

THE KIPLING FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER #14

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Welcome to the third newsletter of the year. There's a new story about the Kiplings of Ripon, with a branch that settled in Lincoln. Also completion of the Baldersdale Kiplings story and a few other odds and ends to read over the festive season.

The Kiplings of Ripon and Lincoln

Robert Kipling, origins uncertain, was living at Alne near Ripon in Yorkshire by 1719, when he acquired property at Skelton -on-Ure near Ripon. He was described as being a 'gentleman'.



It is not clear who Robert was, but it is possible that he was the son, baptised at Winston (County Durham) in 1680, of Timothy Kipling. See "Timothy Kipling – Secretary to John Locke".

On Robert's early death in 1728, his three young children were left orphaned. Son Alexander remained in Skelton, where he was eligible to vote in the 1741 election

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Kipling Alexander	Skelton	Skelton	F.

He, too, died relatively young and the family then seems to have dispersed. Son Alexander moving to Lincoln, son Charles to York and son Robert remaining in Skelton, later moving to Ripon itself dying there in 1822. The full story can be found at

<http://genealogy.kipling.me.uk/The%20Kiplings%20of%20Skelton.pdf>

Part of the tale of the Lincoln branch has already been written down in "A Kipling of the Oldest Profession" and the rest is now told in "Lincoln 1911". Alexander was a saddler, as the Universal British Directory of 1791 tells us.

Kipling Alexander, Sadler

His son Joseph was a butcher – and at one stage an inspector of proper butchery or hide trade practice.

RAW HIDES and SKINS,
Within the City of Lincoln and Liberties thereof.
WHEREAS several Hides and Skins have of late
 been improperly taken off, and others have been
 sold without inspection, contrary to Act of Parliament:
This is to give notice, that informations will be lodged
against all persons so offending.
 Lincoln, JOSEPH KIPLING, }
 March 6, 1816. JOSEPH PARKER, } Inspectors.

Stamford Mercury - Friday 08 March 1816

Later generations include a Inland Revenue Officer whose papers can be found in at the National Archives...

First Certificate
 To the Honourable Commissioners and Governors
 of His Majesty's Revenue of excise, Malt &c.
 These are to certify that Charles Kipling borne at
 Newport in the Parish of Saint Peter Eastgate
 of Lincoln. in Lincoln Collection, is a likley Man
 to make a good Officer

.. and a father who came up with a novel way to dispose of a troublesome son.

A NOVELTY IN TRAVELLING.
 Some time ago a boy was found in Liverpool-street
 Station with a ticket on his back, "To London." He
 had travelled from Ipswich thus labelled. He was
 taken to the workhouse. His father — Charles
 George Kipling — was charged at Highgate on
 Monday with omitting to maintain his wife. It
 appeared that the defendant had agreed to keep the
 eldest boy, but, tiring of the arrangement, had
 sought to rid himself of the responsibility by the ex-
 pedient already mentioned. The case was adjourned.

Merthyr Times, and Dowlais Times, and Aberdare Echo - Thursday 04 June 1896

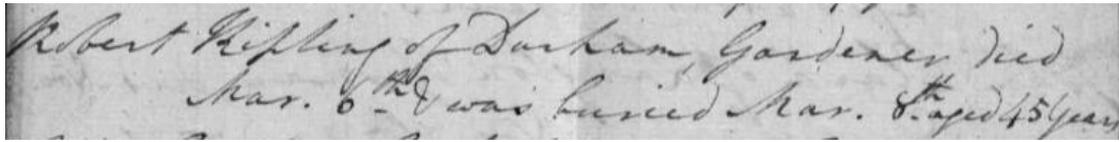
The full story can be read at <http://genealogy.kipling.me.uk/Lincoln%201911.pdf>

Kiplings Downstairs

I've also written up a short story about a relatively itinerant Kipling family whose members were gardeners and gentlemen's servants.

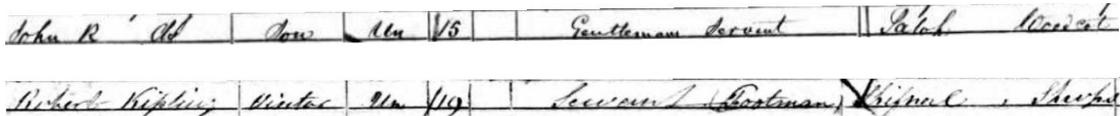
Robert Kipling was born in Bolam in Durham (see 'Bolam 1911') and was probably a gardener at Cholleton Castle in the valley of the North Tyne, north of Hexham in

Northumberland around 1805. He died in 1811 and was buried at Gainford (the parish containing Bolam) when he was 'of Durham'.



His son James initially followed his father's trade, probably working in the 1840s at Woodcote Hall in Shropshire. He later moved to London, working as a greengrocer.

The 1861 census shows that two of James's sons, John Roddam and Robert, were in service, respectively a gentleman's servant and a footman.



Both disappear from the record after that, although third son James Stratton returned to Durham where he was a solicitor's clerk, dying unmarried in 1906.

William Brignal, attorney-at-law, No. 18, Elvet bridge, Durham, and James Stratton Kipling, his clerk,
Morning Chronicle - Tuesday 20 October 1857

Jo. Kiplin's meadow

On a 1614 map of the Manor of Egglestone, "Jo. Kiplins Myllholm meadow: free" can be seen. Egglestone is in the parish of Middleton-in-Teesdale. The field in question probably belongs to John Kipling (see 'Middleton-in-Teesdale' <http://genealogy.kipling.me.uk/The%20Kiplings%20of%20Middleton.pdf>).

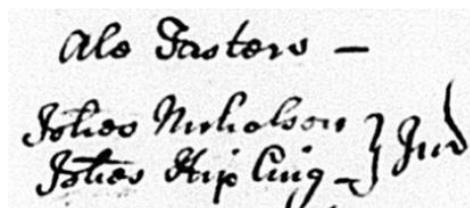


The Kiplings of Baldersdale

I have now completed the story of the Kiplings in the dale covering the 18th to 20th centuries (see Newsletter #12 for earlier periods).

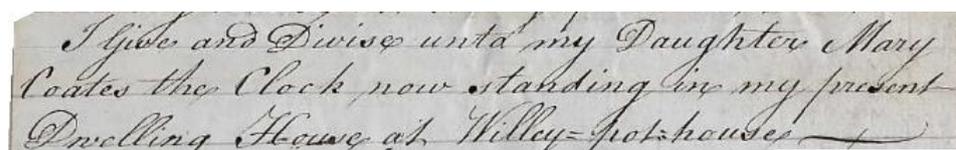
<http://genealogy.kipling.me.uk/18th%20Century%20Baldersdale%20Kiplings.pdf>

In it, you can read of John Kipling of Lartington, who was ale-taster for the manor in 1730.

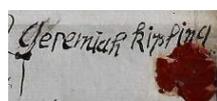


Ale Tasters -
John Nicholas } Jud
John Kipling } Jud

And of Jeremiah Kipling of Willy Pot House (today 'Willoughby Hall'), who left a very specific legacy to one of his daughters in 1777:



I give and Devise unto my Daughter Mary
Coates the Clock now standing in my present
Dwelling House at Willy-Pot-house



Jeremiah Kipling

Also, I recently had the opportunity to visit Newhouses, the farmhouse which was occupied by the Kiplings from at least the 1490s until the 1860s. It is being sensitively restored by its current owners, who have been there only around three years. It's no longer a farm, but the fields around it are farmed by a neighbouring sheep farmer.



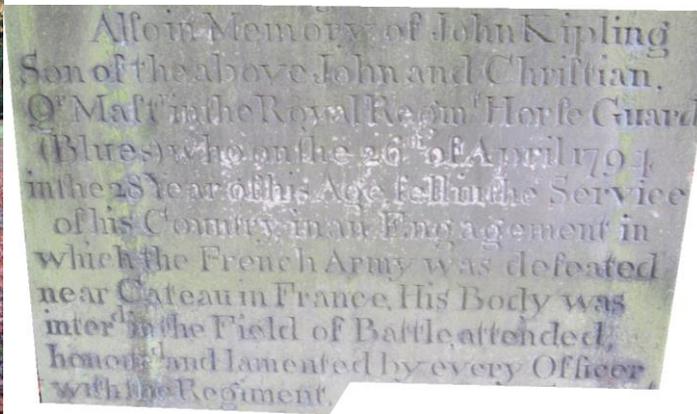
At the rear of the house, a lintel bears the inscription below:



This refers to William Kipling, who had inherited the tenancy of Newhouses in 1720 on the death of his father.

John Kipling, Royal Horse Guards

Whilst in Yorkshire, I visited the churchyard at Startforth to photograph the well-preserved memorial to John Kipling, Quatermaster of the Royal Regiment of Horse Guards (Blues) who was killed in a charge at the Battle of Cateau in 1794.



His story has been told in full in *John Kipling, Mathematician*.
<http://genealogy.kipling.me.uk/John%20Kipling%20mathematician.pdf>

Can you see his lips move?

One branch of the 'Fishmonger' Kiplings of Bishop Auckland contained a John William Kipling who was a herbalist in the 1880s and his son James, who was a 'music hall artiste'. I recently obtained the latter's death certificate and was surprised to find his exact speciality.

Twenty ninth March 1950 2 St Pauls Road. U.D.	James KIPLING	Male	About 68 years	a Ventriloquist (Retired)
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That enabled me to trace a few newspaper reports, including:

DURHAM COUNTY AND CITY WORKMEN'S CLUB, CLAYPATH, DURHAM.

Mr Kipling, ventriloquist, should be heard to be believed that his abilities are of such a character as to be envied by the professional artists.

Durham County Advertiser - Friday 11 May 1906

James served in World War 1, reaching the rank of Sergeant.

THE WOUNDED AT BECKETT'S PARK, LEEDS.

The wounded men in Beckett's Park Hospital, Leeds, are grateful for the entertainments provided on their behalf during this week. On Sunday several batches had a delightful motor trip into the country with tea at Harrogate. Others enjoyed the Collingham pageant on Monday and were provided with tea in the Memorial Hall. On Tuesday evening, and also last night, there was a capital display of cinema films at the recreation room in the hospital. On Thursday evening one of the wounded men, Sergeant Kipling, ventriloquist, gave an excellent programme at the hospital, with the assistance of the Misses Butcher, Curtis, and Pollard, vocalists; Messrs. Edwards, Hudson, Pullen, Best, Thompson, and Guy, vocalists; Mr. Darbyshire, concertinist; and Miss Audrey Pollard, accompanist.

Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer - Saturday 06 August 1921

A Lucky Escape in Afghanistan

Robert Kipling, sergeant-major of the 44th Regiment of Foot, was granted a commission as Ensign (2nd Lieutenant) in 1837. He subsequently became Adjutant and a Lieutenant.

-The individual in question is an old and faithful soldier, having served three Kings and the present Queen for upwards of 26 years. He enlisted on 1st May, 1811, into the 24th reg. of Foot, and joined the 2nd batt. in Portugal a short time afterwards, with which batt. he continued to serve till the peace in 1814. On the reduction of that batt. he was sent to join the 1st, then serving in India (Bengal), and on the return of that corps to Europe, in 1822, he extended his services to his present corps, the 44th Foot, and, in Nov. 1824, was appointed Serj.-Major to the reg., ever since which period he has performed the arduous duties of that situation, which no doubt have been done to the satisfaction of his Commanding Officer; and has now been rewarded for his long and faithful services by a commission from Her Majesty, which may he long live to enjoy.

Monday 18 June 1838, Caledonian Mercury,

The 44th was besieged in Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, at the end of 1841 and attempted a retreat to Kandahar. They were surrounded and massacred, with famously only one survivor escaping.



Last stand of the 44th at Gandamak (13 January 1842)

At first, it was thought that Robert had perished. However, by March 1842, news arrived that Robert and a Captain had been granted leave before the siege and had made their way in disguise through the hostile tribes back to India.

Robert resigned his commission and died in Calcutta in 1846. His full story can be read in <http://kipling.one-name.net/A%20Lucky%20escape%20in%20Afghanistan.pdf>.

An even stranger fact is that, forty years earlier, another Sergeant-Major Robert Kipling had been promoted Ensign in the 43rd Regiment (see 'The Kiplings of Barnard Castle' and 'Captain Robert 1911').

Happy Christmas

