slips, a petticoat, &c. They are remanded for further examination.

*Lincolnshire Chronicle Fri 02 Aug 1839*

- At the magistrates' meeting yesterday, *Edw. Hunt*, for stealing wearing apparel from **Emma** Kipling, was committed for trial at the sessions: *Hy. Fawcett*, in custody, but having taken no part in the theft, was bound in recognizances to appear as a witness.—Saturday the 23d inst. was

*Stamford Mercury - Friday 02 August 1839*

*Henry Hunt*, 32, was charged with stealing, on the 28th of July, at the parish of St. Martin, a work-box and other articles, the property of **Emma** Kipling. Not guilty.

*Lincolnshire Chronicle - Friday 25 October 1839*

In the 1841 census, she describes herself as being of independent means.

City or Borough of Lincoln Enumeration Schedule  
Parish or Township of St. Martin

PLACE	HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
	Uninhabited or Building	Inhabited		Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or Foreign Part.
<i>Slungate</i>			<i>William Otter</i>	<i>50</i>		<i>S Lawyer</i>	<i>Y</i>	
<i>do</i>			<i>Grace do</i>		<i>50</i>	<i>S Pruckley</i>	<i>Y</i>	
<i>do</i>			<i>John do</i>	<i>18</i>		<i>S Pruckley</i>	<i>Y</i>	
<i>do</i>			<i>Emma Kipling</i>	<i>25</i>		<i>S Pruckley</i>	<i>Y</i>	

1841. Lincoln.

We read of her again in 1844 and 1845.

LINCOLN MAGISTRATES' MEETING.—On Saturday last, before E. J. Willson and H. W. Wroot, Esqrs., *Emma Kipling* was charged with stealing a handkerchief on Tuesday night last from William Gilbert, in the kitchen of the Plough inn, but as it seemed that Gilbert and the lady were on very friendly terms the case was dismissed.—*Moses Allcock*, a li-

*Lincolnshire Chronicle - Friday 02 August 1844*

—*Emma Kipling*, a cyprian, was charged with stealing a pocket handkerchief from Wm. Gilbert in the kitchen of the Plough public-house: it appeared that the article was taken openly, and that the complainant was going to the house of the woman; she was therefore liberated.—

*Stamford Mercury - Friday 02 August 1844*

LINCOLN MAGISTRATES' MEETING, Oct. 7.—Before Richard Whitton, Esq., *Emma Kipling*, single woman, was brought up charged with being intoxicated, and making use of abusive and obscene language in the High-street. She being a very old offender the magistrate sentenced her to 14 days' imprisonment.—*Jane Willson*, from Newark, was brought up

*Lincolnshire Chronicle - Friday 11 October 1844*

**It is stated that a cyprian named *Emma Kipling* was treated in a most ruffianly and brutal manner in her own house last Saturday night, by a man named Griffith, who in the course of a quarrel threw the unfortunate creature down and broke one of her legs. The woman has been removed to the Hospital, and it is hoped her brutal assailant will be brought to justice.**

*Stamford Mercury - Friday 07 March 1845*

BRUTAL CONDUCT.—A girl of ill fame, named *Emma Kipling*, late on Saturday night or early on Sunday morning last, had her leg broken. A fellow of the name of Griffiths was at her house that night, when a quarrel arose between the two, which ended in his breaking her leg by some means or other. We hope the ruffian will meet with his deserts, for, let the girl's conduct be as bad as it may, it does not follow that she is to be ill-treated by every cowardly bully who chooses to vent his ill-humour upon her. The girl is now in the Lincoln County Hospital.

*Lincolnshire Chronicle - Friday 07 March 1845*

brawl in Broadgate, on the 20th April last.—*John Griffiths* was charged with assaulting **Emma** Kipling, on the 2d March last. It appeared Griffiths struck her over the head and knocked her down, using other violence towards her. In the fall her leg was broken. The prisoner then made his escape. Some parties came in and took care of her; an order was afterwards procured, and she was taken to the hospital, in which institution she was kept seven weeks. The magistrates fined the prisoner 5*l.* including costs, and in default of payment he was committed to prison for two calendar months.—*Wm. Webb*

*Lincolnshire Chronicle- Fri 09 May 1845*

Might this also be Emma?

**HIGHWAY ROBBERY.**—On Monday last, *James Whitworth, Robt. Willson, Cornelius Wilkinson, and James Willson*, were examined before the Lincoln City Magistrates on a charge of attacking *James Dawson*, a farmer's servant,

The police-inspector stated that two women named Walker and Kipling, who live at one of the dens in the Castle-dyke, had since the apprehension of the prisoners been dreadfully beaten for giving information and rendering aid to the police, and that warrants would be taken out for the assaults.

*Stamford Mercury - Friday 04 June 1847*

6 Dec 1848. That *James Carter* chargeable to the parish of Ingham, *George Abbott* chargeable to the parish of Scothern and *Emma Kipling* chargeable to the parish of Saint Paul be sworn and removed to their respective places of Settlement. [Page 89]

*Lincolnshire, Workhouse Guardians' Minutes*

Emma died the following day.

DIED.  
On the 7th inst., in the Work-house, Lincoln, **Emma** Kipling, aged 29.

*Lincolnshire Chronicle - Friday 15 December 1848*

Emma Kipling had been baptised on 25 August 1816 at St Swithins, Lincoln, the daughter of another Emma Kipling.

No. 216.	Emma's illegitimate daughter of	Emma Kipling	Chant Lane
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In 1832, Emma had a son, Henry,....

Born 24 <sup>th</sup> June 1832	Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> 1834 No. 1536	Henry illegitimate son of	Emma Kipling	Butchery Lane	-
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St Swithans

...who died in 1835.

Henry illegitimate son of Emma Kipling No. 1042.	Butchery Lane	at five 6 <sup>th</sup>	2
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St Swithans 1835

Emma senior had been born in 1794...

Baptized Emma Daughter of Alexander &  
Mary Kipling - - - - - Sept 1794

Lincoln St Swithans 1794

...the daughter of Alexander Kipling, a bridle-cutter and collar-maker, and Mary his wife. See ('1911 Lincoln').

Emma senior died in 1833 and was buried at St Swithans.

Emma Kipling No. 941.	Butchery Lane	August 21 <sup>st</sup>	39
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