

## THE KIPLING FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER #13

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Over the past few months, I've completed the history of three more of the 1911 census family groupings, 'Newhouses', Pitcherhouse' and 'Ebenezer', named respectively after two Balderdale farmhouses and a prevalent first name. There are now only three groupings left to cover, but that includes the huge Notts group (over 50 households). I've also updated quite a few other articles on the website as additional information has turned up.

On the centenary of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele) we look at a Kipling who fought and died there – and there's news of a recent 'Kiplingathon' and of a forthcoming exhibition in New York and a feature on a Barnard Castle furniture store.

### Pitcherhouse 1911



This is one of the larger Kipling family groups with 28 households in 1911. They are the descendants of John Kipling, born in 1723 at Pitcherhouse Farm in Baldersdale. They were predominantly farmers, in Baldersdale, Bowes and nearby areas, right up to the 1960s. James Kipling (left) farmed for many years at Merebeck farm.

At Merebeck, Baldersdale, on the 1st inst., Mr James Kipling, aged 69 years.

*Teesdale Mercury. 14 May 1884*

However, some members of the family left the dales, to the industrial north-east or to London, where brothers William and George set up as cheesemongers.

William Kipling, cheesemonger, 3, James's-terrace, Hornsey-road, was summoned for having in his possession three light weights.—Fined 10s. and costs.

*Islington Gazette - Tuesday 18 December 1866*

Others travelled further, including brothers Thomas and Tobias, respectively a photographer and a tailor, who emigrated first to the USA and then to Canada.

**THOMAS KIPLING,**  
**PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTIST,**  
OPPOSITE TO MESSRS. BACKHOUSE'S BANK,  
Market Place,  
BARNARD CASTLE,  
IS now prepared to execute Carte de Visite and other Portraits, and every description of Photographic Views.

*Teesdale Mercury - Wednesday 13 May 1863*

A John Kipling also emigrated to Ontario and a John Thomas Kipling to Brooklyn.

As the group is quite large, I've split the note into two parts:

<http://genealogy.kipling.me.uk/1911%20Pitcherhouse%20-%20Part%201.pdf> and  
<http://genealogy.kipling.me.uk/Pitcherhouse%201911%20-%20Part%202.pdf>.

## Kipling Furnishing Limited

Between 1954 and 1992, the *Teesdale Mercury* carried advertisements for Kipling Furnishing Limited of Barnard Castle.

**CARPETS**

1 Roll Grey/Blue Kitchen Print 3 mtr wide £5-50 sq. yd.  
1 Roll 80% wool Brown/Tan Stripe £6-95 sq. yd.  
1 Roll 3 tone Green, Hessian backed £5-95 sq. yd.

4' 0" Circular Rush Mats £7-95 each.  
2' x 4' £2-40 each. 3' 6" £5-95 each.

Lister 100% wool Rugs 27" x 54" £29-95 each  
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**Seasons** to all our  
**Greetings** customers

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Fitted carpets, today, mean Axminsters or Wiltons. Why? Because they're woven. Woven carpets last longer, look better, and have hundreds more patterns and colours to offer you. Come and see the very latest Axminster and Wilton designs here. now. And when you've chosen, we'll be happy to do the rest . . . measuring, laying and fitting.



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the centre  
of your  
happy  
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Choose a Somnus bed with  
*True-Balance Springing* for years  
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When you buy a Somnus bed you can depend on years and years of proper sleep, because Somnus give you True-Balance Springing. That means *comfort*—comfort built-in to last. (And doctors agree it's the first essential for a properly relaxed night's sleep.)  
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also means *correct support for your back*, gentle yet firm, in whatever position you lie. Each open spring has an extra half-turn, to stop sideways sag and keep the springing evenly balanced. One of the beds that Somnus make will be just right for you. Visit your stockists and make your choice—soon!

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get more choice.**

When you're making a big investment like a new carpet, you want plenty of choice. You'll find a wonderful selection at our store. Pride of place in our range is held by Axminsters and Wiltons backed by the British Carpet Centre Guarantee. These are very good carpets indeed. They give you a very wide choice of colour and pattern. And we can advise you on the precise quality of carpet to match your needs. Walk in and put our range to the test soon. We're confident we have the carpet you've been dreaming of.

Axminster and Wilton keep the looks they were born with  
12' Patterned Tufted Carpet 29/11 sq. yd.  
9' Wilton Carpet Green/Black 50/- sq. yd.

**Kipling Furnishing Ltd**

This was almost certainly run by Matthew Kipling of the Pitcherhouse family group, whose entry in the 1939 national register is below. He died in 1996 and the business is no more.

|                       |   |                    |   |    |              |    |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------|---|----|--------------|----|--------------------------------|
| 12. Victoria Rd. 276. | 1 | Kipling Matthew.   | - | M. | 5 May 10.    | M. | Drapery Furniture, Bank of the |
|                       | 2 | Kipling Eva L.     | - | F. | 11 May 13.   | M. | Wife of Domestic Duties        |
|                       | 3 | Edwards Eleanor W. | - | F. | 29 Sept. 04. | M. | Wife of Domestic Duties        |

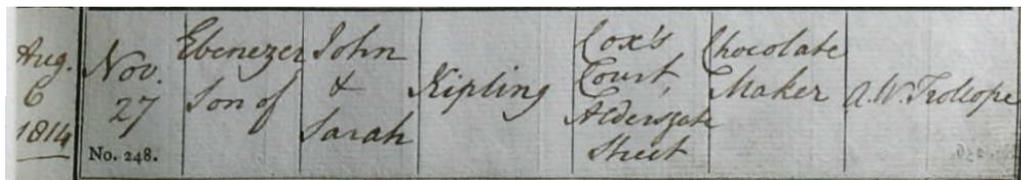
1939 Barnard Castle



2 Market Square, Barnard Castle

### Ebenezer 1911

Eight 1911 households contained individuals descended from London chocolate-maker John Kipling (b 1788) and his wife Sarah Hinkins, via two of their sons Joseph (b1811) and Ebenezer (1814). John was the son of warehouseman Robert Kipling, whose origins are as yet undetermined. Many of them followed the confectionery trade



St Botolph's Aldersgate 1814

Joseph later lived in Maidstone and found one of his sons rather hard to handle.

A woman, who said her name was Kipling, and lived in Medway-street, next appeared before the magistrates with her boy, a young "hopeful" of about eleven, who, she said, defied all attempts to control him, and had that very morning threatened to stab her. His father at present worked in London, and he was in the habit of going from one to the other just as he pleased, the last time he came back to Maidstone threatening to serve his mother as he served "the old bloke," and keep her up till three or four o'clock in the morning. Master Kipling vainly tried to rouse the sympathy of the Bench by whimpering out that he was badly treated at home, and showed some marks on his wrist, which he said had been caused by a rope used for tying him up, "and he didn't call that fair." Mr. Blundell said he mixed with a lot of rough boys, and the Bench ordered him to be locked up for a night at the station-house, in the hope that it would frighten him into something like good behaviour.

Maidstone Journal and Kentish Advertiser - Tuesday 05 August 1862

The same son, William, later emigrated to Blakiston, South Australia.

See <http://genealogy.kipling.me.uk/Ebenezer%201911.pdf> for the whole family group story.

## Exhibition News

The excellent exhibition on John Lockwood Kipling which was at the V&A earlier this year will be in New York from September until January 2018, at the Bard Graduate Centre.



<https://www.bgc.bard.edu/gallery/exhibitions/72/john-lockwood-kipling>

## A Kipling at Passchendaele

Edwin Kipling was born in Everton in Nottinghamshire. He was a forge labourer in Rotherham before the Great War broke out.

|               |        |    |     |         |    |   |   |                    |     |        |                 |
|---------------|--------|----|-----|---------|----|---|---|--------------------|-----|--------|-----------------|
| George Ashton | Head   | 51 |     | Married |    |   |   | Coal Miner Collier | 150 | Worker | Widhurst, Yorks |
| Martha Ashton | Wife   | 44 | 4.4 | Married | 23 | 3 | 0 |                    |     |        | Rawmarsh, Yorks |
| Edwin Kipling | Cousin | 29 |     | Single  |    |   |   | Forge Labourer     | 60  | Worker | Everton, Notts  |

1911 Church Street, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, Yorks

He served in the 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> batallion of the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, which was in action in the Battle of Poelcappelle near Ypres in early October 1917, although Edwin himself was killed later in the month. His name is recorded on a panel at the great Tyne Cot cemetery.



*Another brave hero, Pte Edwin Kipling, K.O.Y.L.I., of Home Farm, Serlby has made the great sacrifice. He was 36 years and was the youngest son of Mr Joseph Kipling of Everton. He was killed in action on Oct 21st 1917 and much sympathy is felt with his relatives and friends with their sad bereavement.*

***Retford Times 4th January 1918***

Edwin was of the **Notts** Kipling family group

## A Diversity of Kipling

Over the weekend of August 12-23, the Kipling Society and the National Trust organised a 24-hour marathon reading of a selection of Rudyard Kipling's works. I had the pleasure to take part; reading the Great War revenge short story *Mary Postgate*, the poems *Helen All Alone* and *Danny Deever* and extracts from *The Irish Guards in the Great War* concerning the Battle of Passchendaele. Some recordings can be heard at <https://twitter.com/hashtag/Kiplingathon?src=hash>.



## Newhouses 1911

This family, whose early days were mentioned in Newsletter #12, had shrunk to just two families by 1911: William Kipling of Carrowcroft House, Romaldkirk and three spinster sisters, also in Romaldkirk. Much of the family story can be deduced from a memorial plaque in St Romald's Church.



<http://genealogy.kipling.me.uk/Newhouses%201911.pdf>

I'm particularly grateful to Caroline Bailey, the present occupant of Newhouses Farm, for sending me a photograph of the keystone from the carthouse inscribed "I. Kipling 1836", after the John Kipling who then lived at Newhouses.



Also associated with this family is Admiral Sir Arthur Kipling Waistell KCB (1873 - 1954), a grandson of a Mary Kipling and Jonathan Wasistell (picture above).

*Waistell joined the Royal Navy in 1892. He went on to command the destroyer HMS Stag in the Mediterranean Fleet in 1906. He served in World War I as Commander of the 9th Submarine Flotilla. After the war he was Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff from 1923 and went on to be Commander of the 1st Cruiser Squadron from 1924. He was appointed Commander in Chief, China Station in 1928 and Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth in 1931; he retired in 1934.*

### Website Update

Publication on-line of parish registrations from Buckinghamshire has revealed that James Kipling, a yeoman of the royal buckhounds to Charles I (see last Newsletter), died at Whaddon in that county in 1661, so making clear that he could not have been the James who died a decade later at Brough in Westmorland as I had initially thought possible. Indeed, a little more investigation found a son John baptised at Whaddon in 1631, so solving the mystery of the John Kipling appointed in James's place in 1661. I also found the following intriguing quotation in *Hunting and the Politics of Violence Before the English Civil War* by Daniel C Beaver.

James Kiplyn of Nash, for example, a "pricker" or mounted attendant "in Sir Edward Tyrell's company, threatened to beat Edward Abbot, a servant of Sir Peter Temple," and boasted "that he would be the death of forty of Temple's deer."

It relates to an incident in 1642. Nash was a hamlet in Whaddon parish. Sir Edward Tyrell was Sheriff for Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire from 1613.

Quite a few other articles have also been updated, so it's always worth another look in case there's now more there about your branch of the Kiplings.