

## THE KIPLING FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER #23

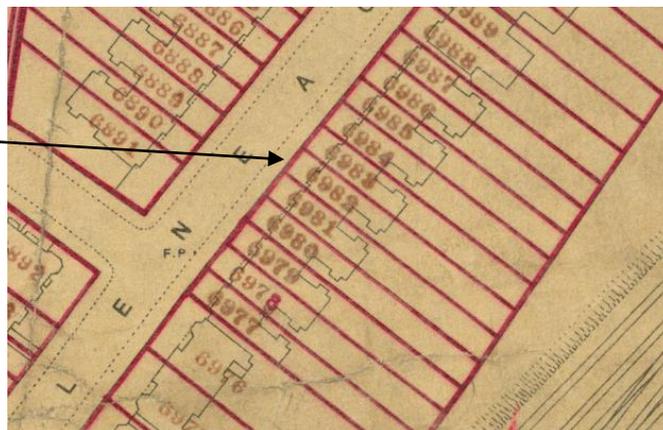
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In this edition: the earliest Kipling reference yet, the houses our families lived in 1910, RAF operations in 1941, further Canadian Kiplings and more. Best wishes to all for a better 2021.

### The 1910 'Lloyd George' survey

The family history website *The Genealogist* has been gradually publishing extracts from the 1910 national property valuation ('the Lloyd George survey'). So far, only certain parts of London have been included, but this already includes a number of Kipling owners and tenants. For example, Ernest Kipling lived at 71 Gleneagles Road, Streatham. We read that he owned a 99- year lease. From the map we can see that it was a terraced house with a long back garden stretching down to a railway.

6982	Reference No.	Map No.	SIMILAR TO 6978
Situation	71 Gleneagles Rd		
Description	House		
Extent	22 x 145		
Gross Value	{ Land, £ Buildings, £ 40	Rateable Value	{ Land, £ Buildings, £ 34.
Gross Annual Value, Schedule A, £			
Occupier			
Owner	Ernest Kipling 71 Gleneagles Rd		
Interest of Owner	Leasehold 99 yrs.		
Superior interests			
Subordinate interests	Freehold see 6981.		
Occupier's tenancy, Term		from	
How determinable			
Actual (or Estimated) Rent, £	38.	(estd)	





A little more research reveals that the was William Robert Kipling of the Gilling family group ([Gilling 1911 \(kipling.me.uk\)](http://Gilling 1911 (kipling.me.uk))).

**Kipling William Richard, the manuf. 8 Westmorland buildings E C**

1902 Post Office Directory, London

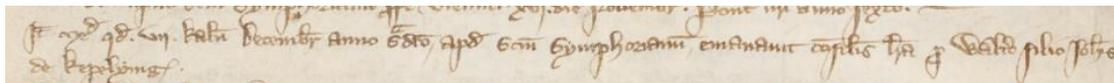
Names of Electors in full, Surname being first.	Place of Abode.	Nature of qualification.	Description of qualifying Property.
Kipling, William Richard	208 Albion road, Clissold park	tenement (joint)	8 Westmoreland buildings

1908 Electors register

In the 1911 census, he is described as a ‘commission agent’, essentially selling goods, possibly imported, and remunerated by commission. A warehouse not far away in Gresham Street had a William Kipling as one of many tenants, and it seems likely that this was also Wiliam Robert.

**Earliest Kipling reference yet**

An order to inquire into the illegitimacy of Walter son of John de Kepelyng was sent to the vicar-general of the Archbishop of York in 1311. The John mentioned probably lived at Kipling near Catterick (now Kipling, the origin of the Kipling name).



Archbishop of York's registers: Register 8 f.295 (recto) entry 3

## Dr Kipling's embarrassment

Dr Thomas Kipling ([The Tippling Dean Kipling](#)) was a Cambridge don in the late 18th century and later Dean of Peterborough. He was not particularly well-liked. Here is a story about him retold many years later.

### Our Literary Cabinet.

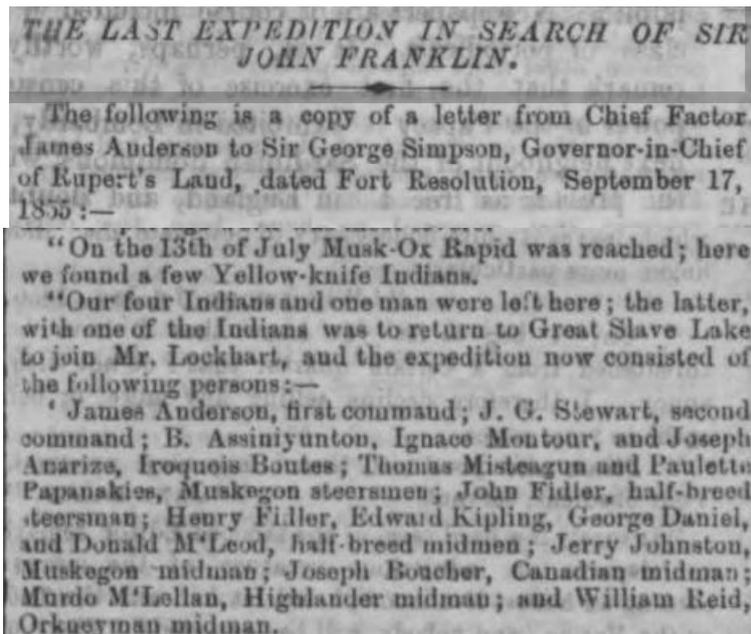
**A DON OF THE UNIVERSITY IN TROUBLE.**—Dr. Kipling, who always preserved an *immeasurable distance* between himself and the undergraduates, was by no means popular among them; indeed, he mixed but little in any society, his time being much engrossed in a voluminous work he was preparing for the press. His principal relaxation was a daily ride to "the hills," which at that time was the most frequented road amongst the members of the University. Returning one day, he picked up an ostrich feather which he saw drop from the hat of a lady, who was proceeding very slowly about fifty yards in advance. On overtaking her, he presented the feather, accompanied by an expression relative to his good fortune in being able to restore it. The lady thanked him for his kindness, and expressed her annoyance that her servant was not in attendance; said she had just left General Adeane's, and had no doubt but her groom was following her; but she feared he might have been induced to partake too freely of the well-known hospitality of the servants'-hall at Babraham. The doctor begged her not to be uneasy, as he should have much pleasure in attending her until the servant appeared. They had not proceeded far before they began to meet parties of young men, who were going out for their morning's ride. From the significant glances that were exchanged between these parties and the lady, Dr. Kipling could not fail to discover he had got into bad company. That he might rid himself of his new acquaintance as quickly as possible, he clapped spurs to his horse, which had been selected with the well-known Yorkshire discernment. The lady, however, was also well mounted, and, applying her whip briskly, kept up with the doctor. When they entered the town, many familiar faces were encountered, who stared in utter amazement; and when passing Llandaff-house the horses were neck and neck. Fortunately for the doctor, his stable was in Emmanuel-lane, and, his horse turning sharply round the corner, his companion proceeded on her way. The name of this person was Jemima Watson; she lived in expensive lodgings, where she was in the habit of receiving some of the most fashionable men in the University. Many a laugh was raised at the expence of the doctor's credulity in becoming so easy a victim to a previously concerted plan.—*Gunning's University of Cambridge.*

*Star of Gwent - Saturday 04 November 1854*

## More Canadian Kiplings

Continuing the story of the 'Hudson's Bay' family group, we come to the descendants of George Kipling and Isabel Landry, who lived in the Red River Settlement, north of what is now Winnipeg in Manitoba.

Of note is Edward Kipling, who was a member of one of a number of expeditions which searched for the remains of Sir John Franklin's failed 1845 attempt to sail the Northwest Passage, which left his ships, *HMS Erebus* and *HMS Terror*, trapped in the ice.

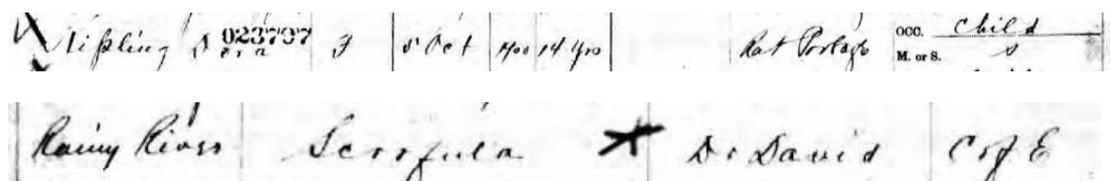


*London Standard, Friday 11 January 1856*

Kipling and his colleagues claimed to have found some remnants of a ship's boat and seen masts jutting out of the sea in the distance, but it was not until 2014 and 2016 that the wrecks were eventually found.

Edward later complained that the medals they had been told they had been awarded had not arrived at the Hudson's Bay depot.

His young grand-daughter Dora unfortunately died of scrofula in 1900 at the interestingly-named town of Rat Portage.



Scrofula, once known as 'the King's evil' and believed to be cured by royal touch, is a swelling of lymph nodes in the neck caused by the tuberculosis bacillus. Rat Portage is now called Kenora. See [Manitoba Part 1.pdf \(kipling.me.uk\)](#) for more details of this family line.

## RAF Operations 1941

Also recently released by *The Genealogist* are RAF flight logs from the Second World War. Here are those of 1941 involving Kipling aircrew.

**Sgt Bernard Kipling** was an observer/navigator in 102 Squadron. The first record of a bombing mission he flew was 1<sup>st</sup> March 1941

Appendix \_\_\_\_\_ R.A.F. Form 541.

### OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK.

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT.

From 18. Mts. 1 / 3 / 41. to 06. 30hrs. 2.3 / 41 / \_\_\_\_\_ By 102 Squadron. No. of pages used for day One.

Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Details of Sortie or Flight.	References.
	12 Aircraft were detailed to attack COLOGNE. Weather: Slight cloud over target, gaps sufficient to pick out target clearly. Opposition: Moderate flak and searchlights.					
Whitley V DY - E	P/O. W.C. McArthur. Sgt. C.A. Hildred. Sgt. B. Kipling. Sgt. W. Swain. Sgt. W.R. Gibson.	As Above.	18.52	0235	Attacked primary target at 10,000 feet. 1 stick. Bursts seen in target area. Bomb fell near large fire already alight.	C. 91. NLG 540.

On the 17<sup>th</sup>, they attacked Bremen

	5 Aircraft were detailed to attack BREMEN. Weather: Clear with slight ground haze. Opposition: Moderate flak and searchlights.					
Whitley V DI - G	P/O. W.C. McArthur. P/O. F.H. J. Ashley. Sgt. B. Kipling. Sgt. W.S. Curwen. Sgt. W. Swain.	As Above	23.45	07.05	Attacked primary target at 15,000 feet. 1 stick. No bursts seen but incendiaries fell in target area.	C. 96. III. 986.

Bernard then transferred to 51 Squadron, attacking Kiel on 4<sup>th</sup> April and again on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

T 4323	P/O Myers SGT Francis SGT Kipling SGT Jackson SGT Selby	Bombing	0145	0414	STY. 262. Bombed KIEL at 0145 hours from 18000 feet, with 2 500lbs and 4 250 lbs bombs, and 2 containers incendiaries. Explosions were observed in the target area. There was slight opposition encountered from ground searchlights. A photograph was taken of bomb bursts. The A/C returned to base.	
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They attacked Cologne on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and Bremen on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Bernard's final mission on the following day will be described in the next edition.

**Sgt Matthew George Kipling** was an air gunner in 35 Squadron, flying the Halifax. His first recorded mission was from Linton-on-Ouse in Yorkshire to attack Cologne.

RAID CARRIED OUT ON NIGHT		11/12th	DEC.		
(G) R.9367	S/Ldr S.A. Middleton P/O R.A.F. Frew Sgt. Williams Sgt. Orton Sgt. Marlin Sgt. Kipling Sgt. Gregson.	" "	1711	0004	Took off from LINTON FOR COLOGNE at time stated. Attacked believed primary area at 2014 hrs from 16,000ft level. Bomb flashes seen through cloud. Starboard outer engine hit by flak over believed target area at 16,000 ft. 8/9 10ths cloud. Pops between 4-6000 ft. Very dark. Landed safely at base at time stated.



His only other recorded mission, on 30<sup>th</sup> December, was his last. This will also be described in the next newsletter.

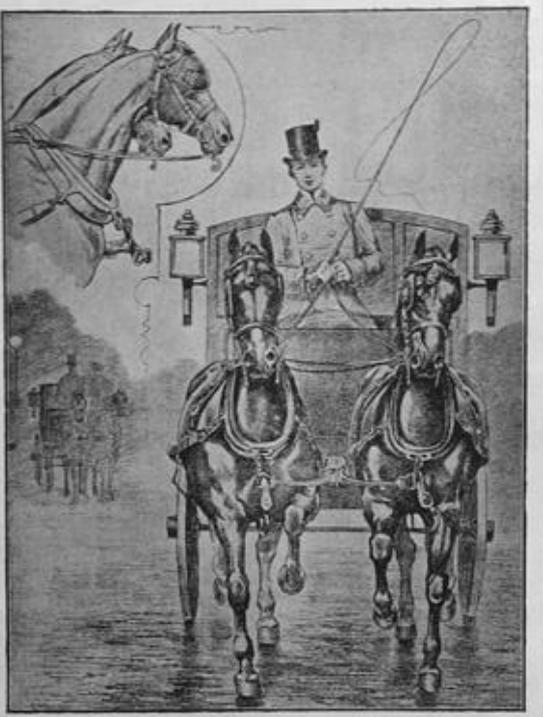
Although he was not yet in the force in 1941, here is a picture (left) of my father, **Sgt Robert Kipling** (1924-2020), to give some idea of what an WW2 RAF sergeant would have looked like. The 'S-wing' denoted a signaller (i.e., wireless/radar operator), a badge which was only introduced in 1944.

Up the pole!

This is a newly-spotted, rather grand advert for a device previously noted in [Kipling Patents](#).

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## Website update

Outline family trees have been added to the 'Cragg 1911' and 'Arkengarthdale 1911' notes in response to enquiries from people with ancestors in those family groups. As usual, some minor updates have also been made to several other notes.

## ...and finally

*'AND FINALLY, THE GENIUS OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS must be recognized, for informing newspaper readers of the following odd circumstance in Sunderland, England. The wedding of Miss Janet Parkin and Mr. Stanley Kipling was abruptly cancelled when the bride-to-be discovered that the groom kept a three-foot-high locomotive model in his bedroom. Apparently, this was the only place in the house where he could keep it. Mr. Kipling pleaded, "It's my only hobby and I want to go on tinkering with it". Miss Parkin retorted, "I will never take second place to a locomotive!" Readers should note one other irrelevant fact: the groom was a young 62 and the bride-to-be, a widow, was a sprightly 66.'*

Canadian Rail. March 1968