

1942 WW2 Deaths

Two Kiplings were killed in action 80 years ago this year. Both took place at sea.

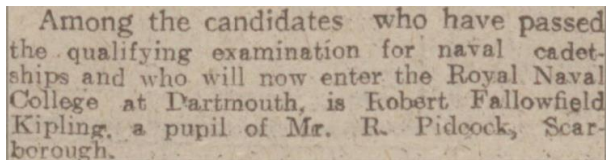
The first, on 31 January, was Lieutenant Robert Fallowfield Kipling, 28. He was on board HMS Culver, a former US Coastguard sloop, which was guarding a transatlantic convoy when it was hit by a torpedo fired by U-105 about 450 miles south-west of Cape Clear, Ireland. It is thought that it detonated one of the magazines, resulting in the loss of 8 officers and 119 sailors. There were only 13 survivors.



KIPLING — Jan. 1942, killed in action. Lieut. ROBERT FALLOWFIELD KIPLING, R.N., much-loved husband of Ursula Maitland Kipling, 23 Cassel Avenue Bournemouth, and eldest son of Mr and Mrs Kipling, of Miller-ground, Windermere

Liverpool Echo - Wednesday 11 February 1942

Robert was the son of Percy Fallowfield and Elizabeth Kipling. At the age of 14, he joined the Royal Navy as a cadet (in 1927).



Among the candidates who have passed the qualifying examination for naval cadetships and who will now enter the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth, is Robert Fallowfield Kipling, a pupil of Mr. R. Pidecock, Scarborough.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph - Wednesday 22 December 1926

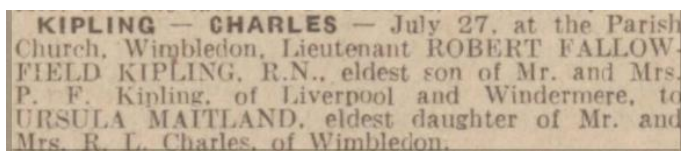
He was promoted Midshipman in 1931, Sub-Lieutenant in 1934 and Lieutenant in 1937. He won a naval history prize in 1938.



NAVAL HISTORY PRIZES
Annual Competition
It is stated in Fleet Orders that the following awards have been made on the result of the annual prize competition in naval history for the year 1937.—
Lieutenant R. J. Hemmingway, H.M.S. Regent, first prize of £50, medal and certificate of merit; Lieutenant R. F. Kipling, H.M.S. Herald, second prize of £30 and certificate of merit; Lieutenant

Portsmouth Evening News - Saturday 12 March 1938

He married in 1940.



KIPLING — CHARLES — July 27, at the Parish Church, Wimbledon, Lieutenant ROBERT FALLOWFIELD KIPLING, R.N., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Kipling, of Liverpool and Windermere, to URSULA MAITLAND, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Charles, of Wimbledon.

Liverpool Daily Post - Tuesday 30 July 1940

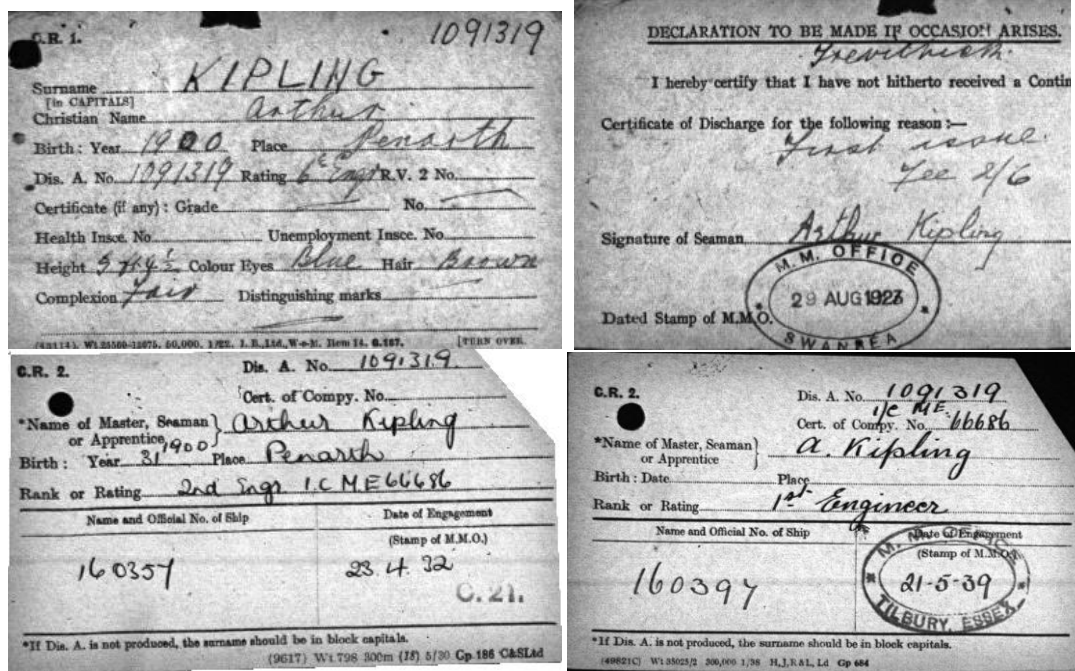
In March 1941, he was reported as wounded or injured.

He is commemorated on the Naval memorial at Portsmouth. Some wooden screens were presented in his memory to St Mary's church, Bowness and Windermere. He was of the **Captain Robert** family group.

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The second, on 7 April, was Chief Engineering Officer Arthur Kipling, 41. He was on board the merchant navy oil tanker *Splendour* when it was torpedoed off the coast of North Carolina by U552 whilst on its way from Houston to join an Atlantic convoy off Nova Scotia. The cargo was 10,000 gallons of petrol, which quickly caught alight. Of the crew, 12 died but 41 escaped in lifeboats.

Arthur was the son of John Arthur and Annie Kipling of Penarth, Glamorgan, and had been at sea as an engineer since at least 1923.



He married Jessie Sims (nee Davies) in 1931. He is commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial (panel 21). He was of the **Notts** family group.

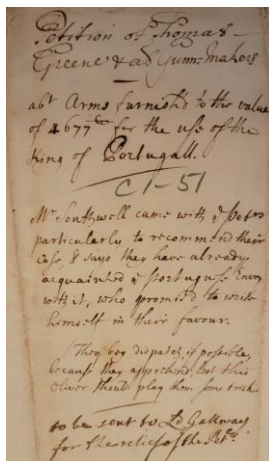
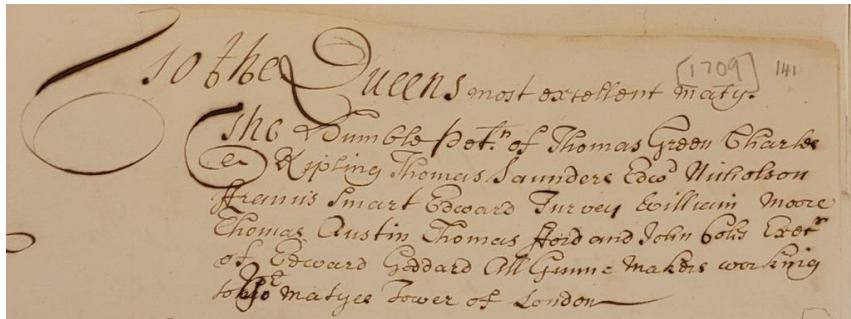
Kipling Cottage

The owners of Low Newhouses in Balderdale, once occupied by the Kipling family group of that name, have converted part of the buildings into a cosy two-bed cottage which can be rented. They have named it 'Kipling Cottage'. For more details, see Kipling Cottage | cottages.com



An appeal from an 18th century gunmaker

In 1709, Charles Kipling was one of the authors of a petition to Queen Anne (British Library AddMS 61620 ff. 141-144b). The petitioners describe themselves as 'Gunne Makers working to Yo[u]r ma[jes]ties Tower of London'.



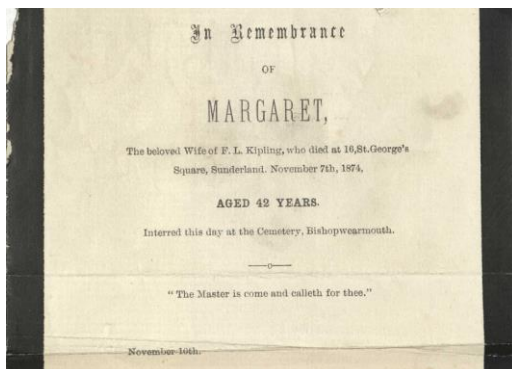
The petition concerned guns they had made for the King of Portugal two years previously and for which they had not been paid. £4,677 being due. They asked that their petition was communicated to the British Ambassador in Portugal, hopefully for him to intervene. Their cause was supported and passed on to the British ambassador in Portugal, the Earl of Galloway.

£4,677 in 1707 was the equivalent of perhaps £12.5m today. So, a sizeable amount for a group of small businessmen to have lost.

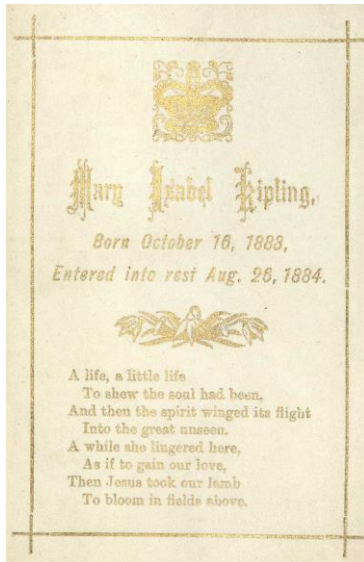
Charles was one of the **Newhouses** Kiplings, several of whom were prominent in business in London in the late 17th, 18th and early 19th centuries (see [Newhouses Kiplings in London](#)). He became master of the Gunmakers' livery company in the same year as the petition.

Memorial Cards

The Society of Genealogists has recently digitised its collection of memorial cards, three of which are for Kiplings. The first is that for Margaret Kipling, the wife of Francis Lawrence Kipling of the **Barningham** family group. Her gravestone is also shown below. See [The Kipling Carpet Manufacturers of Darlington](#).

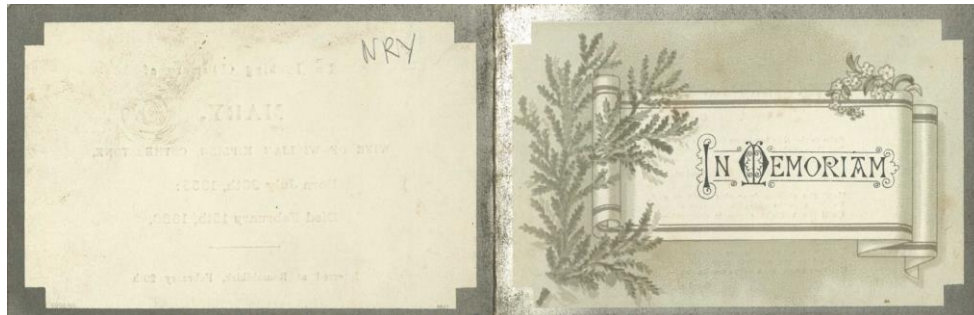
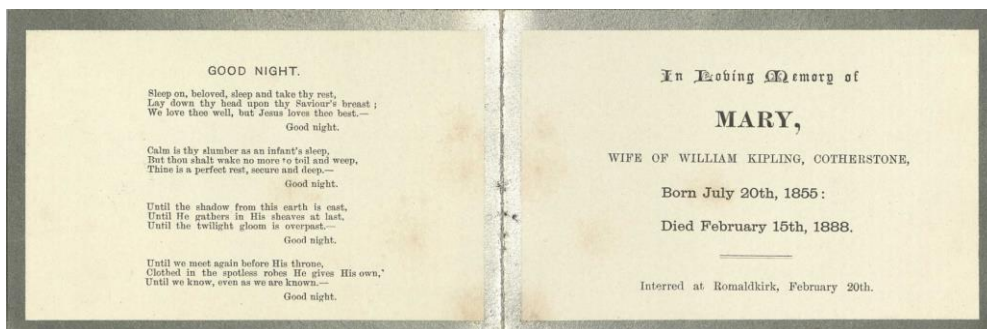


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Mary Isabel Kipling, who died before her first birthday, was the daughter and second child of William Kipling, a grocer of Cotherstone, Teesdale, and his wife Mary. She had been baptised at the Primitive Methodist chapele at Barnard Castle when one month old. Willam was of the **Pitcherhouse** family group. See [1911 Pitcherhouse - Part 2](#)

William also lost his wife less than four year later.



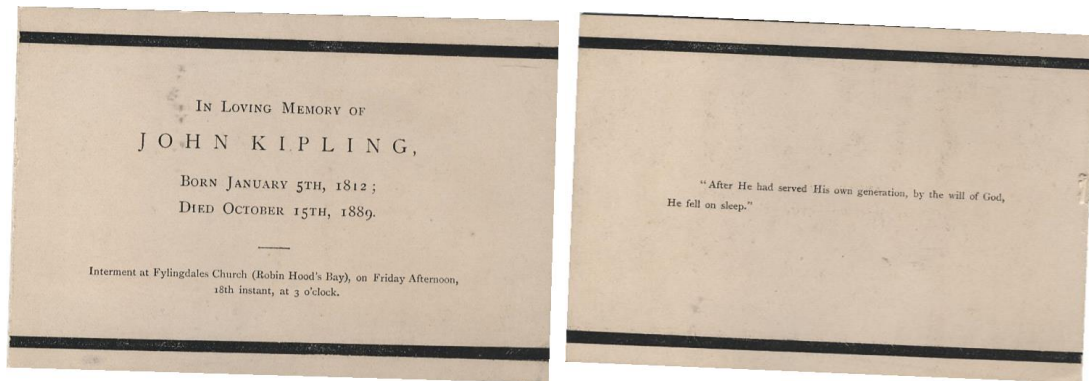
Mother and daughter are buried side by side in the churchyard at Romaldkirk



In loving memory of Mary wife of William KIPLING of Cotherston bn 20 Jul 1855 d 15 Feb 1888

In affectionate remembrance of Mary Isabel the beloved dau of William & Mary KIPLING who d 26 Aug 1884 aged 10mths. [4 line verse]

And here's my great-great-grandfather's own memorial card. He was also one of the the **Barningham Kiplings**.



He was a furniture-maker based in Darlington and some of his work occasionally comes up for auction. Here are a couple of his pieces and their descriptions



A Victorian oak three-tier buffet by John Kipling, Darlington, each tier with a moulded edge on carved end supports, outswept legs and bun feet, bears label, 3ft 7ins

Lot Description

A MID-VICTORIAN MAHOGANY LIBRARY TABLE

BY JOHN KIPLING, THIRD QUARTER 19TH CENTURY

The rectangular top with cut corners and a bolection moulded frieze with four drawers on massive panelled square tapering legs with brass capped castors, bearing a paper label to the underside 'JOHN KIPLING, CABINET MAKER, UPHOLSTERER, & c. BONDGATE, DARLINGTON.' the castors stamped 'LEWTY PATENT', some losses.

29in. (74cm.) high, 70in. (178cm.) wide, 55in. (140cm.) deep

NEWBUS GRANGE, HURWORTH, NEAR DARLINGTON.
Sale of Magnificent Drawing Room, Dining Room, Library, and Lodging Room FURNITURE, in Walnut Wood, Rosewood, and Mahogany; small but choice Cellar of WINES, &c.

The Auctioneer has confidence in calling the attention to the above announcement, as nearly the whole of the Furniture is of recent manufacture and by the most celebrated makers in the North of England, viz., Alcock, of Sunderland, and Kipling, of Darlington.

York Herald - Saturday 25 July 1863

His business ran into difficulties in 1877, and he was bankrupted. Despite a short-lived attempt to revive it, he retired to Robin Hood's Bay where his wife had inherited a cottage.



*“JOHN KIPLING of Grange Road Darlington born January 5th 1812 died November 15th 1889 and his beloved wife MARY born April 21st 1825 died March 15th 1900”
Fylingdales Parish Church, Robin Hood's Bay*

DEATH OF MR JOHN KIPLING, OF DARLINGTON.—Our obituary of to day contains the announcement of the death at an advanced age of one of the “old standards” among the tradesmen of Darlington. Mr John Kipling forty years ago had the name throughout a wide district of being a skillful cabinetmaker, and many scores of apprentices in his own line have acquired skill and reputation from his instruction. Mr Kipling retired some ten or eleven years ago to Robin Hood's Bay, where a married daughter, Mr Meynell, resides. He had attained to within a few days of completing the seventy-eighth year of his age; and his sons continue to carry on their father's craft in the old town. They represent the fourth generation of the trade and firm. Mr Kipling was a cousin of the late Edward Kipling, J.P., of Darlington.

Northern Echo - Wednesday 16 October 1889

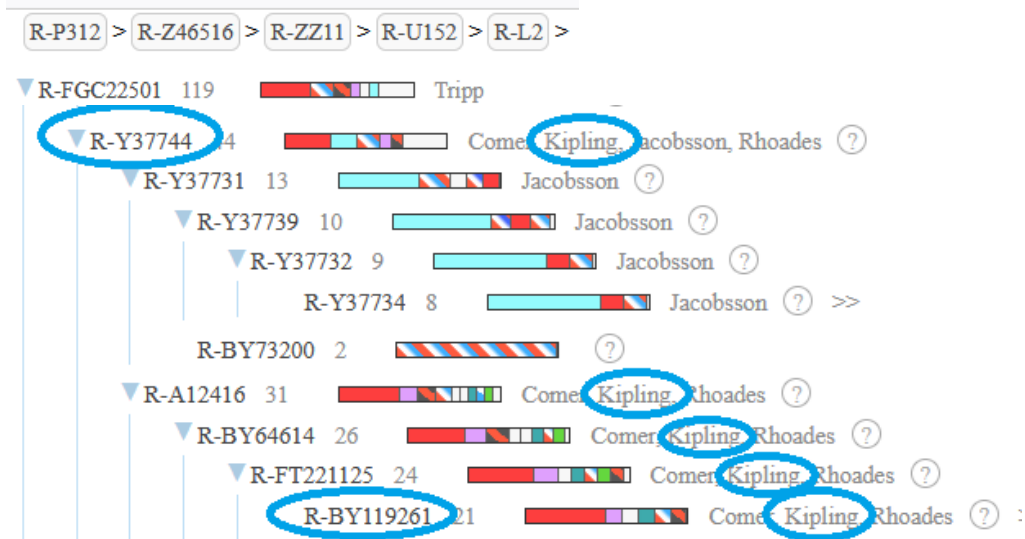
For more details, see [John Kipling - Cabinet Maker](#)

THE KIPLING DNA PROJECT



A test pack has recently been sent to a Kipling of the **Bolam** family group. This 'group' is actually two groups, one of which is thought to be an offshoot of the Staindrop family group. The test will hopefully confirm this, although the origins of the second group will remain unclear. Results in the next edition.

Also, my attention was recently drawn to a DNA test testily posted by someone named Kipling with an R-haplotype SNP mix different to all the other Kiplings so far tested. Unfortunately, it does not seem possible to contact the person who posted the result. For those interested, the details are that all the R-haplotype Kipling's tested so far do not have the SNP R-L2, whereas this individual does and has a terminal SNP of R-BY119261 (along with men named Comer and Rhoades).



The R-L2 SNP is calculated to have happened around 4,400 years ago, so he would be a very distant relative indeed of the other R-haplotype Kiplings

A man by the name of Stutchberry recently tested and found a match to the I-haplotype Kiplings. However, there is no documentary evidence to support a link in recent centuries, so it is likely that he has a common ancestor with the Kiplings only at a time before surnames became fixed. This is just the latest of a number of similar matches with names including Cook and Williams.