

THE KIPLING FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER #28

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The series of '80 years on' reports of Second World War Kipling deaths continues with the first three (of six) Kiplings killed on active service in 1943. Also, Kiplings in the Women's Land Army and the 1921 Scottish census, a 19th century immigrant's letter, an 18th century sailor's will, and a DNA update.

One Hundred Years Ago

DISTURBANCE.—Benjamin Robinson, William Rogers, Frederick Kipling, and William Cooper, all knights of the thimble and shears, were fined, on Monday, 5s. each and costs, for getting drunk and creating a noise in the streets of Ipswich, on Sunday night, or rather monday morning.

Bury and Suffolk Herald - Wednesday 15 March 1843

1943 WW2 Deaths – Part 1

Sergeant Fred Kipling

Sergeant Fred Kipling of the 6th battalion Green Howards died in Tunisia on 25 March 1943. His battalion was part of the 8th British Army which, after the battle of El Alamein, was pursuing the retreating Axis. He died during the assault on the Mareth Line in which his battalion played a part. He is buried in the cemetery at Sfax, on the coast east of the battle site, 270 miles south of Tunis.

He was one of the sons of Joseph and Louisa Kipling of South Church, Durham of the **Stackholm** family group. The personal inscription on his gravestone reads 'In memory of dear Fred who died for our freedom. Loving wife Greta, sons Ronald and Fred.' He was 32. In 1939, his wife and elder son were living in Bishop Auckland. Might Fred already have been in the army? Their other son was not born until the next year.



Sergeant Peter Cyril Phillip Kipling

Peter Cyril Phillip Kipling RAFVR was a Sergeant (air gunner) in 40 Squadron. He was the son of Edgar Charles and Helen Beatrice Kipling of Morden, Surrey, of the **Gilling** family group.



Peter Kipling was killed on 11 April 1943, in North Africa, aged 20. He is buried in the MEDJEZ-EL-BAB WAR CEMETERY in Tunisia, about 60km west of Tunis. The personal inscription reads OUR VERY DEAR PETER EVER IN THE PROUD THOUGHTS OF HIS PARENTS AND FAMILY, on a memorial also commemorating other crew of the same aircraft.

40 Squadron was re-formed as a bomber squadron in 1931 and in the Second World War operated in several theatres: flying Blenheims and Wellingtons from bases in England it bombed targets in France, the Low Countries and Germany; flying Wellingtons from bases in the Middle East it bombed targets in North Africa, Sicily, Sardinia, Rhodes, Crete, Greece, Pantellaria, Lampedusa and Italy. Its badge of a broom was chosen to immortalise the frequent exhortation of Major 'Mick' Mannock, the famous World War I pilot, who served with the squadron, to "sweep the Huns from the air!"

Sergeant Guy Kipling

Sgt Guy Kipling RAFVR, of 90 Squadron, was killed in action over Dusiberg in Germany, an observer (navigator) in a Short Stirling BK804 'WP-J' on the night of 22/23 April 1943. Their aeroplane crashed near the railway station at Duisburg Beek with four of the crew still in it. Three others escaped by parachute but were later discovered and killed. Guy has no known grave and his name is recorded on the Runnymede Memorial. He was the twin brother of Sgt Bernard Kipling (see above), and so also of the **Dean** family group. He had married Peggy Lucas in the months before his death.

90 squadron re-formed in November 1942, as a heavy-bomber squadron equipped with Stirlings, and subsequently made a significant contribution to the Battle of the Ruhr, the devastation of Hamburg and the famous raid on Peenemunde. It also did a great deal of minelaying. The Air Forces Memorial at Runnymede commemorates by name over 20,000 airmen who were lost in the Second World War during operations from bases in the United Kingdom and North and Western Europe, and who have no known graves.



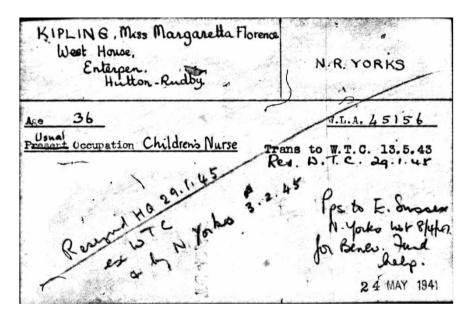
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Kiplings in the Women's Land Army

Set up during the First World War, and revived on the outbreak of the Second, the Women's Land Army provided female farm workers to replace the men who had volunteered or been conscripted into the forces. The records of two Kipling 'land girls' have recently become available.

Margaretta Kipling was born in Middleborough district in early 1904. She was probably the daughter of David and Mabel Kipling of the **Bolam** family group. In 1921, she was a house servant at Norton on Tees. In 1939 she was working as a children's nurse in Doncaster, an occupation which her record card below confirms.



Winifred Baldrey married Jack Kipling in Brentford district in early 1943. Jack drowned later that year whist serving in the Royal Navy (see Newsletter #20, with more to tell in the next newsletter). Jack was of the **Dean** family group.

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Letters from Tasmania to Teesdale

Isobel Evans writes that her great-great grandfather Robert Kipling had a brother Jonathan who emigrated Australia. She has some letter that he sent to his brother in the UK. Jonathan and Robert were of the **Arkengarthdale** family group. Jonathan and his new wife Isabella travelled to Australia in 1853. The first letter, of February 1854, was from Brisbane and tells of the 88-day voyage, of wages and prices, of the exotic types of crops growing (melons, pineapples, etc), of snakes and cockroaches, and of their reactions at meeting the aboriginal inhabitants for the first time ('they go almost naked ... and are most ignorant, the gospel not having reached their hearts'). They end by saying that they expect to be going either to Sydney, or to Tasmania where Isabelle's uncle lives.

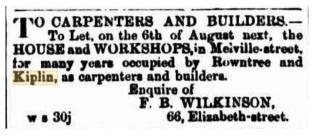
The next letter is dated October 1856, and tells that they have now arrived in Hobart, Tasmania and have a small, rented cottage, although have bought land and plan to build their own home. They comment disparagingly on the former prisoners in the community, although add that emigrants will soon outnumber them.

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The next surviving letter is from 1858. Robert has clearly told them that he has got out of (lead) mining and is becoming a farmer, and Jonathan is pleased, saying that if only he had farming skills he could do even better out here. He also refers to their mother 'in her loneliness' (their father having died in 1856)

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The final letter is from 1865, and sends news that their young daughter (Isabella Sarah, born 1863) is well, and that, although he has moved into smaller premises (see clipping below), his business is still moderately successful. He asks for a family photograph to be sent out.



The Mercury (Hobart, Tas) Saturday 23 July 1864

Robert lived in Middleton in Teesdale, and was a lead miner and farmer. More details on the families can be found at <u>Other Kiplings in Australia</u> and <u>Arkengarthdale 1911</u>

Kiplings in the 1921 Scottish Census

The 1921 Scottish census results have just been released. Three households had Kiplings in them, down from five in 1911. The only family appearing in both censuses was that of Glasgow art teacher Frank and Mary Kipling, of the **Barningham** family group. A second son, Ernest, had been born since 1911 and elder daughter Mary was now a student nurse. Of the other four:

- Annie Kipling of Beith had married in 1914
- Aberdeen fisherman Herbert Kipling was killed in 1918 when his ship hit a mine, and his wife and young daughter returned to Scarborough
- Jane Kipling of Govan may have been missed in the enumeration or transcription, as she died in Govan in the 1950s
- I have been unable to trace Mary Kipling of Annan

Newly arrived in Govan was James Mark Kipling of the **Melsonby** family group, following the same trade as in 1911 (a cycle liner painted lines on bicycles).

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Finally, Private William Kipling, 25, of the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), born in Cotherstone, was living at Hamilton barracks. He was probably William Nesbitt Kipling of the **Pitcherhouse** family group, who had been living with his father in Barnard Castle 1911.

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Will of William Kipling of HMS Newcastle

It was the practice for Royal navy sailors to make a will before sailing to make clear to whom any of their possessions or pay should go should they die in service. A standard form was available, and was used by William Kipling in 1740. William may have actually been ill, for someone of that name was buried a month later at St Thomas, Portsmouth.

the Name of God Amen Sille odow Carthe - being in Bodily health and of Sound and dipofing Mind and memory and confidering the Perrils & Dangers of y Seas and other uncertaintys of this Transitory Life (Doe for avoiding controverfies after my decease) make publish and declare this my Last Will and Testament in manner following (That is to say) First I recomend my Soul to God that gave it and my Body I commit to the Earth or Jea as it shall please God to Order and as for and concerning all my Worldly State I Give Bequeath and Difpose the reof as followeth That is to Say all eng Pay -Wages Summ and Summs of Money Lands Tenements Goods Chattels and Estate whatfoever as shall be any ways due owing or belonging un to me at the time of my Decease I doe Give Devise and bequeath the same unto my Bober & Brother Softward Richnig I to low in the forming of Southlow 180 H-And I doe hereby Nominate and appoint the soir Jochne Johniz Executor_of this my Last Will and Testament hereby Re vokeing all former and other Wills Testaments and Deeds of Gife by me at any time hereto fore made and I doe ordain and Ratify these prefents to Stand and be for and as my Only Laft Will & Tefament In Wittnes Whereof to this my said Will I have set my hand & Seat the Instanth Day of prill in gran of our for 1740 and in the This bon the Year of the Reign of his Majely King George to Joron & over Great Britain &. William Signed Sealed Published and Declared in y prefence of al

William was the brother of Joshua Kipling, bell-founder of Portsmouth (and originally York). See <u>Joshua Kipling- brazier</u>.

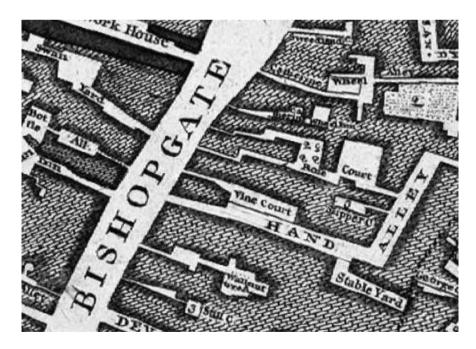
The pre-nup. of Letitia Kipling

In 1737, Letitia the daughter of London draper John Kipling married a John Clark. See <u>Newhouses Kiplings in London</u>. Before their marriage, an agreement was made whereby her father would pay £200 to Clark, and Clark's father, also John, would cease his trade as a (wood) turner and pass the business, including £500 of equipment and stock and the lease of two houses, warehouses and shops in Bishopsgate Street near Hand Alley, to his son enabling him to earn his living. [Kent Archives U934/T27]

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Clark would then pay £60p.a. to his parents as long as they both lived and £40 p.a. to the survivor and reserve for them the two upper floors in one of the houses and the use of the kitchen and shop. Also, in the event of Clark's death, his wife and any children would inherit his estate.

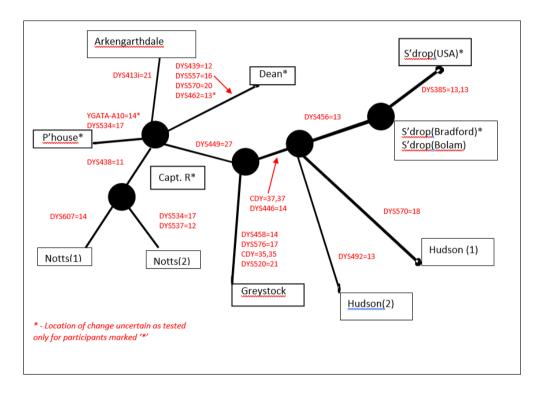




Letitia and John's daughter, Letitia Clark (1741-1801), married into the Powell family and her great-grandson was Lord (Robert) Baden Powell, hero of Mafeking and founder of the Scout Movement.



A y-chromosome DNA test has been taken by a Kipling from part of the **Bolam** family group. This group was unusual, as it had two ancestral Kiplings from the same village, not obviously related to each other. One branch, that of the new testee, was suspected to be part of the Staindrop family group. The test reveals this to be the case, the new testee matching exactly at 67 markers the existing 'Staindrop(Bradford)', as shown on the updated chart for the I-M235 Kiplings.



I have therefore split the existing family group into **Staindrop (Bolam)** and **Bolam.** The separated and updated notes on each can be found at <u>Staindrop (Bolam) 1911</u> and <u>Bolam 1911</u>. The updated outline Staindrop family group tree is shown below, with Robert now being shown as the ancestor of the new sub-group.

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