

## THE KIPLING FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER #29

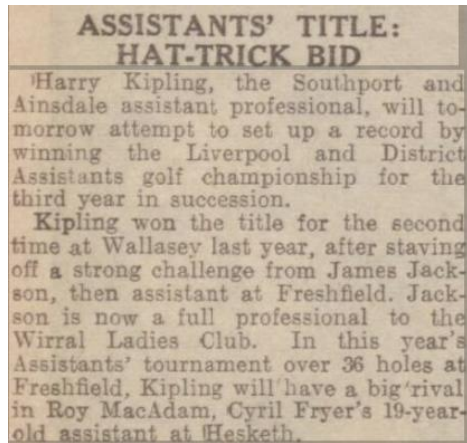
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The second three (of six) Kiplings killed on active service in 1943. Also, a 19<sup>th</sup> century riverside property, the 1931 Canadian census, 16<sup>th</sup> century debtors, and more.

### 1943 WW2 Deaths – Part 2

#### Gunner Harry Kipling

Harry Kipling, 239 Bty., 77 H.A.A. Regt. Royal Artillery was the son of Walter and Elizabeth Ann Kipling and husband of Mary Vidal Kipling, of the **Notts** family group. He lived at Ainsdale, Lancashire, where prior to the war he was a golf professional and served as a special police constable.



Liverpool Evening Express - Monday 27 February 1939

60 Sozars Lane	92	1	Kipling Harry	—	M	9 June 07	M	Assistant Golf Professional
Ditto		2	Kipling Mary V	—	F	15 Sep 10	M	Unpaid domestic duties
Special Constable South		26						

His heavy anti-aircraft battery was stationed at Batavia on Java in early February 1942. Less than a month later, the Japanese invaded, leading to a British and Dutch surrender within nine days. He became a prisoner of war of the Japanese.

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收容所 Camp	爪哇 昭17年8月15日	番 No. 號	爪本 1627
姓名 Name	Kipling, Harry. キプリング, ハーリー.	生年月日 Date of Birth	1907. 8. 9
国籍 Nationality	英	所属部隊 Unit	No. 1750494. Royal Artillery.
階級身分 Rank	Gunner. 陸軍兵卒	捕獲年月日 Date of Capture	昭和 17 年 8 月 8 日
捕獲場所 Place of Capture	爪哇	父ノ名 Father's Name	Kipling, Walter.
父ノ名 Father's Name	Kipling, Walter.	母ノ名 Mother's Name	Kipling, Elizabeth.
本籍地 Place of Origin	48 Sengershore, Ainsdale, Southgate.	職 業 Occupation	ゴルフ選手.
通報先 Destination of Report	Mrs Mary Kipling, 48 Sengershore, Ainsdale, Southgate, England.	特記事項 Remark	

Japanese Index Cards of Allied Prisoners of War and Internees, Second World War, 1942-1945

Later in the year, he was sent to work on the Burma Railway in Thailand, where he died in September 1943 from exhaustion following dysentery and vitamin B3 deficiency.

DEATHS 1939 - 46 (ENTRY FORM) FORM RH

REGT OR CORPS TO WHICH THE PERSON BELONGED AT TIME OF DEATH } ... RA ..... 239/77 HAA. REG

Part I	Army No	Rank	Name in full (Surname first)	Age	Country of birth	Date of death	Place of death	Cause of death
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(8)
	1750494	Gnr	KIPLING HARRY	36	ENGLAND.	12.9.43	THAILAND	POST DYSENTERIAL INANITION PELLAGRA

Royal Artillery casualty card

BRITISH RFO ASSIGNED DEATHS & WITTED RECORDS

NAME: KIPLING, HARRY

RANK: PTE

ARMY SERIAL NUMBER: 1750494 H.A.A. ✓

DIAGNOSIS: DYSENTERY

DATE OF DEATH: 12 SEP 1943

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS: BURIED

This is a certified true copy of translated Japanese Records.

N.E. Churchill  
N. E. CHURCHILL  
1st Lt. AGD  
Asst. Adjutant General

His name appears on the Singapore memorial.

### SAD NEWS FOR RELATIVES

Similar sad news has been received by Mrs. M. Kipling, of Segar's-lane, Ainsdale, whose husband, Gunner Harry Kipling, R.A., died in Thailand in September, 1943. He was assistant professional at Southport and Ainsdale Golf Club for 13 years before joining the Forces in 1940.

Mrs. Franks, of 25, Hastings-place, Lytnam, has received official notification that her elder son, Staff Sergt. Jack Anthony Franks, R.A., died while a prisoner of the Japs in Thailand in 1944. He was captured at Java.

Lancashire Evening Post - Thursday 06 December 1945

**KIPLING** Harry of 48 Segars-lane Ainsdale Southport **Lancashire**  
 died 12 September 1943 on war service Administration **Liver-**  
**pool** 24 May to Mary Vidal Kipling widow.  
 Effects £165 17s. 10d.

**Private Kenneth William Kipling**

Ken Kipling of 2/2 Res. M.T. Coy., Australian Army Service Corps, was the son of Arthur John James Kipling and Florence Kipling of Blinman, South Australia. Before the war he worked as a graderman (i.e. a road maker/repairer).

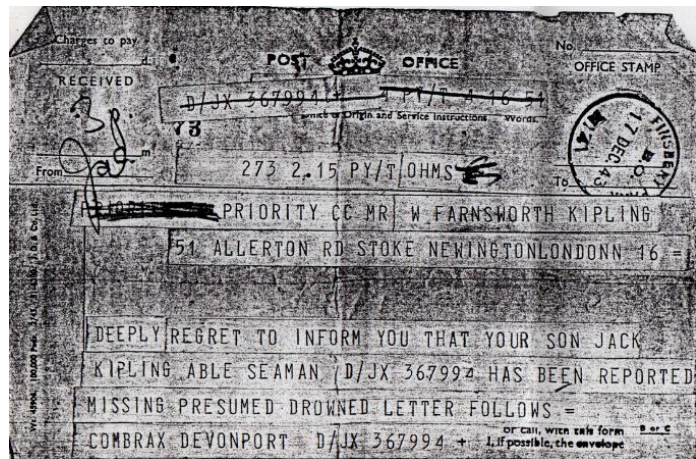
**KIPLING.**—In loving memory of our dear Ken, died of illness at P.O.W. camp, Thailand, September 19, 1943, beloved second son Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kipling, of Blinman. At rest.


*The Advertiser, 5 September 1944*

Ken's grave is at Thanbyuzayat war cemetery in Burma, to where the remains of many of those who died during the construction of the notorious Burma-Thailand railway were later transferred. His grave is inscribed HIS DUTY NOBLY DONE.

**Able Seaman Jack Kipling**

Jack Kipling, of H.M.L.C.T. 651, Royal Navy, died in December 1943 after a dinghy capsized in Lamlash Bay, Isle of Arran. His body was never found. An LCT was a landing craft for tanks. He was the son of Walter Farnsworth Kipling and Kathleen Alice Kipling (formerly Ford), and husband of Winifred Ethel Kipling, of Bridport, Dorset, of the **Dean** Kipling family group. Three of his cousins also dies on active service (see elsewhere in this paper).



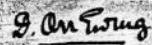
  
 Royal Naval Barracks,  
 DEVONPORT.  
 18th December, 1943.

Dear Sir,


In confirmation of the telegram already sent to you, I deeply regret to have to inform you that your Son, Jack Kipling, Able Seaman, D/JX.367994, has been reported "missing presumed drowned" on the 14th December 1943, in Lamash Harbour. It is regretted that although an extensive search has been carried out, the body of your late Son has not been recovered.

There can, I fear, be no hope that your Son is still alive, and I should therefore like to express on behalf of the Officers and Men of the Royal Navy, sincere sympathy with you in your sad bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

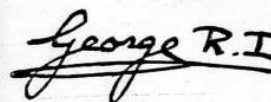
  
 G. M. King  
 COMMODORE.

Mr. W. Farnsworth-Kipling,  
 51 Allerton Road,  
 Steke Newington,  
 London. N. 16.

  
 BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The Queen and I offer you our  
 heartfelt sympathy in your great  
 sorrow.

We pray that your country's  
 gratitude for a life so nobly given  
 in its service may bring you some  
 measure of consolation.

  
 George R.I

W.F. Kipling, Esq.

The letter below, saying that he and some others were 'skylarking,' was devastating to his family, although it was doubtless sent with the good intention of conveying that he died whilst having fun. His brother, Walter, reportedly never recovered fully from the shock of what happened.

S/LT. C. JACKSON,  
 H.M.L.C.T. 651,  
 7. G.P.O.,  
 LONDON  
 24th Jan. 1944

Dear Mr. Kipling,

I received your letter of 24th Dec. some time after writing to Mr. Kipling, in which I asked him to convey to you, our deep sorrow at your bereavement.

If it will alleviate your anxiety, I can say that Jack was lost by accidental drowning when the ship's dinghy overturned due to an unfortunate skylarking by the boys in it.

Your son was a gentleman, admired by us all and his tragic passing has cast a gloom over the ship.

Skylarking in boats is strictly forbidden, as you would well know, but high spirits and cramped quarters do not go hand in glove.

I remain,  
 Yours faithfully,  
 C. Jackson  
 S/LT R.N.Z.N.V.R.

This was his last letter home, with a most poignant ending.

n16 J.K. JX367994-  
 H.M. W.C.T 651.  
 % G.P.O.  
 HON'DON.  
 Sunday. N. 28<sup>th</sup>.  
 Dear Mum & Dad,  
 Thanks very much  
 for your letters which  
 I received alright yesterday.  
 I was very glad to  
 hear everything at home  
 is alright, and I hope  
 it will soon be  
 better.  
 So Bill Tansley is  
 home eh? I bet he  
 looks well. I would like  
 to have seen him, but  
 still I hope you  
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remembered me to him.  
 I suppose it was a  
 surprise for him to hear  
 that I am in the  
 Navy as well.  
 As for the wedding  
 folks I am afraid I  
 shant be able to make  
 it, but please wish Gwen  
 & Stan all the best  
 for me, and I hope  
 God keeps him safe,  
 as much as I hope to  
 keep safe & well myself.  
 Well folks I shant be  
 able to send you any  
 cards for Xmas but Wm  
 will look after that, so  
 I hope you will  
 forgive me. Well folks  
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<sup>3</sup>/<sub>x</sub>  
 I must come to a  
 close now, but I will  
 write again soon. Please  
 write often. I look  
 forward to mail, now  
 very much.  
 All my love to  
 everyone at home,  
 your loving son  
 Jack  
 XXXXX

He is commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial (on the Hoe).

(Thanks to Janet Kipling, Jack's niece, for much of the above information and documents)

### Kiplings in the 1931 Canadian Census

The most recent census data to be released is that for Canada of 1931. Here's a typical entry for Rudyard Kipling (no, not the author) and his wife Jessie, at 141 Cambridge Street, Victoria, British Columbia. He was a teacher earning \$2,000 a year and she was a homemaker. Amongst the other things the census tells us are that they rented a 5-room stucco house for \$30 a month, spoke English but not French, and possessed a radio.

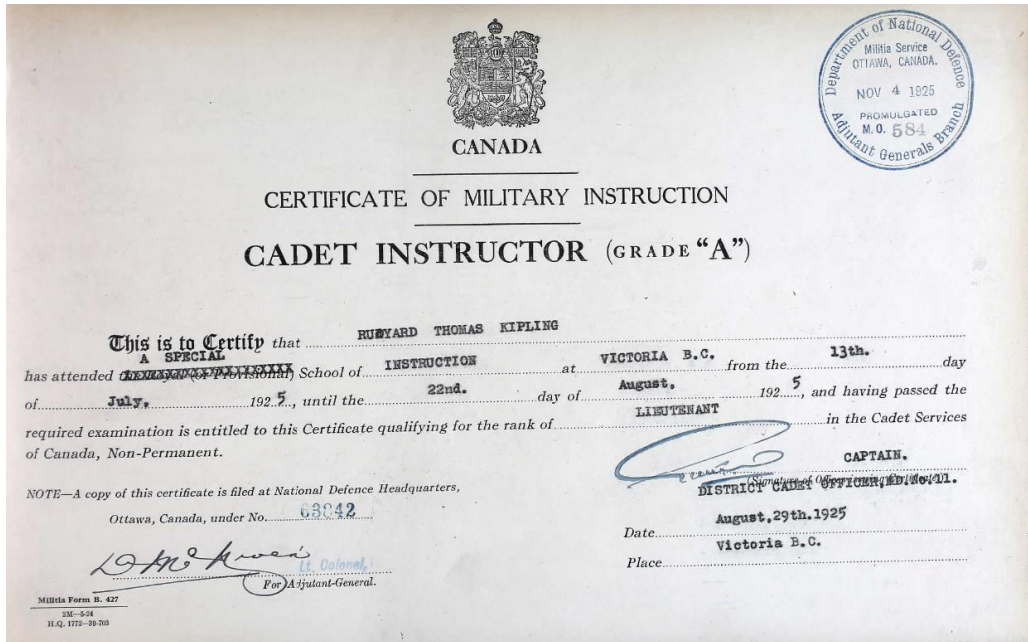
NAME. of each person in family, household or institution.	PLACE OF ABODE.							
	(In rural localities give parish or township. In cities, towns and villages, give street and number of dwelling.)		Home owned or rented.	If owned give value. If rented, give rent paid per month.	Class of house. (See instructions).	Materials of construction. (See instructions).	Rooms occupied by this family.	Has this family a radio?
Kipling, Rudyard J.	141	" "	R.	30	S	P.P.	5	Yes
Jessie M.	"	" "						

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.				PLACE OF BIRTH.		
Relationship to head of family or household.	Sex.	Single, married, widowed, divorced	Age at last birthday.	Country or place of birth of this person and of parents of this person. If born in Canada give province. If Foreign born give Country. (See instructions).		
				PERSON.	FATHER.	MOTHER.
Head	M.	Mar.	30	B.C.	Eng.	B.B. Ida
Wife	F.	Mar.	28	B.C.	Scotch	B.B. Scotland

IMMIGRATION.		NATIONALITY AND RACIAL ORIGIN.		LANGUAGE.		RELIGION.	EDUCATION.	
Year of immigration to Canada.	Year of Naturalization.	NATIONALITY. (Country to which this person owes allegiance.)	Racial origin.	Can speak English.	Can speak French.	Language other than English or French spoken as Mother tongue.	Religious body, Denomination or Community to which this person adheres or belongs.	Can read and write. Months at school since Sept. 1, 1910.
		Canada	Eng.	Yes	No	Eng.	Ch. of Eng.	11/10
		Canada	Scotch	Yes	No	Scotch	Ch. of Eng.	11/10

OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY.				UNEMPLOYMENT.										
OCCUPATION. Trade, profession or particular kind of work, as carpenter, weaver, sawyer, merchant, farmer, milkman, teacher, etc. (Give as definite and precise information as possible)		INDUSTRY. Industry or business in which engaged or employed as cotton mill, brass foundry, grocery, coal mine, dairy farm, public school, business college, etc.		Class of worker.	Total earnings in the last twelve months (since June 1st, 1931).	(If an employee, were you at work Monday, June 1st, 1931.)	If answer to previous question is NO. Why were you not at work on Monday, June 1st, 1931. (For example, no job, sick, accident, on holidays, strike or lock-out, plant closed, no materials, etc.)	Total number of weeks unemployed during the last twelve months.	Of the total number of weeks reported out of work in column 31, how many were due to—					
No Job	Illness	Accident	Strike or Lock-out.	Temporary Lay-off.	Other causes (See instructions Form 13)									
Teacher	Schools	W	2000	Yes										
House maker														

Rudyard Thomas had been born in 1900, the son of Thomas Kipling of the Pitcherhouse family group. See [http://kipling.one-name.net/KIPLING%20Mike\\_M3-D6A.pdf](http://kipling.one-name.net/KIPLING%20Mike_M3-D6A.pdf). He married Jessie Murray Stewart in 1925, the same year that he qualified as a military cadet instructor.



He later became a head teacher, dying in 1984.

A very different entry is from the Roseau 'Indian' Reserve, south of Winnipeg, Manitoba, where Napoleon Kipling lived with his wife Florence. They were of the **Hudson** family group, see [Manitoba Part 1](#).

Kipling, Napoleon	Roseau Reserve	0	30	S	W	1	188
Kipling, Florence	Roseau Reserve						
Kipling, Carlotta	Roseau Reserve						
Kipling, Philose	Roseau Reserve						

Head	M	M	35	Manitoba	Manitoba	Manitoba
Wife	F	M	26	Manitoba	Manitoba	Manitoba
Daughter	F	S	6	Manitoba	Manitoba	Manitoba
Son	M	S	1	Manitoba	Manitoba	Manitoba

Canada	Indian	yes	no	Santa	R.C.	W
Canada	Indian	yes	no	Santa	R.C.	no
Canada	Indian	no	no	Santa	R.C.	no
Canada	Indian	no	no	Santa	R.C.	no

Kipling, Napoleon	Gen. James	W	100	no	no job	30	30
Kipling, Florence							

It can be seen that Napoleon and Florence lived in a single-room, detached wooden house which they owned. It was worth \$30. Napoleon was an unemployed farm labourer and had not worked for 100 days as there were no jobs. Only Napoleon could write, although he and Florence could also speak a first-nation language, which was all their elder child could speak

(in the 1911 census, Napoleon family were recorded as being of Cree origin). As with all their neighbours, they did not have a radio.

**Moses Kipling's riverside garden**

On a recent trip to the Surrey History Centre in Woking, I came across a copy of documents relating to a Thameside property at Ham, a London suburb, owned by brothers Moses and Matthew Kipling, formerly of Barnard Castle. For the brothers' background, see

It was a property belonging to his aunt Mary Stewart of Barnard Castle, which he had advertised to let in 1814.

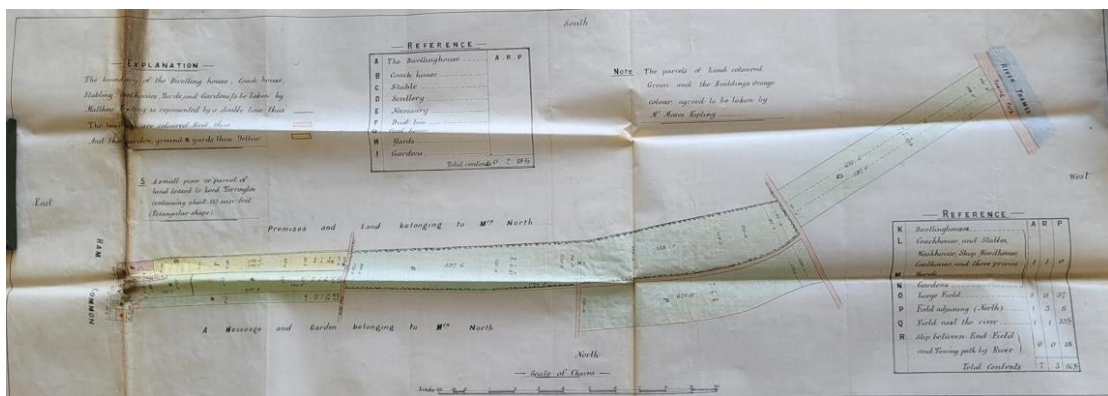
**TO be LET, on reasonable terms, furnished or unfurnished, or to be SOLD, a HOUSE, with garden, &c. (Freehold), situate on the pleasantest part of Ham-common, with or without land, extending from the Common to the river Thames. Apply to Mr. Kipling, 155, Upper Thames-street.**

*The Times. 12 Jul 1814*

In 1822, he was bequeathed the Ham property, jointly with brother Matthew, in the will of his aunt.

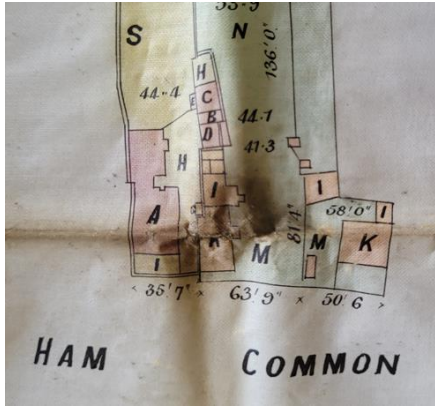
*I do hereby give devise and bequeath unto my said nephews - Moses Kipling and Matthew Kipling all and singular my inclosures lands tenements hereditaments and real estates situate at Ham Common in the County of Surrey*

The documents relate to when, in 1831, Moses and Matthew sold part of the property, as well as properties in Barnard Castle (in Briggate Weind, Galgate and on the town moor, the latter two which came to Moses following the default of Mary Pearson of BC on a £320 mortgage lent to her by Moses) to a John Crichton. The documentation said that some of the properties were in 1805 mortgaged by Mary Stewart for the benefit of Moses Kipling and his relative and business partner John Daly for £2,000, which sum was repaid by them with interest in 1812. The documents were accompanied by a plan of the property, and mention that neighbours included Viscount Torrington and Lord Minto. Note the reference to the 'necessary' on the plan (i.e. the outside toilet)



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— REFERENCE —

A	The Dwellinghouse	A R P
B	Coach house	
C	Stable	
D	Scullery	
E	Necessary	
F	Dust bin	
G	Coal house	
H	Yards	
I	Gardens	
Total contents		0. 2. 18 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>

— REFERENCE —

K	Dwellinghouses	A	R	P
L	Coachhouse and Stables, Washhouse, Shop, Woodhouse, Coalhouse, and three privies Yards	1	1	0
M	Gardens			
N	Large Field	3	0	37
O	Field adjoining (North)	1	3	8
P	Field next the river	1	1	33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Q	Slip between End Field and Towing path by River	0	0	18
R				
Total Contents		7	3	16 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>

— EXPLANATION —

The boundary of the Dwelling house, Coach house, Stabling, Outhouses, Yards, and Gardens, to be taken by Matthew Kipling is represented by a double line thus

The buildings are coloured Red thus

And the garden, ground & yards thus

**S** A small piece or parcel of land leased to Lord Torrington containing about 113 sup: feet (Triangular shape)

Note The parcels of Land coloured Green and the Buildings Orange colour, agreed to be taken by Mr Moses Kipling

Dated <sup>the</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1851

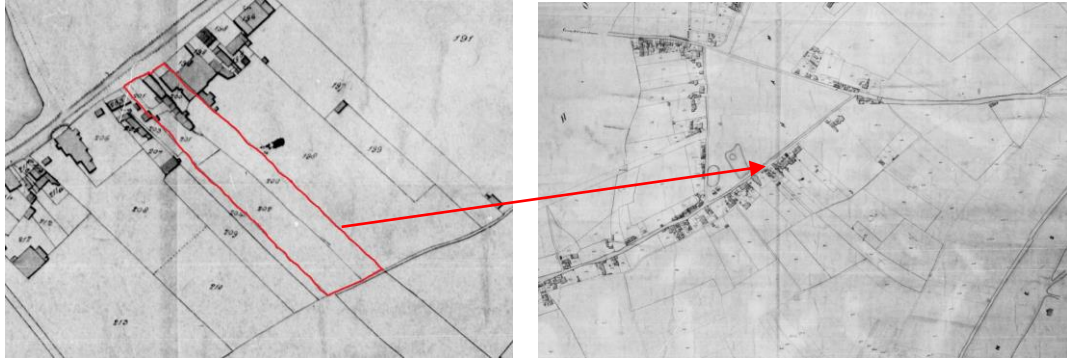
Mr. Moses Kipling  
and Mr. Matt<sup>r</sup> Kipling

A

Mr. John Crichton

Matthew still owned his part of the property in 1842 (part of which was then occupied by a Miss Kipling, possibly Matthew's daughter, Mary, the miniaturist painter).

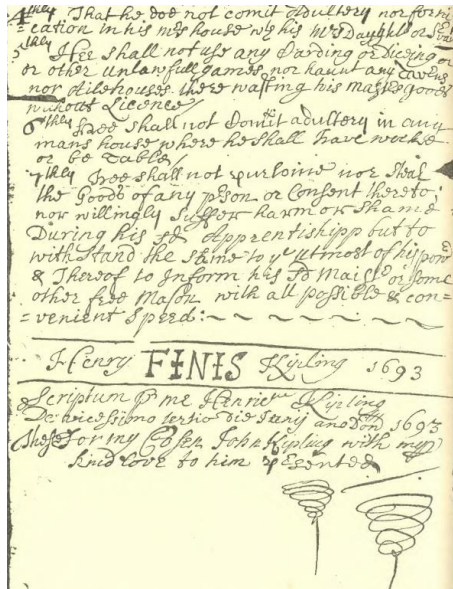
LANDOWNERS.	OCCUPIERS.	Numbers referring to the Plan.	NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AND PREMISES.	STATE OF CULTIVATION	QUANTITIES in STATUTE MEASURE.	Amount of Rent, Charge &c. (portioned upon the several Lands, and to whom Payable)		
						Payable to VICAR.	Payable to APPROPRIATOR.	
Kipling Matthew	Kipling Miss	200	House Offices and Garden		2	23	10	14
	Need John	201	House and Offices		1	3		
		202	Meadow	Meadow	2	16		
					3	19		



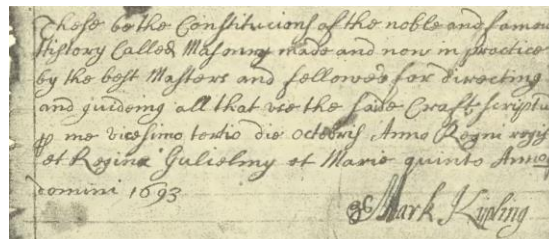
Tithe records. Ham. 1842.

## EARLY MASONIC KIPLINGS

The document below is held by the Museum of Freemasonry in London. It is referred to there as an 'old charge', and is a set of rules for a stone-mason's apprentice, requiring him amongst other restrictions not to haunt taverns or ale-house without permission and not to have sex with his master's daughters or servants! It was written in 1693 by Henry Kipling for his cousin John Kipling, and was discovered in Northallerton, Yorkshire. The Museum's archivist asked me if I knew who the two Kiplings were. I replied that Henry was most probably the schoolmaster of the **Newhouses** family group, about whom relatively little is known, who did indeed have a cousin John (see [The Kiplings of Newhouses](#)). Quite why John wanted these rules is



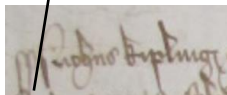
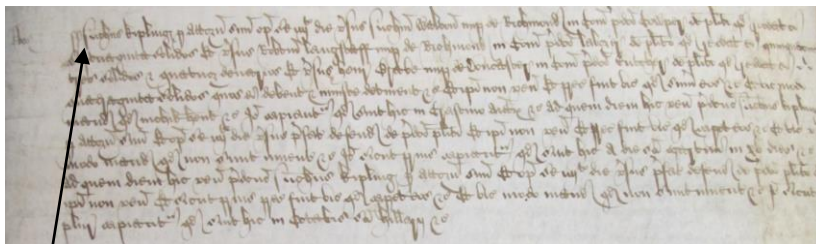
There is also a masonic document signed by a Mark Kipling, coincidentally also dated 1693. Mark was not a common Kipling name then, but I still have not been able to identify the writer.



In the possession of the York Lodge, No. 236, is an old MS. on paper, dated 1693, and signed by one "Mark Kypling," purporting to be a copy of the Ancient Constitutions of the Freemasons made by himself. The Roll is signed by five other Brethren, one of whom calls himself the Lodge Warden. This MS. was presented to the Grand Lodge at York in 1777 by a Bro. Walker, of Wetherby, who was, I believe, the Master of the Alfred Lodge held at that place and long extinct,  
*Ars Quatuor Coronatorum, 1889*

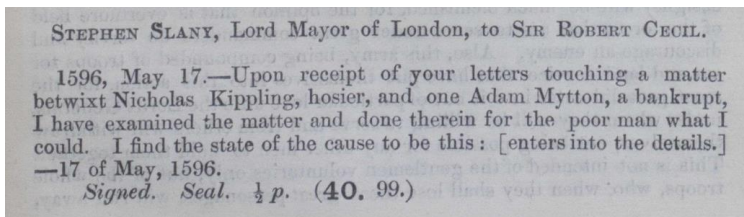
**CHASING 16TH CENTURY DEBTORS**

In 1596, a Nicholas Kipling of Yorkshire brought a set of suits of debt at the Court of Common Pleas at Westminster against Nicholas Walton of Richmond, cooper, for 70s, Robert Langstaff of Richmond, labourer (53s 4d), and Henry Grave of Doncaster, butcher (40s). I have not been able to identify Nicholas, although he could have been related to the Nicholas Kipling of Baldersdale who died in 1591.



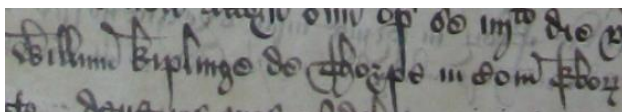
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At the same court session, Nicholas brought further set of suits against Thomas Allanson, chapman (£8 15s), Michael Horne, glover (100s), and John Peacocke, clothworker (73s 4d), all of Barnard Castle, and George Aldersey of Cogden in Swaledale, yeoman (40s). Was he also the Nicholas Kipling who was investigated by the lord mayor of London the same year?



State papers (Hatfield papers)

William Kipling of Thorpe in Swaledale, yeoman, was sued in the same court in 1584 by Henry Harland for a debt of £7 13s 8d. See [The Kiplings of Swaledale](#) .



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