

THE KIPLING FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER #19

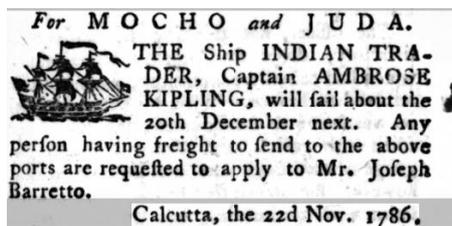
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A thrice-shipwrecked captain, a twice-unfortunate factory worker, a mystery book plate, a DNA link now demonstrated on paper and a few other odd items.

Captain Ambrose Kipling

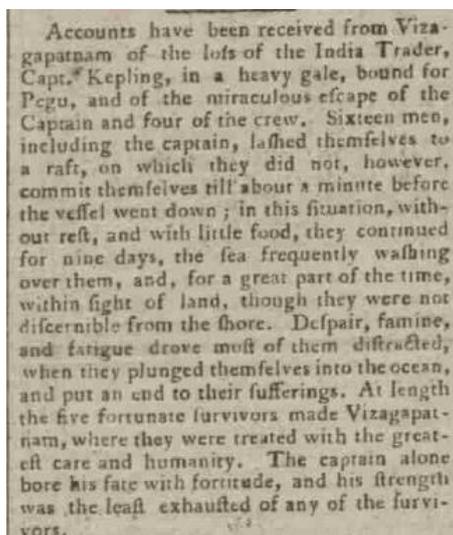
The British Newspaper Library has recently made the *Calcutta Gazette* available on line from its inception in 1784 to 1815. This has revealed the most interesting career of ship's captain Ambrose Kipling.

Ambrose was baptised at Chester-le-Street in County Durham in January 1743, the son of John Kipling of Lumley Park and his wife Ann (whom he had married six months earlier). The family subsequently moved to Sunderland. Nothing is known of Ambrose's early life. However, in 1784 he emerges as captain of a sailing ship in Indian waters. His subsequent voyages may then be followed from the pages of the paper.

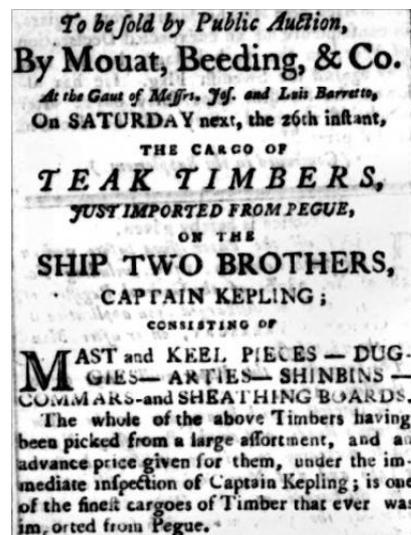


Calcutta Gazette - Thursday 23 November 1786

For the next 17 years he mainly traded teak from Burma to Calcutta, where the cargoes were sold. He once sailed to Cape Town. He was shipwrecked no less than three times, the most dramatic being described as follows:

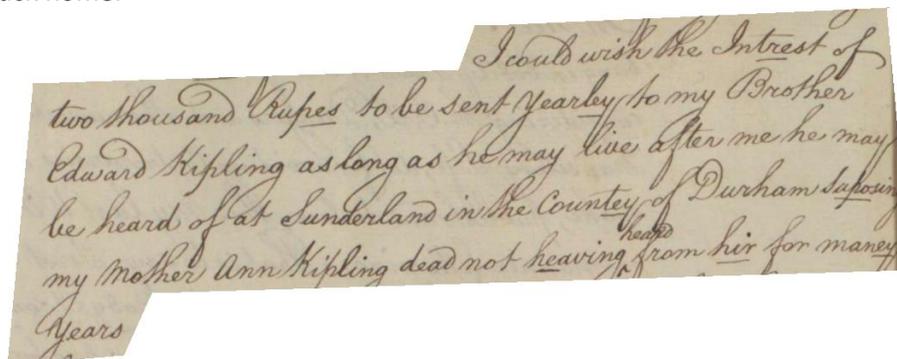


Hereford Journal Wednesday 26 August 1789



Calcutta Gazette - Thursday 24 May 1792

Ambrose died in 1801, showing in his will his lack of awareness of what had happened to his family back home.



I could wish the Interest of
two thousand Rupees to be sent Yearly to my Brother
Edward Kipling as long as he may live after me he may
be heard of at Sunderland in the County of Durham I suppose
my Mother Ann Kipling dead not ^{having} ~~leaving~~ from ^{her} ~~his~~ for many
Years

The full story can be found at

<http://kipling.one-name.net/Captain%20Ambrose%20Kipling.pdf>

Doubly Unlucky

Limbs Broken 25 Times, Man Scalded Fatally

JOHNSTOWN, March 23.—Fourteen years ago Joseph Kipling of 108 Gaultier street was caught and whirled by a tremendous flywheel in the Franklin plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation to what seemed certain death.

Fourteen times his body was swung dizzily as on a giant pin wheel. Each time one of his legs was broken in a different place as he struck the floor below which half of the wheel revolved.

All told, his right leg had been broken 14 times, his left leg seven times, and one of his arms four times.

For more than four months he lingered between life or death in a hospital and finally emerged, maimed, but able to walk with plates supporting the bones of his legs. He

returned to regular work in the Franklin plant.

Joseph Kipling laughed at the thought of death. Why shouldn't any man who had faced almost certain passing and lived to tell about his experience in most casual fashion.

Missed Footing

So, when Kipling missed his footing at Franklin Monday and fell into a pool of scalding water and live steam, he didn't take the experience seriously.

He had reached to shut off a valve and fell through the tap hole into a pool in which water is drained from the plate mill engine. He knew that engine because he operated it. So he charged the tumble, and the burns, to just au-

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other quirk of fate, a little more bad luck which seemed to follow him.

Surgeons at Memorial Hospital were grave when they examined his injuries. Although there had been only seven inches of water in the pool, some time had elapsed before he was extricated and much of his body had been scalded.

Kipling only smiled when informed that the injuries were serious.

His was an optimistic nature—and to a man who had gone through months of suffering while 25 separate fractures were healing, a burn more or less didn't matter—much.

But at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning Kipling died.

No Inquest Planned

Coroner Cyrus W. Davis made a careful investigation of the fatality. He decided that death was purely accidental and that no inquest will be necessary.

Joseph Kipling was born in Durham, England, 55 years ago, a son of William and Sarah (Stoddard) Kipling. He came to this country at the age of nine and resided for a time in Windber. For the last 25 years he had been in Johnstown.

He was a brother of Mrs. John Overby of Colver; Mrs. Charles Brosch of Windber; and Mrs. Isaac Thomas of Mahoning City.

His widow, Mrs. Anna (Farley) Kipling, and three sons: Joseph, Kenneth and Irving Kipling, all at home, also survive.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed last night pending the arrival of ex-Senator and Mrs. W. I. Stineman of South Fork, who are hastening home from Daytona Beach, Fla. Mrs. Stineman and Mrs. Kipling are sisters.

The Indiana Gazett. 23 Mar 1934

Joseph was of the **Brough** Kipling family group .
(see <http://kipling.one-name.net/Brough%201911.pdf>)

Exceedingly Long-Lived Cakes!

Until I spotted this advert in the British Newspaper Archives, I'd forgotten how long the 'Mr Kipling' brand has been going. My grandfather enquired of the makers in the 1970s whether they actually had a Kipling working for them, to which the answer came back 'no'; the name had been chosen by their marketing department.

**MR
KIPLING
CAKES**

Are you good enough
to be a Mr. Kipling?

CAKE SALESMAN/ MERCHANDISER

If you are, you could join the sales force which is enjoying huge success and expanding rapidly.

£1,000 per annum basic salary

Generous bonuses and commission.
Pension Scheme, including Life Assurance, and Widow's Pension.

DEPOTS AT:
CAMBERWELL, WALTHAM CROSS,
CRAWLEY, READING AND
SOUTHAMPTON

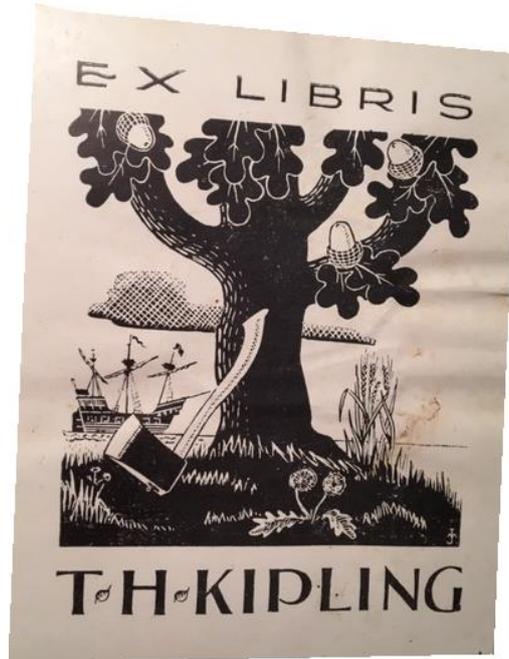
Apply in writing, giving details of age and sales experience to date to:

The Personnel Manager,

MANOR BAKERIES LIMITED,
2 Camberwell Green, London, S.E.5.

Reading Evening Post - Friday 21 July 1967

Another Kipling Bookplate



This was found by a member of The Kipling Society in a copy of *The Less Familiar Kipling* (G F Monkshood, Jarrold and Sons, 1917). It undoubtedly belongs to Thomas Haig Kipling of the **Captain Robert** family group. Thomas was born in 1917 and served as a forestry officer in Sudan and later with the Forestry Commission in in the UK. The ship perhaps reflects that his grandfather was a naval surgeon, his father a ship broker and that his older brother (Lt Robert Fallowfield Kipling RN) was lost at sea in 1942. See <http://kipling.one-name.net/Captain%20Robert1911.pdf>

Kipling World War Two Deaths

The 80th anniversary of the start of the Second World War is almost upon us. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records eighteen Kiplings who lost their life in action. Starting next year, I will begin adding potted biographies of all of these men onto the website, the first being Captain John Wilson who died in France in May 1940.

I will also include any civilian war casualties I can find.

Website Update

The full story of Captain Ambrose Kipling has been added under 'biographies'. Otherwise there have just been a number of minor updates to various notes.

THE KIPLING DNA PROJECT

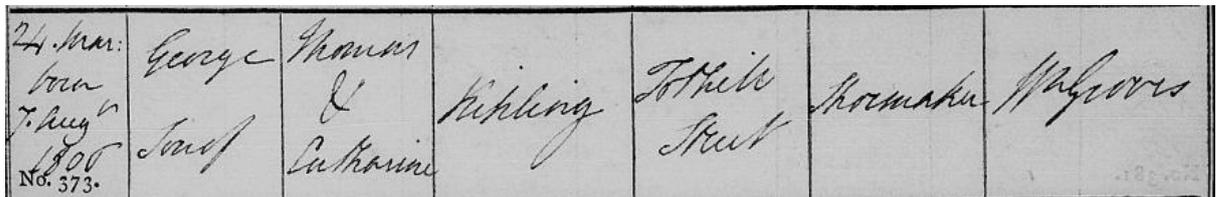


Another match to the R-U152 Kiplings has recently emerged at FTDNA. This is a man by the name of Clarson, whose ancestors hail from County Cork in Ireland. This is a very similar name to the existing matches Clarkson and Clarkeson, whose lines may have separated from the Kiplings in Yorkshire around 500 or more years ago, possibly before surnames became common. Clarson may well be a more recent corruption of Clarkson after the family moved from England to Ireland several hundred years ago.

We now have six Kiplings, three Clar(ke)sons, two Stoddards, a Wilson, a Wade and Parker with close-matching y-chromosome DNA - and so having a common male ancestor.

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The documentary link between the **Missionary** family group and Thomas Kipling of Bowes (the illegitimate son of Dorothy Kipling and Charles Bailey) has now been found. The genetic link had already been demonstrated. Thomas Kipling of the **Bishop Thornton** family group, a grandson of Thomas of Bowes and a shoemaker, moved to London where a son George was born.



St Margaret's Westminster. 1816

George stayed in London whilst his father returned to Yorkshire. George's son Thomas, later of the London Missionary Society, was the common ancestor of the Missionary family group. See <http://kipling.one-name.net/Bishop%20Thornton%201911.pdf>.