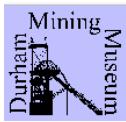


THE KIPLING FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER #26

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Kiplings in the recently published 1921 census, coal mining Kiplings, the firm of Kipling and Taylor and some more random press cuttings.

Coal Mining Kiplings



There is a useful database of coal mining records at the Durham Mining Museum which can be accessed online. The records extend beyond County Durham and quite a few Kiplings can be found in it.

There is an amusing, if not somewhat painful, story from the records of the Durham Miners' Association Compensation Committee Meeting held on May 1st 1916 at Ushaw Moor. Henry Kipling, 16, "driver and putter", was on February 16th 1916 "lifting a tub on the way when he slipped and caught a bolt and knocked a boil off his buttock. He worked until the 25th and then fell off. He started again on March 14th. The manager says Kipling's condition is not the result of an accident. This case was adjourned to give the Lodge a chance of producing medical evidence that Kipling was disabled by an accident." Henry was one of the **Gilling** Kipling family group.

Rather less amusing are the four deaths recorded. Francis Kipling, hurrier, 19, was killed in fall of coal at Aldwarke Main near Rotherham on 7 October 1872. He was from the **Notts** family group.

THE ACCIDENT AT THE ALDWARKE COLLIERY.—J. Webster, Esq., the coroner, held an inquest at Rotherham Infirmary, on Saturday afternoon, over the body of Francis Kipling, aged 19, a trammer employed at the Aldwarke Main Colliery. About half-past ten o'clock on the morning of the 7th instant, whilst at work in the pit, a quantity of coal fell upon him, and inflicted serious injuries to his leg. He was conveyed to the Rotherham Infirmary, where his leg was subsequently amputated, but he had received such a shock to the system that he died on Thursday week. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

Sheffield Independent - Saturday 26 October 1872

Two years later, George Kipling, deputy, 40, was killed in a fall of stone at Railey whilst drawing wood. He was of the **Arkengarthdale** family group.

8 ^o 1/2 October 1874 Railey Well Colliery Evenswood	George Kipling	Male	36 years	Deputy Colliery Overman	Accidental. By a fall of stone in Colliery while drawing a jid Death instantaneous	Information received from Thomas Bean, Deputy Coroner for Darlington Ward Durham. Inquest held Tenth and Thirtieth October, 1874	Third November 1874
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ARKINGARTHDALE.

On Sunday week the remains of the late Mr George Kipling, of Toft Hill, near Bishop Auckland, late of Toft Hill, near Bishop Auckland, who was accidentally killed in a coal pit on the 8th inst. at Bishop Auckland, were interred in the burial ground of St. Mary's Church, Arkingarthdale, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. The friends went to meet the corpse at a distance of two miles from the church to show their respect and sympathetic feeling.

Richmond & Ripon Chronicle - Saturday 24 October 1874

Frank George Kipling, 29, a surface labourer at Denaby Main, also in South Yorkshire, was involved in an accident on 23 September 1907, as the cutting below relates. He was also from the **Notts** family group.

DENABY COLLIERY FATALITY.

Struck by a Piece of Coal.

At the Primitive Methodist Institute, yesterday, Mr. D. Wightman, coroner, held an inquest relative to the death of Frank George Kipling (29), labourer, 5, New Street, Mexborough, which occurred on Friday following injuries he sustained on the 23rd inst. whilst at work as a surfaceman at Denaby Colliery.

His wife gave evidence of identification, and said her husband returned home on the Monday, saying a lump of coal had fallen on his head. Witness saw a wound about an inch and a half long on the back of his head. He complained of pain, and in the afternoon he went to see Dr. Huey, who gave instructions which witness carried out. The doctor did not see him again until the Thursday morning, when deceased was worse. Dr. Dunlop and Dr. Huey subsequently attended him up to his death, which the doctor said was "due to the wound on his head."

Alfred Moore, labourer, who worked with the deceased, said they were working at the coal stack. Deceased was lowering down a truck of coal by the side brake, when a lump of coal, weighing about a stone, fell from the truck, on to his head. He was in a stooping position at the time, holding on to the brake. The coal did not knock deceased down. His head was bleeding, and he left work to have it attended to. In the opinion of witness the coal was shaken off through the waggon meeting another. No one was at fault.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph - Tuesday 01 October 1907

Frank (or Francis) seems to have been a particularly unlucky name for Kipling miners, as another Frank Kipling, aged 39, hewer, was killed by a fall of stone in the Brockwell Seam at Langley Park (in County Durham) on 24 September 1943. He was another of the **Gilling** family group.

Stone killed miner

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned by the Coroner (Mr. Wm. Carr) at the Langley Park inquest yesterday on Frank Kipling (36), of Logan Street, Langley Park, who was killed in Langley Park Colliery on Friday night.

Evidence was given by Wm. Cowley, deputy, that he tested Kipling's working place when he made his first examination and everything appeared to be in order. On his return about 20 minutes later he found Kipling trapped by a large stone. It took about 20 minutes to extricate Kipling who in his (Cowley's) opinion was dead before they got him out.

Medical opinion gave the cause of death as a fracture of the vertebrae.

Newcastle Journal - Tuesday 28 September 1943

Ending on a brighter note, James Kipling was awarded the Edward Medal as detailed in *The London Gazette*.

Whitehall, March 4, 1926.

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal to James Kipling, James Johnston, and Nani Khan, employed by the Mohpani Colliery of the Great Indian Peninsular Railway, in the following circumstances:—

On January 7th, 1925, in the course of operations at the Mohpani Colliery of the Great Indian Peninsular Railway a very heavy fall of roof took place killing one miner instantaneously and completely burying another named Nancoo Maora. On a report of the accident reaching Mr. Kipling, the Under-Manager of the mine, he immediately proceeded to the scene accompanied by Mr. Johnston, the senior European Overseer, and Nani Khan, a native timber drawer. They crawled through the fall of stone and earth and eventually after fifteen minutes' work succeeded in extricating the entombed man.

The rescue party ran a very grave risk as falls of stone were continually taking place. Indeed, within ten minutes of their extricating Nancoo twenty tons of rock fell on the very spot where he had been lying. Mr. Kipling took the leading part in the work of rescue but he could not have accomplished it alone and there is no doubt that it is to his efforts combined with those of Mr. Johnston and Nani Khan that Nancoo owes his life

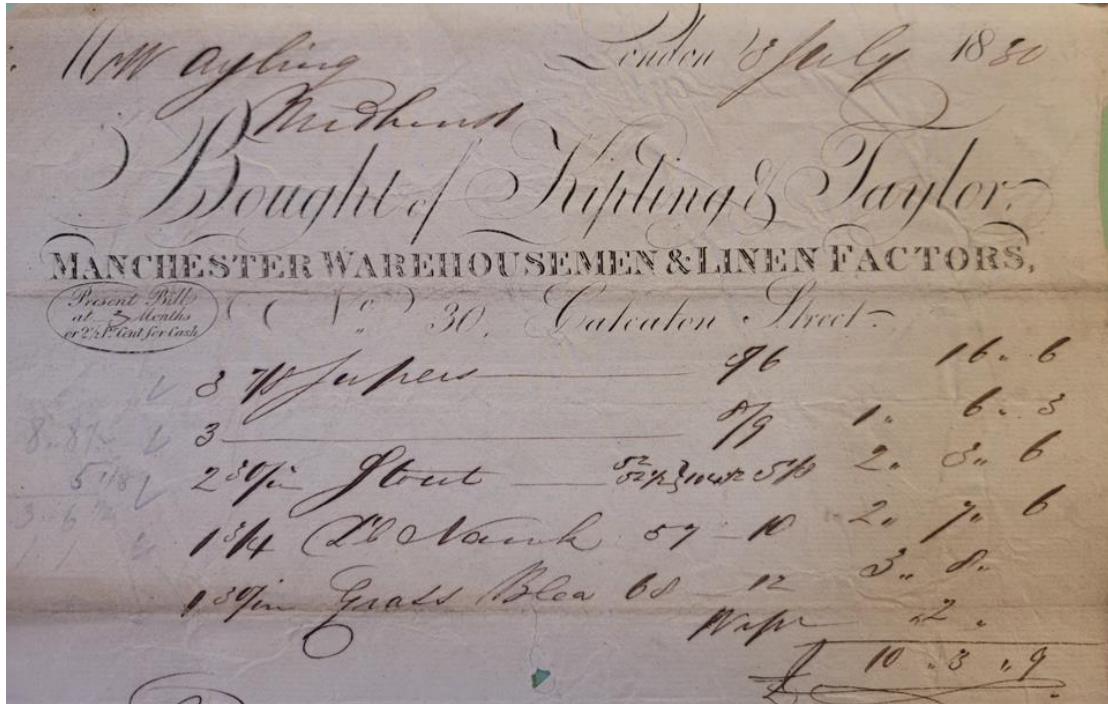
The Edward Medal was awarded for bravery in mining and industry. Living holders of it and of the Albert Medal (for saving life on land and sea) were invited to exchange their medals for the George Cross (Britain's highest award for bravery next to the Victoria Cross) in 1971.



James was of the **Shotton** Kipling family group.

Kipling and Taylor

Robert Kipling was in the 1830s in business with a John Taylor out of premises in Cateaton Street. Here is one of their invoices (of 1830).



Robert was of the **Dean** family group. In 1838, he was one of many hundreds of 'governors' of the St Ann's Society schools, subscribing one guinea annually, as did two other Kiplings, one of whom was related.

THE
Saint Ann's Society Schools,
BRIXTON HILL, SURREY,
 AND
ALDERSGATE, LONDON,
 FOR
 EDUCATING, CLOTHING, AND WHOLLY PROVIDING
 FOR
 THE CHILDREN OF PARENTS WHO HAVE
 SEEN BETTER DAYS.

Kipling, Moses, Esq. 155, Upper Thames street
 Kipling, Robert, Esq. 30, Cateaton street
 Kipling, Mrs. William, 47, Cheapside

In 1842, the partnership was dissolved.

THE Partnership heretofore existing between Robert Kipling and John Taylor, of Wood-street, in the city of London, Warehousemen, under the firm of Kipling and Taylor, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts will be received and paid by the said Robert Kipling: As witness their hands the 22d day of June 1842.
 Robert Kipling.
 John Taylor.

The London Gazette, 28 June 1842

In 1843, he was admitted to Bethlehem Hospital ('Bedlam') because of alcoholism brought on by business failures. He had been made bankrupt the previous year. After his release, he survived an attack by his own son

LAMBETH.

A HOPEFUL SON.—William Kipling, a youth of nineteen, who, judging from his appearance, has a strong predilection to "gentiam," was charged before Mr. Norton, at Lambeth police-court, with violently assaulting his father, Mr. Robert Kipling, and striking him with a poker. Police-constable Henry Johnson said, that at eight o'clock on the night before the prisoner was given into his custody by his father for violently assaulting him with a poker. Mr. Kipling attended at the station-house, and signed the charge-sheet, but he was not now in attendance. The prisoner, with much nonchalance, said his father was eternally grumbling at him about one thing or the other, and on the evening before he commenced his abuse, and, before he was aware of it, took the kettle off the fire, and struck him on the head with it. On recovering from the effects of the blow, he did, he would own, strike his father five or six times. The constable said the father was bleeding profusely from the mouth when he gave the prisoner into custody. The prisoner admitted that such was the case, but said he should not have struck him had he not been guilty of the first assault. He then called the servant, who, on her oath, said that Mr. Kipling, sen., had first commenced abusing his son, merely because he found him admiring himself in the glass, a habit that "Master William" was much addicted to. Mrs. Kipling here said that her husband had unfortunately lost £40,000 in business as a Manchester warehouseman, and this soured his temper a good deal. Mr. Norton observed that whatever might have been the temper of the father, it was a most disgraceful act on the part of the son to strike him; however, as his father did not think proper to attend, he should discharge the prisoner this time, but he hoped he would not repeat the offence.

The Era - Sunday 26 March 1848

His full story can be read in [Stockings](#).

1921 England and Wales Census

On 6 January, the 1921 of England and Wales was released. Limited information is searchable from home for free and it costs over £3 to see the image of a single household entry. This will doubtless change with time, but for now I have limited my inspection to a few examples. Here are my own paternal grandparents for example.

This space to be filled up by the Enumerator.

Registration District.	Registration Sub-District.	Enumeration District.
188	10	4
Name of person responsible for making the return. <i>Mr. J. Spencer Kipling</i>		
Postal Address <i>89, Dyer's Lane Rd., Lytton, E 11</i>		

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		years, months.				
1	<i>JOHN SPENCER Kipling</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>26 9</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Durham</i>
2	<i>DAISY ROSINA Kipling</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>31 4</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Gloucestershire</i>

Bank's Clerk 9/29/16 Home Duties	Lloyds Bank Ltd 184	4438-16 Colonial Foreign Exp Lloyds Bank Ltd 17 Lomb St.
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To be filled up by the Enumerator.			
Males.	Females.	Persons.	Rooms.
1	1	2	3

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *[Signature]*
 (Head of Household, Manager of Establishment or other person responsible for making the return.)

And here is Rudyard Kipling and his family. Rather more rooms you'll notice!

This space to be filled up by the Enumerator.		
Registration District.	Registration Sub-District.	Enumeration District.
73	1	3
Name of person responsible for making the return: <i>Mr. Rudyard Kipling</i>		
Postal Address: <i>Batemans, Buxwash.</i>		

		year.	months.								
1	Rudyard Kipling	Head	55	5	M	Married	London Resident	Bromley	2010	Author	870/5
2	Caroline Kipling	Wife	53	5	F	Married	New York Resident	Wicket	British by marriage	Home - duties	
3	Elsie Kipling	Daughter	25	4	F	Single	Wormwood - Resident	Wicket	British Born	Not occupied for a living	

6	Eleanor Haynes	Servant	47	4	F	Widow	London Hackney			Cook	900/7
7	Ada Thomson	Servant	44	7	F	Single	Surrey Barnes			House-maid	
8	Katherine Burton	Servant	20	1	F	Single	Sussex Buxwash			Parlour-maid	
9	Gene Hutchinson	Servant	18	1	F	Single	Sussex St Leonards			Under-housemaid	
10	Louise Brook	Servant	15	7	F	Single	Sussex Buxwash			Kitchen-maid	

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *Rudyard Kipling*
 (Head of Household, Manager of Establishment or other person responsible for making the return.)

To be filled up by the Enumerator.			
Males.	Females.	Persons.	Rooms.
1	1	2	2

The new data has also helped to place a couple of the 'unallocated' Kiplings in the 1911 census into family groups. One was Mary Elizabeth Kipling, who was living alone at Whitby in 1911. In 1921, she is revealed as the wife of George Robert Kipling, a ship plater, of the **Fishmonger** family group.

Name of person responsible for making the return:	<i>Mr. George Robert Kipling</i>
Postal Address:	<i>No 9, Hunter Street Whitby</i>

George Robert Kipling	Head	Year	Month	Age	Married	Southam Hartlepool
Mary Elizabeth Kipling	Wife	50	2	16	Married	Blackburn W. Ridley Yorkshire
		52	11	F	Married	Yorkshire

Plater (Ship)	Swan & Edgar	Hebburn on Tyne
222/6	20	1850
General Dealer	Own account	At Home
26/10		4/6/10/3

To be filled up by the Enumerator.			
Males.	Females.	Persons.	Rooms.
1	1	2	4.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature George Robert Kipling
 (Head of Household, Manager of Establishment or other person responsible for making the return.)

George gave his employer as Swan & Edgar. This was a well-known London department store. He may have meant Swan Hunter, which built ships at Wallsend across the Tyne from Hebburn. It also appears that he was unemployed at the time, so was he just joking, I wonder?

SOME MORE KIPLING CUTTINGS

GAROTTE ROBBERY.—On Wednesday, John White, a powerful young man, was charged with committing a garotte robbery on Mr. Kipling, an innkeeper. Prosecutor, who was in great pain from the assault, deposed that he was assailed by three men, on Monday night, in Sutton-street, Commercial-road; that one of them placed his arm on witness's throat, and dragged his head back, at the same time compressing his neck in such a manner that he was almost strangled, and utterly unable to speak. His assailant held his head while his companions rifled his pocket. He struggled and kicked out at the thieves as hard as he was able, on which the prisoner struck him a violent blow on the abdomen. He became quite exhausted, and fell on his knees, gasping for breath, when fortunately a policeman came up, and the villains fled. Directly he recovered his senses, he put his hand in his pocket and missed his money. It was safe when he parted from his wife, half an hour before. His throat was injured, and he had been splitting blood at intervals all night. The prisoner was one of the men.—Remanded.

Age - Saturday 18 December 1852

**THE MISSES KIPLING'S SEMINARY
FOR YOUNG LADIES,
Will commence on the 29th of July.
3, Clifton-street, Blackpool.**

Fleetwood Chronicle - Friday 23 July 1858

Sentences imposed at the Quarter Sessions in cases committed for sentence were:—
 Norma Kipling (17), Regent Grove, Harrogate, from Harrogate Borough: breach of probation order—Borstal.

Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer - Saturday 01 July 1950

Harrogate girl's Borstal escape

Two girls escaped last night from the Women's Borstal Institution at East Sutton Park, near Maidstone. A special check is being made by the Kent police on roads leading to the North.

The girls are Norma Kipling (17), of Regent Grove, Harrogate, who has dark brown hair and blue eyes, and June Thomas (18), of Liverpool, who has dark hair and brown eyes.

Both are dressed in navy blue raincoats and navy blue berets.

Bradford Observer - Monday 22 January 1951

SONNETS IN A SIGNAL-BOX —by Kipling

I'm only a poor, uneducated man
Who takes his pen in his right hand;
And 'ere a moment has passed by,
In verse and words before mine eyes
A poem is born.



HE is a big, burly man of striking appearance and one who looks better fitted for the more strenuous tasks in life.

Imagine then my surprise when he said quietly: "I write poetry."

I was a little taken aback. "For a living?" I asked him.

"Oh no," he replied, laughing. "I write for relaxation, for pleasure and to satisfy an insatiable desire to compose verse that I have had since I was a boy."

Talking to Mr. Laurence Joseph Kipling for a few hours in his home at 94, New England Cottages, Lincoln Road, Peterborough, it is difficult to believe that he is a railway signalman and not a man of letters.

His large, black beard and the quill pen which he lay on his writing desk added the final touches to the literary atmosphere which pervaded.

The daily round, the common task,
Is all I need, is all I ask.
Whate'er I do, whate'er I say
I do it in the common way.

Mr. Kipling's father was a railwayman . . . in fact, he comes from a family of railway workers who have 100 years' service between them. He joined the London North Eastern Railway in 1933 and has since served at Chesterfield, Nottingham, Manchester and Grimsby, coming to Peterborough in 1948.

That was as a relief signalman and he was granted a permanent appointment at Crescent Junction in 1951. This, said Mr. Kipling, is one of the busiest boxes north of King's Cross, dealing with all goods and passenger trains that pass through Peterborough.

One hundred years have passed
Since nature's glorious garden was
upset.
And men invaded this thy lovely
vales
To lay the polished hardened rails.

Peterborough Advertiser - Friday 02 December 1955