



THE KIPLING FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER #22

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In this edition I look back eighty years to Kiplings in the Home Guard, report on the name variation 'Keplin' in North Dakota and examine an intriguing DNA match from South Africa. There's also a war-time meeting, an inter-war suicide, a mystery solved from the Napoleonic wars and the gravestone of two Russian Kiplings.

The Kiplings in 'Dad's Army'

For the duration of the ongoing pandemic, The National Archives have made their electronic records freely available. These include records of service in the County Durham battalions of the Home Guard, which was formed eighty years ago this year. Sixteen Kiplings served. Details of the service of the ten whose records are available (those known to be dead or born over one hundred years ago) have been summarised in a note "Kiplings in the Durham Home Guard" with a simple list of the others.

The first to join up, in June 1940, was coal miner Robert Kipling (1897-1983) of the Bolam family group.

LEASINGTHORNE COLLIERY

Army Form W.3066

To be prepared in original only and retained by the Company Commander.

FORM OF ENROLMENT IN THE LOCAL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS.

Name KIPLING Christian Names ROBERT

Surname First in BLOCK CAPITALS

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

What is your name ? 1. Robert Kipling

What is the date and year of your birth ? 2. 7/9/97

What is your address ? 3. 14 Stone Cross Leasingthorne

(a) Are you a British subject ? 4. (a) Yes

(b) Nationality of parents at birth ? (b) Father British

(c) Name, address and relationship of next of kin. Mother "

(c) Wife Angus

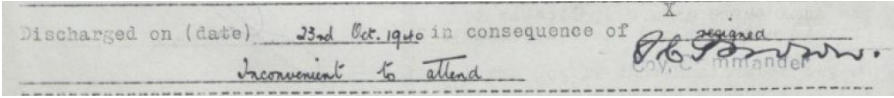
DECLARATION.

I, Robert Kipling do solemnly declare that the answers made by me for the foregoing questions are true and I hereby agree to serve in the Local Defence Volunteers.

Date 18/6/40 Signature of Applicant R. Kipling

Signature of enrolling authority D. B. Porden

He did not remain in service long however, leaving for what might seem a somewhat feeble reason.



However, his younger brother George (1902-86) served right through the war, being promoted to corporal and earning the Defence Medal for his services.

A form titled "APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF CAMPAIGN STARS AND MEDALS, Ex-Army Personnel". It contains handwritten details for George Kipling: Number 954, Christian name GEORGE, Surname KIPLING, Rank Cpl., Last Regiment 12 Battalion DLI H.G., Address 12 Darlington Ave, Horden, Co. Durham. A red stamp says "MEDAL ISSUED DATE 12 JAN 1949".

Of the sixteen, Robert was the eldest at 43 and many joined at 17 or 18. So for those readers familiar with the British TV comedy series *Dad's Army*, the Kiplings provided the Durham Private Pikes rather than the Corporal Joneses. And no Captain Mainwarings either!

The Keplins of Turtle Mountain

Continuing the series of notes following the Canadian and US descendants of John Kipling of the eighteenth-century Hudson's Bay Company, I have now covered the line of Gilbert and Joseph Kipling (or Kiplin), whose current descendents use the name Keplin and live in the Turtle Mountain region of North Dakota.

Gilbert had five sons, none of whom as far as I can discover had any surviving children. In 1918, his four surviving sons were living on the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota, being described as of the Chippewa tribe. Michael died later the same year.

Michael Kiplin	1894	M
Joseph Kiplin	1890	M
Antoine Kiplin	1886	M
John B. Kiplin	1884	M

White Earth 1918/19



Mahonmen, Minnesota

The three other brothers appear to have died by 1937.

Joseph had remained in Turtle Mountain, ND and had four sons: Alex, Joseph, John Baptiste and Alfred ('Fred').

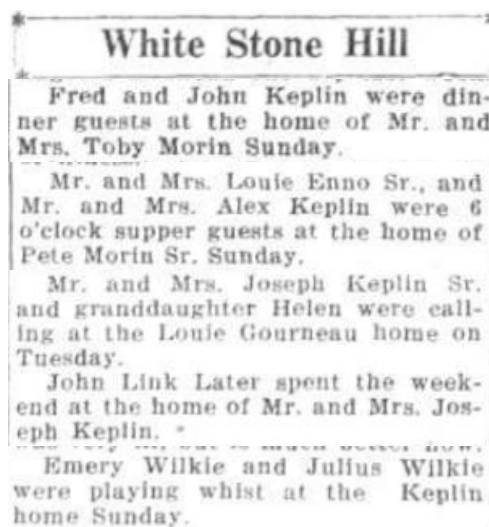


Alex Keplin, about 1902.



Mrs. Alex Keplin (Beatrice Morin) with Margaret, about 1906.

A local newspaper reports the family's social activities:



Turtle Mountain Star, Rolla, ND. 26 March 1931

All four sons were still alive at the time of the 1940 census, three with sons of their own, all in Belcourt, ND. Alex's wife, Beatrice, died in 1961 and Alex in 1969. Both are buried at St Anthony's cemetery, Belcourt.



The full story of the family can be read at <http://kipling.one-name.net/The%20Keplins%20of%20Turtle%20Mountain.pdf>

One of Joseph senior's great-grandsons, Michael, investigated and recorded the genealogy of the family of the original HBC John. His work has been of much help in compiling my notes on this family group.

THE KIPLING DNA PROJECT



Unexpectedly, a perfect 67-marker match to the 'Captain Robert' I-M235 Kiplings materialised on FTDNA in May. This is a closer match than to any of the other I-M235 Kiplings, yet comes from a man named Jones.

Jones's ancestry cannot unfortunately be traced back with any reliability beyond the late 19th century, to a grandfather born in South Africa by the name of George Thomas Kiplin(g) Jones (1892-1965).

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of S. James, Umtata, in the Diocese of S. John's, Kaffraria, in the year One thousand eight hundred and <i>ninety two</i>							
Date of Baptism.	Date of Birth.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Names.		Abode.	Sponsors.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
			Christian.	Surname.			
18 <i>92</i> <i>July 10</i>	<i>June 10</i> <i>1892</i>	<i>George Thomas Kipling</i>	<i>Henry</i> <i>Gertrude</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Umtata</i>	<i>Henry Jones</i> <i>Walter</i> <i>Edmond Taylor</i> <i>Martha Sophia</i> <i>Engelhardt Jones</i> <i>Hawkes</i>	<i>F. W. Linton</i>
No. 84							

DEATH NOTICE

Pursuant to the Provisions Contained in "The Administration of Estates Act, 1913."

- Name of the deceased GEORGE THOMAS KIPLIN JONES
(born 10th June, 1892) (Identity No. 034825469 W)
- Birthplace and nationality of the deceased Umtata - South Africa
- Names and Addresses of the Parents of the deceased

Father	<u>HENRY JONES</u>
	<u>DECEASED</u>
Mother	<u>GERTRUDA JACOBA JONES</u>
	<u>(BORN KRIEL) Deceased</u>
- Age of the deceased 73 years 2 months.
- Occupation in life of the deceased, or, if a woman, of her husband Retired Storeman
- Ordinary place of residence of the deceased, or, if a woman, of her husband 118 Fleet Street, East London
- Married or unmarried, widower or widow Married
(a) Name of surviving spouse (if any), and whether married in community of property or not Maria Elizabeth Jones (born Hechter) married in community

He had a brother William Kiplin(g) Jones (1894 - 1955).

18 <i>94</i> <i>April</i> <i>29th</i>	<i>1894</i> <i>April</i> <i>1st</i>	<i>William Kipling</i>	<i>Henry</i> <i>Gertrude</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Umtata</i>	<i>Paul Sachse</i> <i>Parents</i>	<i>P. H. Hechter</i>
No. 110							

27810-1902-3-8-400.

REGISTER OF ESTATES, WILLS AND BONDS.					
No.	DATE OF		FULL NAME OF DECLARED.		Surviving Spouse.
	Registration.	Death.	Surname.	Christian Name.	
3112.		26.55	Jones.	William Kipling	See an

All we know of Henry Jones's father is that Henry stated on his marriage certificate that he was William Jones, a doctor of medicine. Had it not been for the DNA result, one might simply have concluded that Henry Jones was a fan of that recently-emerged literary sensation, Rudyard, although giving the name to two children might seem to be somewhat excessive. That might, of course, nevertheless be the case and the DNA match is a pure coincidence. How might Henry have known he was a Kipling? There are several possibilities: he might have been adopted and told at some point his biological father's name, or his mother might have been the widow or ex-partner of a Kipling and William Jones was her second husband, or his mother might even have had an affair with a Kipling and later admitted this to Henry.

He might even have been a Kipling all along who adopted the name Henry Jones as a pseudonym for some purpose (and lied on his marriage certificate about his father), but was happy by 1892 to signal his real name via his children. I have not identified any likely 'missing' Kiplings of the 'Captain Robert' family group, however.

The mystery may simply never be solved!

A Kipling military funeral

Trooper Ernest Alexander Kipling of the Life Guards was the son of artist and teacher Frank Kipling of Largs, of the **Barningham** family group. See <http://kipling.one-name.net/The%20Kipling%20Darlington%20Carpet%20Manufacturers.pdf>

One day in 1932, he was found dead at Knightsbridge Barracks, having apparently jumped from a roof. The coroner's verdict was suicide whilst of unsound mind, although no underlying motive was publically identified. He was nevertheless given a military funeral as the picture below shows.



Sunday Mirror - Sunday 27 November 1932

A wartime meeting

THE Tyneside accent heard in Kenya Colony was a clue which enabled two North Shields people to have a happy talk about their home town. They are Pte. William Kipling, 27-year-old son of Mr and Mrs Harry Kipling, of 35 Bamborough Terrace, North Shields, who is serving with the Royal Corps of Signals, and Mrs Ella A. Sykes, formerly Miss Taylor, who before marriage in 1916 lived at Angyle Terrace, Preston Village, where her mother still lives.

The story of the meeting is told in a letter dated September 7, to Mrs Kipling, from Mrs Sykes, and extracts from it are as follows: "Last Friday an army truck arrived here just as we finished tea and out got two soldiers. One lad did the talking and I gather their officer had told them to come along to us if they wanted eggs, etc.

"I liked the look of the other young man so got talking to him. His voice had a familiar sound to me, so eventually I said, 'From what part of the world do you come?' when he said 'Northumberland' I smiled, but when he continued and said 'North Shields, I was born in Preston.' I nearly threw my arms around him. I expect I knew you in Preston."

Looking Fit

THE letter continues: "It was a joy to go around Shields with Bill and recall all the people we both knew. Your son is looking very fit indeed. Bill and his pal came down and spent the day with us on Sunday. They are quite near to us so we hope to see a good deal of him. I thought you would like to hear from me that Bill has found a home in Kenya, and to hear that he looks so fit and flourishing.



PRIVATE W. KIPLING

"I cannot tell you what a pleasure it was to meet your son. We North-country folk are so clannish aren't we? The war news is very wonderful now, and it seems quite possible that the end of the war is drawing near and you will have your boy back home again."

The letter then touched a sad note, for Mrs Sykes disclosed that she had lost her daughter in May. She died in Ceylon, where she was on active service, and had not had leave for two years.

Pte. Kipling was educated at Christ Church School and was employed as an electrician before joining the Army

Shields Daily News - Wednesday 27 September 1944

William was of the **Notts3** family group and his father Harry featured in Newsletter #17.

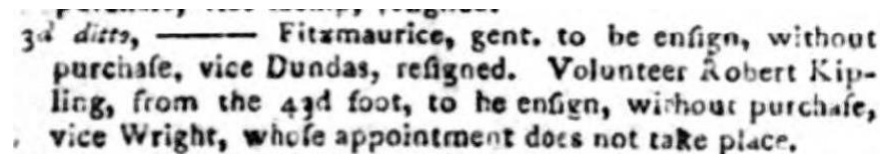
Website Update

Durham Records Online have recently added transcriptions of Barnard Castle baptism, marriages and burials. This has enabled me to confirm and update the rather tangled tale of the Kipling families in this suddenly very topical town <http://kipling.one-name.net/the%20Kiplings%20of%20Barnard%20Castle.pdf>.

Minor updates have also been made to many other notes.

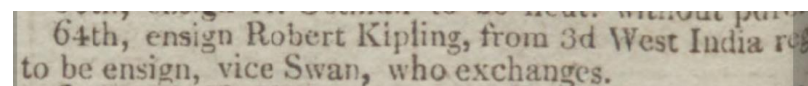
Lieut. Robert Kipling of the 1st West Indies Regiment

In 1800, it was reported that Volunteer Robert Kipling of the 43rd Regiment of Foot was appointed Ensign in the 3rd West India regiment



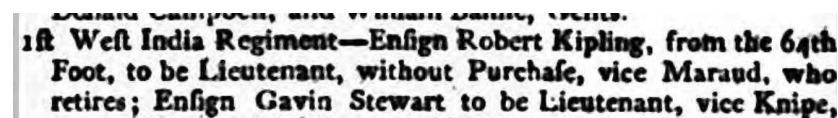
Kentish Weekly Post or Canterbury Journal - Tuesday 25 February 1800

Later the same year he exchanged to the 64th Regiment of Foot.



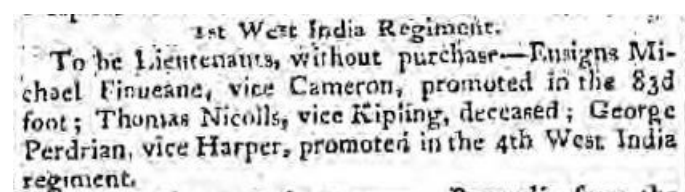
Kentish Gazette - Tuesday 25 November 1800

In 1803, he took up a lieutenancy in the 1st West India Regiment.



Star (London) - Monday 12 September 1803

In 1806 he died.



Caledonian Mercury - Monday 07 July 1806

It is not certain who this Robert was. However, it is possible that he was a son of Captain Robert Kipling of the 43rd Foot, after whom one of the family group is named. See 'The Kiplings of Barnard Castle' <http://kipling.one-name.net/the%20Kiplings%20of%20Barnard%20Castle.pdf>

Robert had a son, Robert, baptised at Deal in Kent in 1785, where he must have been stationed.

Robert son of Robert and Sarah Kipling / as soldier's child.

Deal parish baptisms. April 1785

It is possible that he later joined his father in the West Indies as a volunteer in the 43rd. He would only have been 14 in 1799/1800 when he became an Ensign, which seems very young, although commissions as young as 13 were known. His father by this time was a lieutenant in the 43rd so may have been able to have his son appointed as a volunteer in that regiment as a first step to a commission when an opportunity arose. The regiments in the West Indies were suffering heavy losses from disease, so commissions that did not have to be purchased came along quite frequently.

A further piece of circumstantial evidence is that Captain Robert named his youngest son, born back in Barnard Castle only a few months after Lieut. Robert's death, Robert, something he would not have done if his first son Robert had still been alive.

Alexander and Nadezda Kipling

There is a memorial to the above-named couple in Teddington cemetery in London. But who were they ... and why is there an inscription in Cyrillic script?



Find a Grave Memorial 200132934. Created by Beckajt.

Well, in the electoral roll of the year before Alexander's death, the couple was to be found at 115 Teddington Park Road.

49	4483	Kipling, Alexander J.	115
49	4484	Kipling, Nadine - J	115

Teddington Park Rd. 1948

And in 1939, they were living in the same road, but under the name Kaplan, not Kipling. There were people living with them born after 1919, so probably their children

NR230 BUA	22.12.47	1	KIPLING X	Kipling, Alexander J.	M	12.11.1919	93 M	X Aleksandra
100	20.12.47	222	KIPLING	Kipling, Nadine	F	10.11.1921	96 M	Tay
NR230 BUA	NR230 BUA	2	Kaplan	Kaplan, Nadine	F	10.11.1921	96 M	Unpaid domestic duties

1939. 100 Teddington Park Road

Searching for those names finds a passenger list for a May 1946 voyage on the Cunard liner *Drottingholm* from Liverpool to New York. Alexander is shown as being stateless, having been born in Riga in Latvia, then part of Russia. Travelling with him is a daughter, Nina, born in 1920 or 21, also in Riga.

3		4	5	6	7	8			9	10	11	
NAME IN FULL		Age		Sex	Calling or occupation	Able to—			Nationality (Country of which citizen or subject)	† Race or people	Place of birth	
Family name	Given name	Yrs.	Mos.			Read	Read what language (or if exception, state)	Write			Country	City or town, State, Province or District
KAPLAN	ALEXANDER	53		M	MANUFACTURER	YES	ENGLISH	YES	STATE LESS	RUSSIAN	RUSSIA	RIGA
KAPLAN	NINA	25		F	ARTIST	YES	ENGLISH	YES	STATE LESS	RUSSIAN	RUSSIA	RIGA

A further record of the same journey confirms their address.

KAPLAN, Alexander	53	115 Teddington Park Rd. Teddington
Nina	25	-do- Artist

He made several further trips to the USA by ship and aeroplane, sometimes accompanied by his wife. She gives her birthplace as Moscow. One visit at least was described as being for 'business and pleasure'. Other information gleaned is that Alexander has a son-in-law R E Wieland whose address was the National Archives, New York, that his nationality is Lithuanian, that he is travelling on a British identity document issued in 1937, that another daughter, Helena Lunghi/Seddon lives in Teddington and that Alexander's work address is Park Road Works, Hampton Hill, Middlesex.

Helena Kaplan had married Hugh Lunghi in the Staines, Middlesex registration district in 1942 and a Ronald Seddon in 1946. Margarita Kaplan married a Robert E Wieland there in 1945. Hugh Lunghi (1920-2014) had been Churchill's interpreter at Teheran, Yalta, and Potsdam and was the first British soldier to enter Hitler's bunker. He and Helena divorced.

Other references to this factory occurred from 1934 in the *London Gazette* bankruptcy section. Full recovery from bankruptcy was not achieved until after the war.

KAPLAN, Alexander Joseph (described in the Receiving Order as **Alexander J. Kaplan**), of Park Road Works, Hampton Hill, in the county of Middlesex. **MANUFACTURER.**
Court—KINGSTON (Surrey).
No. of Matter—18 of 1934.
Date of First Meeting—Aug. 9, 1934.
11.30 a.m.
Place—29, Russell Square, W.C.1.
Date of Public Examination—Oct. 9, 1934.
2 p.m.
Place—The Town Hall, Market Place, Kingston, Surrey.

Alexander also flew out in August 1948, under the name of Kipling

KIPLING, ALEXANDER 192-38989												
115 Teddington Park Rd. Teddington	55	M	V 729295	British								Managing Director
Middlesex, England												

The following item in the *London Gazette* confirms the change of name earlier that year.

NOTICE is hereby given that by a deed poll dated the 16th day of December, 1947 and duly enrolled in the Supreme Court of Judicature on the 12th day of February 1948 ALEXANDER JOHN KIPLING of 115 Teddington Park Road, Teddington, in the county of Middlesex Company Director a naturalised British subject renounced and abandoned the name of Alexander Joseph Kaplan and adopted the name of Alexander John Kipling.—Dated this 16th day of February 1948.

GARBER, SELBY and CO., 16, Soho Square,
London, W 1, Solicitors for the said Alexander
(023) John Kipling.

Sadly, he did not live much longer to enjoy his new name. But, as the Cyrillic epitaph says, 'Lord, Thy will be done'.