

THE KIPLING FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER #4

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A belated Happy New Year and welcome to the fourth edition of The Kipling Family History Newsletter. A new DNA match, more tales from South Africa, famous Kipling anniversaries, the Kipling who built a church and the Kiplings in St Pancras workhouse will hopefully prove an interesting and diverse blend.

South African Kiplings

Jack Kipling has completed his tale of his family, which he commenced in Newsletter #3. He tells of Bert Kipling the Springbok hooker and of various family members' involvement in the second world war. The full tale once again forms an appendix.



Famous Kipling Anniversaries

2015 is the 150th anniversary of the birth of Rudyard Kipling (in Bombay on 30 December 1865). The record of his baptism is below.

| Baptisms solemnized at Saint Thomas's Cathedral, Bombay, in the year 1866. | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|-------------------------|------|-----------------|----------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| When Baptized. | Said to be Born. | Child's Christian Name. | Sex. | Parents' Names. | | Abode. | Quality, Trade or Profession. | By whom the Ceremony was performed. |
| | | | | Christian. | Surname. | | | |
| 1866 January 22 | 1865 30 | Joseph Rudyard son of | | John Lockwood | Kipling | The Bazaar | Architectural Sculptor | W. H. Stretton, Senior Chaplain |

It is also the centenary of the death of Rudyard's only son, John, in the Battle of Loos on 27 September 1915.

The Kipling Society, of which I am the Treasurer, will be celebrating both these events. There will be special edition of The Kipling Journal with a war theme in

September and a 150th anniversary lecture at the University of Sussex towards the end of the year. Other events are also likely.

I recently had the opportunity to look at John Kipling's wartime records at the National Archives, in which amongst other things are his application to join up, countersigned by his father

I certify the above answers to be correct, and I request that I may be appointed to the

Special Reserve Irish Guards

Date Sept. 8. 1914

Signature of parent or guardian, if the Candidate is under 21 years of age. } Rudyard Kipling

John Kipling
(Usual signature of Candidate.)

with a reference from no less than Field Marshall Lord Roberts, who was Colonel of the Irish Guards and a friend of Kipling's from Boer War days.

I certify that I have seen John Kipling

and can recommend him as a suitable candidate for appointment to a commission in the Special Reserve of Officers † Irish Guards in the rank of 2/Lt.

Roberts J.M.

A Workhouse Kipling Family

Recently, Ancestry published the records of a number of 19th century London workhouses. The name Kipling featured many times in the records, particularly at St Pancras workhouse. A detailed analysis revealed the sad story of John and Jane Kipling who entered the workhouse in 1835 with their entire family, a young daughter actually being born there.

| Age | NAME. | Came in. | Went out. |
|-------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 5 1/2 | Kipling John | Aug ^r 6 th | Sept ^r 18 th |
| 3 1/2 | Kipling Jane | Aug ^r 11 th | Oct ^r 9 th |

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|--------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 12 | Kipling | Jane | Aug ^r 16 th | Sept 9 th |
| 9 | Kipling | Edward | Aug ^r 16 th | Oct ^r 9 th |
| 6 | Kipling | Matilda | Aug ^r 16 th | Oct ^r 9 th |
| 4 | Kipling | George | Aug ^r 16 th | Oct ^r 9 th |
| 2 | Kipling | James | Aug ^r 16 th | Oct ^r 9 th |
| Born Kipling | | Amelia | Sept 18 th | Oct ^r 9 th |

John died the following year, leaving Jane to bring up the family as best she could, working as a household servant.

The family were in and out of the workhouse on many occasions right up to 1867. Son George 'escaped' from the workhouse in 1842 and was nearly killed by sleeping overnight in a nearby lime kiln (three of his companions were).

DEATHS of TWO PAUPER CHILDREN in a BRICK-KILN.—On Friday last, in the neighbourhood of Maiden-lane, Copenhagen-fields, there was a report that four boys had been found in a brick-kiln, and that fatal consequences had been the result.—

police-sergeant Shaw, No. 4 S, with some of his men, removed the bodies to St. Pancras workhouse, where they were identified as those of David Carrol, aged 11 years; George Kipling, 13; Edward Lester, 14; the whole of whom had run away at different intervals from the workhouse,

George appears to have survived his experience as he was probably convicted for violent housebreaking in 1853 and sentenced to transportation

410. GEORGE KIPLING and EDWARD SMITH, burglariously breaking and entering the dwelling house of Peter Bromley, and stealing 1 copper, and other articles; his goods: and feloniously cutting and wounding the said Peter Bromley.

-I then stepped back about two feet from the top of the stairs; I thought I heard some one move, went to the head of the stairs again, looked over, and saw a man, who is the prisoner Kipling, standing at the bottom—there was a candle burning in the back kitchen; I could not see where it was, but from the light there I could see—I was about ten feet off Kipling; I am quite sure he is the person—I said, “Who are you?” or, “What do you want?” but he made no answer—I then stepped back again; I did not get so far as the parlour door, when they came up, and I caught Kipling in my arms—I did not see him at that moment, because I turned myself round, and caught Smith; and while I was struggling with Smith, Kipling returned, and struck me in the eye—Kipling then went to the front door, and I saw his face at that time; I am convinced he is the man—Kipling then went out, and the other one after him—I did not see his face, but he was about the size of Smith—my eye was cut down about an inch; it did not bleed very much—I think it was done with a brick—I had left my wife in bed—I followed the prisoners to the door, and called, “Police!”

KIPLING—GUILTY. Aged 23. } Transported for Seven Years.
SMITH—GUILTY. Aged 23. }

Daughter Amelia had at least three illegitimate children in the workhouse, two of whom died shortly after birth, including Edward in 1854.

| <i>Felby</i> | NAME. 1854..1 | RESIDENCE. | Date of Birth. | Age. | Sum Paid. | Where Buried. |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------|-----------|----------------|
| <i>214</i> | <i>Edward Kipling</i> | <i>Workhouse</i> | <i>22 May 54</i> | | | <i>Per. 23</i> |

Amelia’s surviving daughter, Martha Matilda Kipling, appears to have finally broken the cycle of deprivation, marrying a successful Belgian carpenter and moving to live in Manhattan.

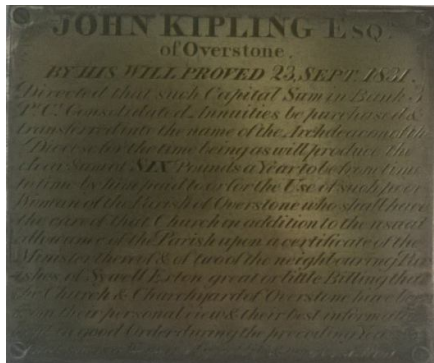
The full story has been posted on the website.

The Kipling who Built a Church

Back in November, I visited Overstone, a village just outside Northampton. Overstone Hall had been owned by a wealthy London lawyer, John Kipling, originally descended from the Kiplings of Newhouses Farm, Romaldkirk. Amongst his many civic services, he paid for the local church to be rebuilt, as the plaque below describes.



A smaller, brass plaque describes a legacy in his will to the parish poor.

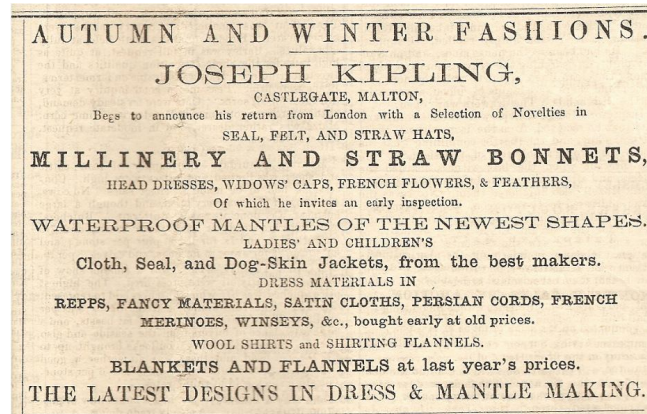


John's grave lies immediately outside the church outside the church and bears the simple legend "JOHN KIPLING died 23rd August 1830 aged 80".



Website Update

I have added the 'Rudyard' family group to the 1911 census section of the website, which covers all the Kiplings descended from the John Kipling who married in Loftus in 1764, many of whom actually worked in shipbuilding in Whitby, although of course also touches on the man himself. A basic family tree is included to help understand the relationships, including that of Joseph Kipling of Malton (below).



I've also added the Melsonby family group, which actually turned out rather smaller than I had originally thought, when one previously attributed member turned out to be an interloper from the larger Staindrop family group. The Melsonby group is shown to be an offshoot of the Pitcherhouse group of Baldersdale and is notable for the choice of name the name Jeremiah for several generations and for James who publically disowned his wife in 1851

NOTICE.—I, JAMES KIPLING, of
Gayles, in the County of York, *Do hereby give*
Notice, that I will not be answerable for any Debts which
my Wife, **DOROTHY KIPLING,** may contract after
this Tenth Day of February, 1851.
JAMES KIPLING.

They were Mormons and a few years later after James's death Dorothy moved to Salt Lake City with their daughter.

I've also updated the Hudson Bay Kiplings piece to reflect my latest thinking on the origins of John Kipling, Master of Gloucester House, as mentioned in previous newsletters, and the Cragg and Missionary 1911 pieces to reflect the DNA results reported below.

THE KIPLING DNA PROJECT



The test result for the 'Cragg' Kipling family group arrived recently and as expected showed a good match to that of Jack Kipling of the 'Missionary' family group.

| COMPARISON CHART | |
|------------------|------------|
| Generations | Percentage |
| 4 | 11.63% |
| 8 | 46.21% |
| 12 | 75.35% |
| 16 | 90.57% |
| 20 | 96.79% |
| 24 | 99.00% |

As with the Missionary result, there are also links to two men named Bailey. This strongly supports the hypothesis advanced in Newsletter #3 that both are descended from the natural son (born 1718) of Dorothy Kipling of Mellwaters Farm, Bowes, and Charles Bailey.

Another result received was the extension to 67 markers of the Saskatchewan Kyplain participant (Newsletters #1 and #3) from the Hudson family group. Unusually, this marginally reduced the probability of a recent common ancestor with the nearest match, the Pitcherhouse Kiplings. The updated table is:

| COMPARISON CHART | |
|------------------|------------|
| Generations | Percentage |
| 4 | 0.67% |
| 8 | 12.00% |
| 12 | 39.44% |
| 16 | 67.55% |
| 20 | 85.72% |
| 24 | 94.58% |

Three other I-M253 Kiplings formerly tested at Ancestry have also recently submitted samples for FTDNA. When complete, this should help narrow down the common ancestry of this group.

A member of the Arkengarthdale Kipling family group has recently completed a test kit and the results are eagerly awaited.

Mike Kipling