

THE KIPLING FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER #8

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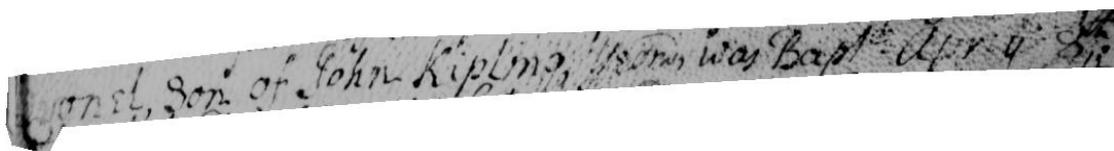
No new DNA news this time. Rather, I've been working on updating more of the background of a few more of the Kipling family groups. In particular, Kiplings in the US may be interested in the reports on the Staindrop group. Also some Kipling documents found on a visit to the Durham Records Office and some from the West Yorkshire archives, too. Plus a tale of three Charles Kiplings. Read on!

Staindrop Kiplings

This family group descends from Lionel Kipling, woolcomber, who died in Staindrop in County Durham in 1814. According to the parish register and a contemporary newspaper report he was aged 97. However, the parish register can clearly be seen to have been altered in a different hand from 79.



Whether this was just to correct a mistake is not known. However, no record of a Lionel Kipling born around 1717 has ever been found. However, a Lionel Kipling was baptised at Startforth, a nearby parish, in 1730, the son of a yeoman farmer.



Lionel was first married at Staindrop in 1747. His first wife died and he remarried in 1772, when his age in his application for a marriage licence is stated as being 36. This is consistent with death in 1814 aged 79 and but only with birth around 1736 (too young to be first married in 1747).

I suspect Lionel under represented his age to his second wife, but only by around 6 years rather than 19, making it quite possible that he was born in Startforth

Lionel was widowed again and married for a third time. His eldest son also Lionel and a woolcomber, also married three times. Sorting out their marriages, which overlapped, was not easy but I think I have got them correctly allocated.

Make up your own mind by reading "Staindrop 1911" on the website.
<http://genealogy.kipling.me.uk/Staindrop%201911.pdf>

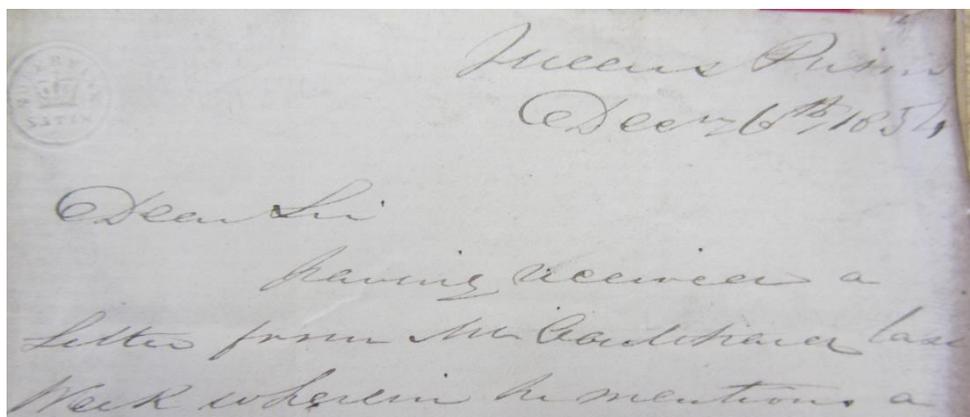
I have cheated somewhat in that this paper doesn't actually cover the two main UK branches of this family, those in Sunderland and Bradford, never mind the large US presence started by David Kipling of Sodus Ridge (see Newsletter #6), NY. The former two are in preparation.

Captain Robert Kipling's descendants

Many who look into Kipling family history will come across the tale of Robert Kipling of Barnard Castle, who enlisted in the 43rd Regiment of Foot, fought in the American War of Independence and in the war against France, rose from private to captain and retired back to Barnard Castle as a gentleman and town postmaster.

Perhaps less familiar is the story of his children, two of whom were respected local doctors and the third a clerk, and the long legal case they fought over one of the captain's debts, leading to one spending time in the Queen's Bench debtors prison in London and the family as a whole rendered largely penniless.

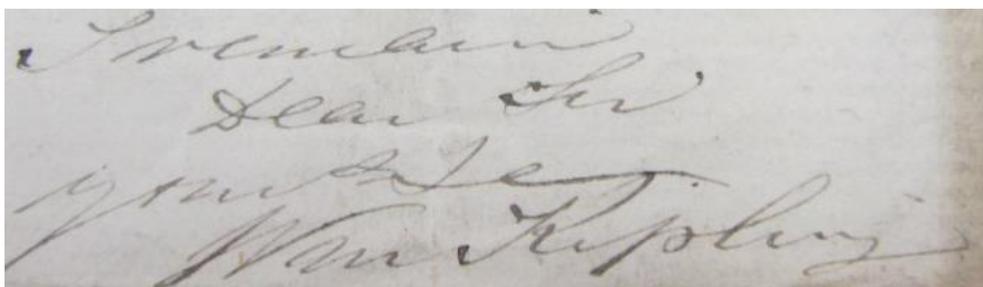
My trip to the Durham Records Office (see later) unearthed some correspondence from the case file, including the letter below from the captain's son William from prison.



Queen's Prison
Decr 6 1754

Dear Sir

Having received a
letter from Mr. Conditance last
week wherein he mentions a



I remain
Dear Sir
your Obedt
Wm Kipling

The whole story of this family group up to 1911 can be read at
<http://genealogy.kipling.me.uk/Captain%20Robert1911.pdf>

A tale of three Charleses

Three generations of Charles Kipling, all with a tale to tell: Charles the bankrupt linen draper of Barnard Castle; his son the suicide curate of remote Gilsland and his grandson the Superintendent of the Yokohama Fire Brigade who died at sea.
<http://genealogy.kipling.me.uk/A%20Tales%20of%20Three%20Charles.pdf>

CHARLES KIPLING'S CREDITORS.
WHEREAS CHARLES KIPLING, of Barnardcastle, in the county of Durham, linen and woollen-draper, hath, by indenture of assignment bearing date the twenty-seventh day of December instant, assigned all his estate and effects to John Bell, of New Houses, in Baldersdale, in the North Riding of the county of York, farmer; William Kipling, of Romaldkirk, in the said North Riding of the county of York, schoolmaster; and Richard Steele the younger, of Barnardcastle aforesaid, gentleman,—in trust for the equal benefit of such of his Creditors as shall execute the said assignment, or signify their assent thereto, within three calendar months from the date thereof. *Notice is hereby given*, that the said assignment now lies at the office of Mr Shepherd, Solicitor, Barnardcastle aforesaid, for the perusal and signatures of the Creditors of the said Charles Kipling.
 Barnardcastle, 29th December, 1823.

THE SUICIDE OF A CLERGYMAN AT GILSLAND.

An inquest was held at Shaw's Hotel, Gilsland, on Friday last, by Mr. Carrick, county coroner, upon the body of the Rev. Charles Kipling, who had committed suicide on the previous day,

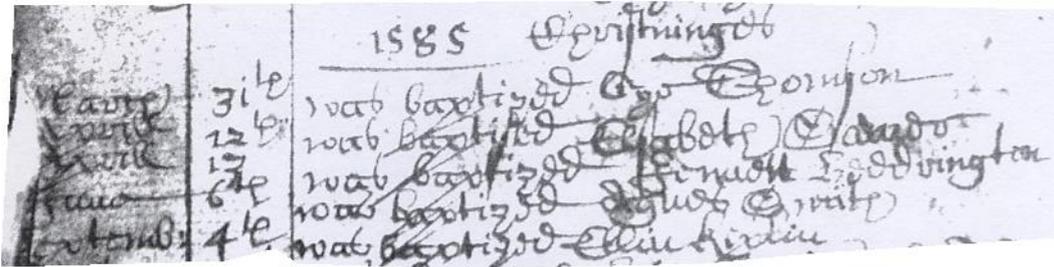
Yokohama Lodge

No. 1092 from Register L Folio 128.

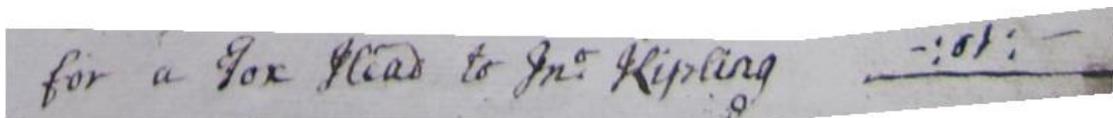
DATE OF INITIATION.	PASSING.	RAISING.	SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	PROFESSION.
1842 Jan. 20	from 1981		Kipling	Charles G. L.		do	Sup. Fire Brigade

Durham Records Office

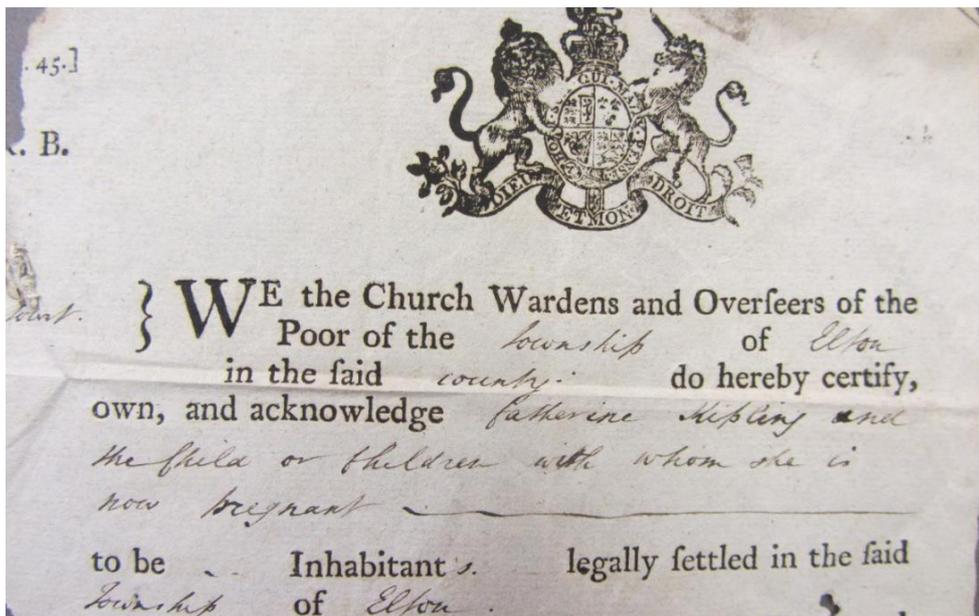
A trip to this office earlier this month allowed me to see actual or microfilms of many of Kipling-related documents, a representative sample of which follows.



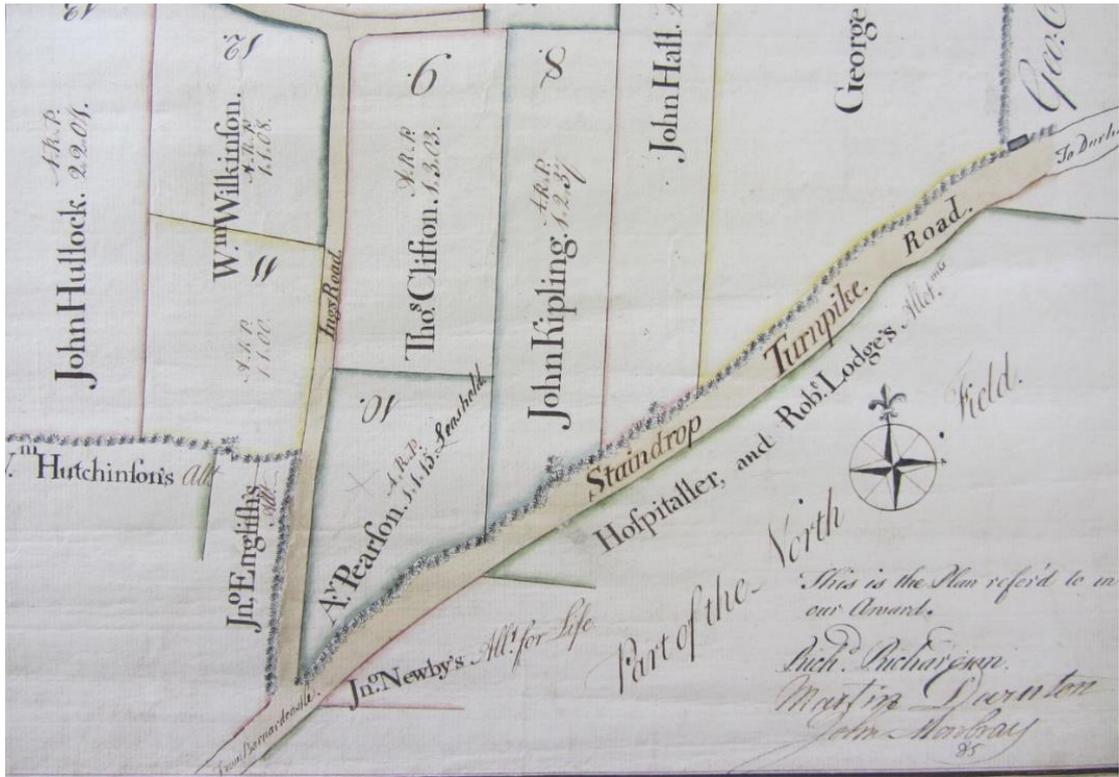
The first Kipling record in the Barningham register (baptism of Ellin Kiplin 1585)



Barningham churchwarden's accounts 1747; John Kipling (a churchwarden himself that year) being paid one shilling for killing a fox.



An 1815 certificate of making clear that Catherine Kipling's child, when born, would be be the financial responsibility (under the Poor Laws) of the parish of Elton (now part of Middlesborough). This was addressed to the Overseers of the Poor at Barnard Castle, suggesting that she had gone there to seek work



Jn. Kipling Surveyor, et del.

Map of the enclosure of the fields around Barnard Castle (1783) showing the allocation to John Kipling, the surveyor of the enclosure, and his signature at the foot of the map.



The signature and seal of the same John Kipling on a property sale document of 1771.

West Yorkshire Records Office

In late 2015, I requested images of some documents from the West Riding Record Office at Leeds. Again, here is small sample:

12^o Mar: 1701

Robert Kipling of Startforth in the County of York
 Esquire Moderator aged twenty six years or thereabouts
 hath this day personally appeared before the Reverend
 Robert Booth Clerk Master of the High Court of
 Richmond Substitutes or Surrogates unto the Wors
 Edward Walker Bachelor of Laws and Comptroller
 in and throughout the whole of the County of
 Richmond in the Diocese of Chester lawfully constituted
 and alleged that William Sowerby of Barningham
 of the parish of Barningham within the said
 Diocese of Chester aged thirty years or
 thereabouts doth intend to solemnize Matrimony
 with Dorothy Kipling Spinster of Barnard Castle

Request by Robert Kipling of Startforth for a marriage to be licenced between William Sowerby of Barningham and Dorothy Kipling of Barnard Castle. She was most probably Robert's sister, their father having died.

On the Part of Gibson



William Kipling of New Houses in Baldersdale
 in the Parish of Romaldkirk and County of York Yeoman
 aged Seventy seven years and upwards doth acknowledge

Repeated and acknowledged this
 fifteenth day of April 1779 - before me

William Kipling

Evidence of William Kipling of Newhouses in Baldersdale in the case of Gibson vs Kipling (John Kipling of Blackton in Baldersdale) in the Consistory Court of the Archdeacon of Richmond in 1779 over the payments of tithes.

In the Name of God Amen I Dorothy Kipling of Richmond in the County of York
Widow being of Sound and disposing Mind and Memory thanks be to God for the

The Mth and Seal of
Dorothy Kipling

The will of Dorothy Kipling of Richmond (1733)

This Indenture made the twenty eighth day of December in the twenty sixth year of
the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the grace of God of Great Britain
King and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth and in the year of our Lord
one thousand seven hundred and fifty two BELLWICH John Scutcher of Eastwington nigh
Howden in the County of York Clerk and Alexander Kiplings of Skelton in the said County
of York Butcher and Mary his Wife of the one part

Copy of an indenture relating to property of Alexander Kipling of Skelton, butcher, and his wife (1752)

Website Update

The main additions are Staindrop 1911, Captain Robert 1911 and the tale of three Charleses (see above) but a number of other reports have been updated, including a whole extra family line of the 'Melsonby' group.

Also added on the My Kiplings page is "The Spencers of Langton", the family of one of my great-great grandmothers which also interacted with Kiplings on at least two other occasions. <http://genealogy.kipling.me.uk/Spencers.pdf>

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